

### **Christian Aid**

Don't forget the Christian Aid Quiz is still for sale if you want to be frustrated and entertained in equal measure! If it's easier you can ask for a copy to be sent electronically. You can also pay any donations into the Christian Aid JustGiving page at any time.

<https://justgiving.com/page/purton-christian-aid-2024>

To be returned by May 10<sup>th</sup>. Libbie: 771018 or Mary H:770505

**Sunday May 12<sup>th</sup>:** Start of Christian Aid Week . Breakfast in church from 9am. Service from 10.30. Please come. Very important speaker coming to talk to us about Christian Aid's work.

**What might an ancient book have to say about life today?** Answering questions like this and 'translating' Christian theological tradition for those outside the church is tricky. So, if you've ever been stumped by this question, or wondered how to explain to a sceptic what it means to be 'fully alive', or, what kind of people do we need to be in these troubled and turbulent times, then here's an opportunity to explore these with Elizabeth Oldfield, former Director of Theos, broadcaster and writer.

12.30 at Lower Shaw Farm, Old Shaw Lane, West Swindon, SN5 5PJ, on Thursday, 9 May. Tickets

available: <https://www.waterstones.com/events/the-swindon-festival-of-literature-presents-a-talk-and-book-signing-with-elizabeth-oldfield/swindon> Tickets £7 or £8.

### **Conference at the Pattern Church – Invitation to everyone**

#### **Everyday Faith. Together –**

#### **Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May, Pattern Church, Swindon**

We are very excited to share with you some of the highlights of our upcoming conference as we focus on

- how we encounter God in our daily lives?
- where is God during our daily lives?
- Finding God in the fullness of our everyday life?

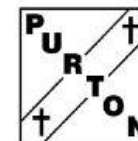
For more information, including how to sign up, please read the separate attachment to the church notices.



St Mary's  
Church Purton

## **Purton Churches Together**

"In partnership with  
other Christians in Purton"



Purton  
Methodist Church

**28<sup>th</sup> April 2024**

### **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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Marie Dempsey: 07455046815  
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### *Date for your diaries*

Concert at St Mary's Church

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May 5.00pm

Choir: 'Faith Alive'

See poster for more details!

# **FAITH ALIVE**

## Church Events

<b>Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April</b>	10.30am	Communion at St Mary's Church with Rev Ian Tweedie-Smith
	10.30am	Service at Purton Methodist Church led by Adrian German
	4.00pm	Messy Church at St Mary's Church
Mon 29 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Zoom Prayer Group Zoom ID:907644918 Passcode:918865
Tues 30 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Music group rehearsal
Wed 1 <sup>st</sup> May	12 noon	Funeral of James 'Jim' Mannings at St Mary's Church with Rev Judith Wells
	5.00pm	Prayer Group
Thurs 2 <sup>nd</sup>	7.30pm	PCC meeting at the vicarage
Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup>	7.30pm	Bellringing practice
Sat 4 <sup>th</sup>		
<b>Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May</b>	8.00am	Communion at St Mary's Church with Rev Ian Tweedie-Smith
	10.30am	Church for All at St Mary's Church with David & Liz Martin
	10.30am	Holy Communion Service with General Church Meeting at Purton Methodist Church led by Rev Shirlyn Toppin
	6.30pm	Dig Deeper into Philippians with Rev Ian Tweedie-Smith at the vicarage

**Prayer:** In April we pray for Dogridge, Orchard Gardens, Waterfield, Ringsbury Close, Restrop View, (*and from Ridgeway Farm*) Dewpond Close, The Farm and Moses Mead, Quarrydene (Care Home) on Pavenhill. Methodist Circuit prayers this week are for Shaw Church. We give thanks to God for the lives of those who have recently died, and we pray for the families of Cynthia Huband, Clare Tweedie-Smith, Angie Woods, Ann Orr-Ewing, Jim Mannings and Dorothy Paish.

### **'Eco-Prayer' for April**

April 22<sup>nd</sup> is 'Earth Day'. This year Earthday.org is "*unwavering in our commitment to end plastics for the sake of human and planetary health, demanding a 60% reduction in the production of all plastics by 2040*". <https://www.earthday.org/earth-day-2024/>  
Prayerfully consider how we can better educate ourselves on this issue and what we can do to reduce plastic pollution.

### **Prayer for the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Easter (The Collect)**

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

### **Reading: John 21: 1-22 (For whole reading, see bible)**

<sup>15</sup>When they had finished eating, Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?' 'Yes, Lord,' he said, 'you know that I love you.' Jesus said, 'Feed my lambs.' <sup>16</sup>Again Jesus said, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' He answered, 'Yes, Lord, you know that I love you.' Jesus said, 'Take care of my sheep.' <sup>17</sup>The third time he said to him, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, 'Do you love me?' He said, 'Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you.' Jesus said, 'Feed my sheep. <sup>18</sup>Very truly I tell you, when you were younger you dressed yourself and went where you wanted; but when you are old you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go.' <sup>19</sup>Jesus said this to indicate the kind of death by which Peter would glorify God. Then he said to him, 'Follow me!'

### **Electoral roll – Last call!**

We will be updating the Electoral roll this month. This is a revision of the current roll and not a new one. Please fill out a form if you are NOT currently on the Electoral roll, but would like to be, and return this to Rosie Harris or Sandra Horsnall after the 10.30am service on 28<sup>th</sup> April. If you cannot remember whether you are already on the roll, please check the Electoral roll list which will be on the church notice board.

**Readers:** 28<sup>th</sup> David Nettleton 5<sup>th</sup> May Jean Belt

**Intercessions:** 28<sup>th</sup> David Nettleton 5<sup>th</sup> May Sandra Horsnall  
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If you have anything to include in the Church Notices, contact [administrator@stmaryspurton.org.uk](mailto:administrator@stmaryspurton.org.uk) by first thing Thursday mornings.

