

Christian Aid

Please keep the dates

Sat May 9th: Cake Sales

Sun May 10th: Breakfast in the Methodist Church followed by the Christian Aid Service

Sat May 16th: Faith Alive Choir Concert 'Just Believe!' in St Mary's.

More details on the separate information sheets.

Reading: John 10:1-10

'Very truly I tell you Pharisees, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate, but climbs in by some other way, is a thief and a robber. ² The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³ The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴ When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵ But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognise a stranger's voice.' ⁶ Jesus used this figure of speech, but the Pharisees did not understand what he was telling them.

⁷ Therefore Jesus said again, 'Very truly I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸ All who have come before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep have not listened to them. ⁹ I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out, and find pasture. ¹⁰ The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

Other Diary Dates

Mon 18th May - Annual Parochial Church Meeting in St Mary's Church at 7.00pm. Are you willing to help with the running of the Church this year?

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



St Mary's
Church Purton

Purton
Churches
Together

"In partnership with
other Christians in Purton"



Purton
Methodist Church

Sunday 26th April 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

- The Vicar, Rev Ian Tweedie-Smith on 01793 770077
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- The Methodist Minister, Rev Shirlyn Toppin on 01793 853197
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- If you have any Church Safeguarding concern:
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John 10

Church Events

Sunday 26th April	10.30am	Communion at St Mary's with Revd Sandy Railton
	10.30am	Morning Service and General Church Meeting at Purton Methodist Church led by Rev Shirlyn Toppin
Mon 27 th	10.00am	Zoom Prayer Group Zoom ID: 907644918 Passcode:918865 https://us06web.zoom.us/j/907644918
	1.45pm	Bible group (Pear Tree Close)
Tues 28 th		
Wed 29 th	10.00am	Fire extinguisher servicing at St Mary's
	5.00pm	Lady Chapel Prayer Group
Thurs 30 th		
Fri 1 st	7.30pm	Bellringing practice
Sat 2 nd		
Sunday 3rd May	8.00am	Extended Communion at St Mary's with Communion at St Mary's Church with Paul & Marie Dempsey
	10.30am	Church for All at St Mary's with David & Liz Martin
	10.30am	Holy Communion Service at Purton Methodist Church led by Rev Ian Mead
	6.00pm	Sunday Evening Music at Purton Methodist Church

Prayer: In April (in our cycle of prayer for those living and working in the Parish) we pray for those living and working in Dogridge, Orchard Gardens, Waterfield, Ringsbury Close, Restrop View, (*and from Ridgeway Farm*) Dewpond Close, The Farm and Moses Mead, and Quarrydene (Care Home) on Pavenhill. Methodist circuit prayers for 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 Robert Scott, Revd Trevor Day, Terence Hedges, Barbara Mills, Jennifer Dibling, Mark Wightman, Linda Sawyer, Norene Richardson, Dr Andrew Reekie and Bob Stimpson.

Eco-Prayer Calendar for April 2026

Earth day this year is on 22nd April <https://www.earthday.org/earth-day-2026/> Go to their website to find out more, including '**Why Imperfect Climate Action Is Better Than Perfect Inaction**'. What one small thing could you do this month to be more eco-friendly? There are plenty of interesting ideas on this website as a starting point, or maybe visit a local organic farm shop for inspiration?

Collect: Easter 4

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Revision of the Church Electoral Roll - May 2026

This is the last week to join the church Electoral Roll before the APCM if you are not already listed - displayed on the noticeboard in church. If you need an application form these are tucked behind the list on the noticeboard. Please contact Rosie or Sandra if you need any help or further information.

Men's Breakfast

The next breakfast will be at All Saints Lydiard Millicent Church on Saturday 9th May at 8am (not 2nd).

Readers: 26th Libbie Sheppard 3rd May Howard Smith

Intercessions: 26th David Nettleton 3rd May Sandra Horsnall

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