

Jigsaw Sale

Thanks to you all for your help and support, buying and donating jigsaws. I am pleased to tell you that we made over £380 for Christian Aid.

Christian Aid Quiz

The Christian Aid Quiz will be available from Palm Sunday, March 29. Cost is still only £2 (a bargain!) and you are guaranteed hours...and hours...of frustration and fun! You have six weeks to complete it. Please do give it a go...and buy copies for friends and neighbours. It's a good £2worth! Libbie: 01793 771018

Easter Garden

If any young children would like to come and help make the Easter Garden, in St Mary's on Maundy Thursday (April 2), from 10am, please contact Libbie, as she would love some help. Libbie: 771018

Flowers for Easter for St Mary's

After having very limited flowers in Church during Lent (only really for funerals) it will be lovely to decorate the Church for Easter. Please do come and join us....Why not do your own flower arrangement...we will help if needed. Or please bring flowers from your garden for us to use. Any contributions will be gratefully received. We shall be in church on Wednesday April 1st and Maundy Thursday April 2nd from 10am. Other times can be arranged if you contact us. With thanks. Libbie: 71018 Jane: 772422

Diary Dates

Sat 16 May – Faith Alive concert in St Mary's Church 5.00pm

Mon 18 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? Please do ensure that your name is on the Electoral Roll (on the noticeboard in church)

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



St Mary's
Church Purton

**Purton
Churches
Together**

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Purton
Methodist Church

Sunday 29th March 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
vicarage@stmaryspurton.org.uk
- The Methodist Minister, Rev Shirlyn Toppin on 01793 853197
shirlys8@hotmail.com
- If you have any Church Safeguarding concern:
Marie Dempsey on 07455046815
Email: safeguarding@stmaryspurton.org.uk
For general enquiries: Parish Administrator, Rosie Harris
01793 773035 (Tues/Thurs mornings)
Email: administrator@stmaryspurton.org.uk



Church Events

Sunday 29th March	10.30am	Communion at St Mary's with Revd Ian Tweedie-Smith, with palm crosses and prayers for healing – jointly with All Saints Lydiard Millicent
	10.30am 1.00pm	Morning Service at Purton Methodist Church Baptism of Willow Edmondson at St Mary's
Mon 30 th	10.00am	Zoom Prayer Group Zoom ID: 907644918 Passcode:918865 https://us06web.zoom.us/j/907644918
	1.45pm	Bible group at Pear Tree Close – The Gospel of John
Tues 31 st		
Wed 1 st		
Thurs 2 nd	6.00pm	Maundy Thursday Communion at St Mary's
Good Friday	10.00am 2.00pm	Walk of Witness starting at Pavenhill shops, Hour at the Cross at St Mary's with Revd Shirlyn Toppin (United Service)
Sat 4 th		
5th April Easter Day	8.00am	Communion at St Mary's with Revd Ian Tweedie-Smith
	10.00am	Light breakfast & Easter Activity for Children at St Mary's (children please bring an adult!)
	10.30am	Easter Celebration with Family Communion and Easter Egg Hunt at St Mary's Church with Revd Ian Tweedie-Smith
	10.30am	Easter Service at Purton Methodist Church

Prayer: In March (in our cycle of prayer for those living and working in the Parish) we pray for those living and working in Restrop View, Restrop Road, Battlewell, Bagbury Lane, (*and from Ridgeway Farm*) Quarry Field, Lower Mill, Mill View & Cotswolds Rise Care Home on Ridgeway Farm.

We give thanks to God for the lives of those who have recently died. We pray for the families and friends of Marjorie Sansum, Derek Skuse, Robert Scott, Revd Trevor Day, Terence Hedges, Barbara Mills, Jennifer Dibling and Mark Wightman.

Eco-Prayer Calendar for March 2026

Give thanks to God for the gift of water which sustains all life. Pray for those who do not have access to clean water and communities who are facing drought or floods due to climate change.

Collect: Palm Sunday

Almighty and everlasting God, who in your tender love towards the human race sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross: grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; 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.

Bible readings for 29th March are James 5: 13-20 & Mark 11: 1-11

Not to be missed! -

Murder Mystery Evening with PADS in St Mary's Church 'Death on the Home Front'

Saturday 18th April, 7.00pm for 7.30pm start.

Tickets £12.00 each to include a light supper + Raffle.

Please bring your own glasses and drinks.

For tickets contact Sandra 01793 770157 or Marie 07455046815

Look forward to seeing you there.....

Readers: 29th Sandra Horsnall 5th April Julia Knowles

Intercessions: 29th Jane Smith 5th April Paul Dempsey

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.

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