

### **Bible reading: Colossians 3: 1-17**

Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup> Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. <sup>3</sup> For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup> When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

<sup>5</sup> Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. <sup>6</sup> Because of these, the wrath of God is coming. <sup>7</sup> You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived. <sup>8</sup> But now you must also rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips. <sup>9</sup> Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices <sup>10</sup> and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator. <sup>11</sup> Here there is no Gentile or Jew, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free, but Christ is all, and is in all.

<sup>12</sup> Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. <sup>13</sup> Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. <sup>14</sup> And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

<sup>15</sup> Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. <sup>16</sup> Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. <sup>17</sup> And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

**Readers:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Aug: Jean Belt 10<sup>th</sup> Howard Smith

**Intercessions:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Aug: Libbie Sheppard 10<sup>th</sup> Paul Dempsey

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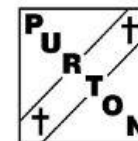
If you want to add an article into the church notices, please email Parish Administrator, Rosie Harris, by first thing Thursday mornings.  
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**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2025**

**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>Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> August</b>	8.00am	Holy Communion at St Mary's with Revd Ian Tweedie-Smith
	10.30am	Family Holy Communion at St Mary's with Revd Ian & Celia Tweedie-Smith
	10.30am	Service at Purton Methodist Church led by Jenny Corkett
	6.00pm	Sunday Evening Music at Purton Methodist Church
Mon 4 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Zoom Prayer Group Zoom ID:907644918 Passcode:918865
Tues 5 <sup>th</sup>		
Wed 6 <sup>th</sup>	5.00pm	Lady Chapel Prayer Group
Thurs 7 <sup>th</sup>	2.30pm	Communion at the Cedars with David & Liz Martin
Fri 8 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Bellringing practice
Sat 9 <sup>th</sup>		
<b>Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> August</b>	10.30am	Communion at St Mary's with Revd Ian Tweedie-Smith & Richard Harris
	10.30am	Holy Communion Service at Purton Methodist Church led by Rev Shirlyn Toppin

**Prayer:** In our street prayer cycle for August, we pray for Witts Lane, Jewels Ash, Waite Meads Close, Pear Tree Close (*and from Moulden View*) Mustang Way, Caring Hands (Wiltshire) Care Home at Battle Lake Farm.

Methodist Circuit prayers this week are for Methodist Upper Thames Circuit.

We give thanks to God for the lives of those who have recently died. We pray for the families and friends of Valerie Kay and Ian Handy.

### **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.

## Men's Breakfast

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> September at 8.00am**

**In All Saints Church, Lydiard Millicent**

Men from both Lydiard Millicent and St Mary's Purton are invited. It will include a bible study by Peter Rogers, a Lay Minister from Shaw Church.

## Fundraising Classical Guitar Concert

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> August 7.30pm St Mary's Church**

Aaron Notley-Jones, a young student of the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama, has kindly offered to put on a classical guitar concert at St Mary's to raise funds (by donation) for the Church. The concert will feature a solo performance by Aaron and an ensemble performance by the Corinium Players. Aaron lives locally and is keen to help the church in this way. We do hope as many people as possible can support this venture – please spread the word! Entry is free and so are the refreshments. Donations appreciated. Paul Dempsey

## Ride and Stride

**Saturday 13th September 2025**

This event raises money for the Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust. I have sponsor forms for anyone who wishes to cycle, walk or ride a horse to churches within Wiltshire. Half of any money collected goes to the Trust and the other half goes to a church of your choice in this county. Please contact me if you want a sponsor form on **772422 or [janersmith1@gmail.com](mailto:janersmith1@gmail.com)**

I am also looking for **volunteers to welcome** cyclists/walkers/horse riders to St Mary's Church between 10am and 5pm and give them refreshments. So if you could spare an hour on this day please let me know. Jane Smith

