

Luke 15: 1-10

The Parable of the Lost Sheep

15 Now the tax collectors and sinners were all gathering around to hear Jesus. ² But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them." ³ Then Jesus told them this parable: ⁴ "Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Doesn't he leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it? ⁵ And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders ⁶ and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.' ⁷ I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent.

The Parable of the Lost Coin

⁸ "Or suppose a woman has ten silver coins^[a] and loses one. Doesn't she light a lamp, sweep the house and search carefully until she finds it? ⁹ And when she finds it, she calls her friends and neighbors together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost coin.' ¹⁰ In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

Readers: 7th August Claire Housley 14th Val Walker

Intercessions: 7th August Howard Smith 14th Libbie Sheppard

If you have anything to include in the Church Notices, contact administrator@stmaryspurton.org.uk by first thing Thursday mornings.

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St Mary's
Church Purton

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Purton
Methodist Church

31st July 2022

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, Revd Ian Tweedie-Smith on 01793 770077
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Livestreaming 10:30 service

We plan to livestream Sunday 10:30am services on our YouTube channel when possible. If you would like to view a service please use this link to our website to find the livestream link:

<https://www.stmaryspurton.org.uk/livestream1030sunday>



Church Events

Sunday 31st July	10.30am	Communion at St Mary's Church with Revd Ian Tweedie-Smith
	10.30am	Service at Purton Methodist Church led by Phil Bunce of Shrivenham
	4.00pm	Quarter peal - bellringers
Mon 1 st August	10.00am	Zoom Prayer Group with bible reading & prayer. Zoom ID:907 644 918 Passcode:918865
Tues 2 nd		
Wed 3 rd	2.00pm	Service of Celebration of the life of Adam Meares at St Mary's Church with Revd Judith Wells, followed by refreshments in the church (church hire)
	5.00pm	'Lady Chapel' Prayer Group
	7.30pm	Music group rehearsal
Thurs 4 th	10.15am	PAT Electrical testing in St Mary's Church
Fri 5 th	7.30pm	Bellringing practice
Sat 6 th		
Sunday 7th August	8.00am	Communion at St Mary's Church with Revd Dr. John Railton
	10.30am	'Church for all' Service at St Mary's Church with Revd Judith Wells & Richard Harris
	10.30am	Service at Purton Methodist Church led by Rev Mike Dilly

Prayer: In our Prayer list for August we pray for Witts Lane, Jewels Ash, Waite Meads Close, Pear Tree Close, *(and from Moulden View)* Mustang Way.

Methodist Circuit Prayers for this week are for Braydon Methodist Church.

Please pray for the family of Adam Meares whose funeral takes place this week, and give thanks for his life.

Collect: Trinity 7

Lord of all power and might,
the author and giver of all good things:
graft in our hearts the love of your name,
increase in us true religion,
nourish us with all goodness,
and of your great mercy keep us in the same;
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.

Hidden Elements - Historical Graffiti on Sun 24 July

Many thanks to all those who supported the talk, workshop and cream tea on Sunday afternoon. I hope that you enjoyed the event and learnt some interesting facts along the way. Folk were most generous and we raised £495 for the Church Building Fund. Sandra Horsnall

New Exploring Christianity Module starting in September

Exploring Christianity is for all lay people, who want to explore faith, deepen their commitment and learn together with other interested students from different church backgrounds. See separate article attached.

Ride & Stride

In case anyone is wondering about the 'Ride & Stride' this year, it is taking place on 10th September, but there is a wedding and reception taking place in our church that day, so we are unable to accommodate visiting cyclists this year.

