

Reading

Matthew 28: 11-20

The guards' report

¹¹ While the women were on their way, some of the guards went into the city and reported to the chief priests everything that had happened. ¹² When the chief priests had met with the elders and devised a plan, they gave the soldiers a large sum of money, ¹³ telling them, 'You are to say, "His disciples came during the night and stole him away while we were asleep."' ¹⁴ If this report gets to the governor, we will satisfy him and keep you out of trouble.' ¹⁵ So the soldiers took the money and did as they were instructed. And this story has been widely circulated among the Jews to this very day.

The great commission

¹⁶ Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. ¹⁷ When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. ¹⁸ Then Jesus came to them and said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.'



St Mary's
Church Purton

Purton Churches Together

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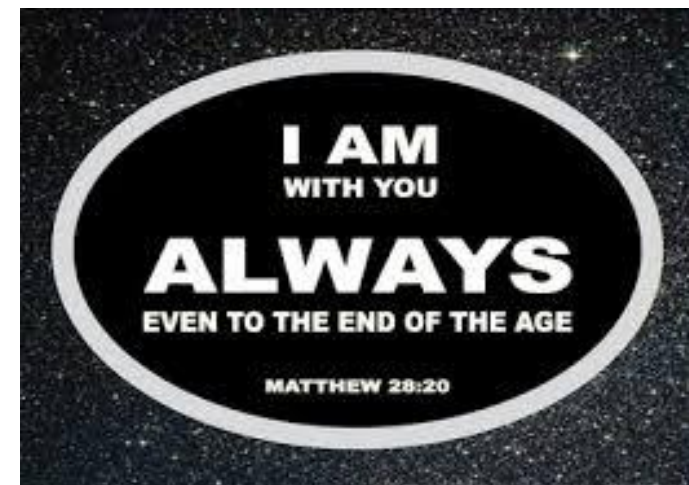
Purton
Methodist Church

Sunday 25th May 2025

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

- The Vicar, Rev Ian Tweedie-Smith on 01793 770077
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Church Events

Sunday 25th May	10.30am	Communion at St Mary's with Revd Ian Tweedie-Smith & Celia will be preaching
	10.30am	Service at Purton Methodist Church led by Pam Mullin
	2.00pm	Baptism of Beverley Rutter at St Mary's with Revd Ian Tweedie-Smith
Mon 26 th		
Tues 27 th	7.30pm	Music group practice at 2 Ringsbury Close
Wed 28 th	5.00pm	Lady Chapel Prayer Group
Thurs 29 th		
Fri 30 th	7.30pm	Bellringing practice
Sat 31 st		
Sunday 1st June	8.00am	Communion at St Mary's with Revd Ian Tweedie-Smith
	10.30am	Church for All at St Mary's with Revd Ian Tweedie-Smith
	10.30am	Own Arrangement Service at Purton Methodist Church

Prayer: In our street prayer cycle for May we pray for 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 The High Street. Methodist Circuit prayers this week are for Shrivenham Methodist Church.

We give thanks to God for the lives of those who have recently died. We pray for the families and friends of Joyce Ball, Wendy Walker, William Moffat & Deborah Webb.

Collect: Easter 6

God our redeemer, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Eco-Prayer

Bring before God the work of organisations involved in conservation. Locally, give thanks and pray for the work of the Wiltshire Wildlife Trust <https://www.wiltshirewildlife.org/>
Pray also for Christian Aid and other charities who work to improve the lives of people worldwide.

Christian Aid celebrates 80 years

80 years ago, Christian Aid was formed as a charity, supporting soldiers, sailors and airmen returning from the War. On Thursday June 12th there will be a special Service in Westminster Abbey to celebrate these 80 years. If anyone would like to attend, please contact Libbie as she will need to book tickets speedily. 771018: 07811 104910

Readers: 25th Godfrey Fowler 1st June Sandra Horsnall

Intercessions: 25th Sandra Horsnall 1st June Madeleine Harvey
St Mary's Church website is: www.stmaryspurton.org.uk

If you want to add an article into the church notices, please email Parish Administrator, Rosie Harris, by first thing Thursday mornings. administrator@stmaryspurton.org.uk

