

Acts 2: 1-21

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. ² Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. ³ They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. ⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

⁵ Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. ⁶ When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. ⁷ Utterly amazed, they asked: 'Aren't all these who are speaking Galileans?' ⁸ Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? ⁹ Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia,^[b] ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome ¹¹ (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs – we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!' ¹² Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, 'What does this mean?' ¹³ Some, however, made fun of them and said, 'They have had too much wine.'

¹⁴ Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: 'Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. ¹⁵ These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It's only nine in the morning! ¹⁶ No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: ¹⁷ "In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams. ¹⁸ Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy. ¹⁹ I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and billows of smoke. ²⁰ The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord. ²¹ And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."



St Mary's
Church Purton

**Purton
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Purton
Methodist Church

Sunday 24th May 2026

Welcome to our two Churches.

For more information about the service please see the welcome page inside the order of service. If you would like a visit from a Church member, or would value prayer or an opportunity to find out more about the Christian faith please contact

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Church Events

Sunday 24th May	10.30am	Communion at St Mary's with Revd Sandy Railton
	10.30am	Own Arrangement Service at Purton Methodist Church
Mon 25 th	10.00am	Zoom Prayer Group Zoom ID: 907644918 Passcode:918865 https://us06web.zoom.us/j/907644918
	1.45pm	Bible group (Pear Tree Close) - tbc
Tues 26 th		
Wed 27 th	5.00pm	Lady Chapel Prayer Group
Thurs 28 th		
Fri 29 th	7.30pm	Bellringing practice
Sat 30 th	11.30am	Visiting bellringers
Sunday 31st May	10.30am	Joint service at All Saints Lydiard Millicent
	10.30am	Service at Purton Methodist Church led by Adam Longhurst

Prayer: In May (in our cycle of prayer for those living and working in the Parish) we pray for those living and working in Kibblewhite Close, Proud Close, Reids Piece, The Peak, Willis Way, Long Acre, High Street, College Road, Hooks Hill, (*and from Ridgeway Farm*) The Brook, Webb's Place and New Reed; The Cedars Care Home on High Street. Methodist circuit prayers for this week are for Cricklade United Church.

We give thanks to God for the lives of those who have recently died. We pray for the families and friends of Linda Sawyer, Norene Richardson, Dr Andrew Reekie, Bob Stimpson and Christopher Greet.

Eco-Prayer Calendar for May 2026

Bring before God the work of organisations involved in conservation. Locally, give thanks and pray for the work of the Wiltshire Wildlife Trust and the RSPCA Oak and Furrows Wildlife Rescue Centre near Purton, whose volunteers look after 2500 wildlife patients annually. <https://rspcanorthwilts.org.uk/pages/rescue-centre>

Collect: Pentecost

God, who as at this time taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement in all things and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Christian Aid team would like to convey hugely grateful thanks to all in St Mary's Church and the Methodist Church for the warm welcomes and enthusiastic involvement of all in the congregations. We celebrated the start of Christian Aid Week in the Methodist Church, with the Service and Breakfast. We had a huge successful concert in St Mary's at the end of the week. Messy Church became involved, growing cone gardens; as did St Mary's Primary School, with Impact leading a whole school Assembly. Thank you so much to everyone for showing such loving care to each other and for welcoming newcomers. This made it such a joyful week. Libbie, Mary H and the team...which is YOU!

Diary Dates

Sat 6th June - Next Men's Breakfast at All Saints Lydiard Millicent at 8.00am

Sat 11th July – Sing 4/4 Concert in St Mary's Church 7.00pm

Sat 10th October 'Come and Sing' Day at St Mary's Church – Handel's Messiah

Readers: 24th Jean Belt 7th June Neil Day

Intercessions: 24th Val Walker 7th June Celia Tweedie-Smith

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