

## **Bible Reading: John 20: 19-31**

<sup>19</sup> On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you!' <sup>20</sup> After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup> Again Jesus said, 'Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.' <sup>22</sup> And with that he breathed on them and said, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup> If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.'

<sup>24</sup> Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup> So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord!' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe.'

<sup>26</sup> A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you!' <sup>27</sup> Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe.' <sup>28</sup> Thomas said to him, 'My Lord and my God!' <sup>29</sup> Then Jesus told him, 'Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.'

<sup>30</sup> Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. <sup>31</sup> But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

### **Christian Aid 'BonaFide Bargains'**

We are having a sale of Bargains during Christian Aid Week, May 13-16 at Pips café. The hope is to sell at least 80 items during the week, as Christian Aid is 80 years old this year.

If, by any chance, you have any items, still in their wrappers or boxes, that you do not need, want or use, please contact Libbie 771018. For example we have been given some crockery, bedding, jigsaws etc.



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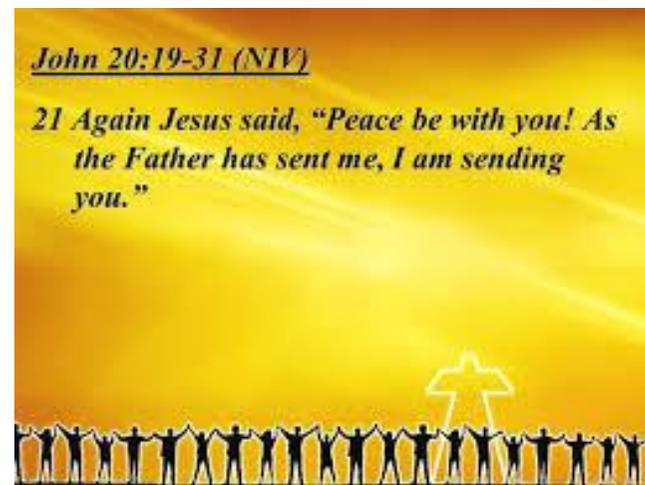
Purton  
Methodist Church

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> April 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

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## Church Events

<b>27<sup>th</sup> April</b>	10.30am	Communion at St Mary's with Canon Michael Johnson
	10.30am	Service at Purton Methodist Church led by Rev Joseph Ribeiro
	11.45am	Wedding rehearsal at St Mary's
Mon 28 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Zoom Prayer Group Zoom ID:907644918 Passcode:918865
	2.00pm	Bible group in Lady Chapel - Book of Mark
Tues 29 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Music group rehearsal at 2 Ringsbury Close
Wed 30 <sup>th</sup>	5.00pm	Lady Chapel Prayer Group
Thurs 1 <sup>st</sup>	2.00pm	Visiting bellringers
	2.30pm	Communion at The Cedars with David & Liz Martin
Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup>	7.30pm	Bellringing practice
Sat 3 <sup>rd</sup>	1.00pm	Wedding at St Mary's: Lewis Kenward & Emily Worth with Canon Michael Johnson
	2.30pm	Wedding rehearsal at St Mary's
<b>Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> May</b>	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	Morning Service at Purton Methodist Church led by Mark Dowling
	2.00pm	Wedding at St Mary's: Taylor Hopkins & Ishbel Harris with Canon Michael Johnson

**Prayer:** In our street prayer cycle for April we pray for Dogridge, Orchard Gardens, Waterfield, Ringsbury Close, Restrop View, (and from Ridgeway Farm) Dewpont Close, The Farm and Moses Mead; Quarrydene (Care Home) on Pavenhill. Methodist Circuit prayers 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 Jenny Burge, Ed Parker, Joyce Ball, Wendy Walker & William Moffat.

### **Collect: Easter 2**

Almighty Father, you have given your only Son to die for our sins and to rise again for our justification: grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness that we may always serve you in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ 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**

April 22<sup>nd</sup> is 'Earth Day'. The theme for Earth Day 2025 is OUR POWER, OUR PLANET, inviting everyone around the globe to unite behind renewable energy, and to triple the global generation of clean electricity by 2030. Pray that governments and people across the world will get on board with the goal of generating clean energy.

The Christian Aid Quiz is NOW AVAILABLE! £2 each. – Libbie Sheppard

### **Early warning of Christian Aid Week**

Please note that this year we shall be having the Christian Aid Week Breakfast and Service in St Mary's Church. It will be on Sunday May 11<sup>th</sup> and we shall be looking for help with preparing the Breakfast from 8.30 ready for 9am; and then clearing up so we are ready to start the service at 10.30. So please book to have your Breakfast in Church with us. It will cost a suggested minimum donation of £6.

Offers of help with cooking bacon for the butties, providing jams for the croissants, cooking porridge or even providing a packet of Cornflakes will all be most gladly welcomed. Libbie: 771018 and Mary H :770505

### **Dates for your diaries**

Mon 19<sup>th</sup> May 2025 - **Annual Parochial Church Meeting** in St Mary's Church at 7.30pm

**Readers:** 27<sup>th</sup> Libbie Sheppard 4<sup>th</sup> May: Howard Smith

**Intercessions:** 27<sup>th</sup> Liz Martin 4<sup>th</sup> May: Jean Belt

St Mary's Church website is: [www.stmaryspurton.org.uk](http://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.

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