

Reading: John 14: 1-14

'Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. ² My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. ⁴ You know the way to the place where I am going.'

Jesus the way to the Father

⁵ Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?' ⁶ Jesus answered 'I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me, ⁷ If you really know me, you will know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him.'

⁸ Philip said, 'Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us.' ⁹ Jesus answered: 'Don't you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, "Show us the Father"? ¹⁰ Don't you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak on my own authority. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work. ¹¹ Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the works themselves. ¹² Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³ And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.

Diary Dates

Sun 17th May – Messy Church at 4.00pm at St Mary's Church

Mon 18th 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?

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

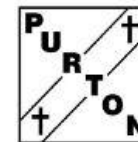
Sat 10th October 'Come and Sing' Day at St Mary's Church – Handel's Messiah



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Church Purton

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Purton
Methodist Church

Sunday 3rd May 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
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Jesus answered,
"I am the way and the
truth and the life"
John 14:6



Church Events

Sunday 3rd May	8.00am	Extended Communion at St Mary's with Communion at St Mary's Church with Paul & Marie Dempsey
	10.30am	Church for All at St Mary's with David & Liz Martin
	10.30am	Holy Communion Service at Purton Methodist Church led by Rev Ian Mead
	6.00pm	Sunday Evening Music at Purton Methodist Church
Mon 4 th	9.30am	Visiting bellringers
Tues 5 th		
Wed 6 th	10.00am	Funeral of the late Norene Richardson at St Mary's Church with Revd Judith Wells; a wake at Bassett Down at 12.30pm.
	5.00pm	Lady Chapel Prayer Group
Thurs 7 th	2.30pm	Communion at The Cedars Care Home with Liz & David Martin
Fri 8 th	7.30pm	Bellringing practice
Sat 9 th	10.00am	Cake sale for Christian Aid at PIPS
Sunday 10th May	9.00am	Christian Aid Breakfast at Purton Methodist Church
	10.30am	United Christian Aid Service at Purton Methodist Church led by Rev Shirlyn Toppin

Prayer: In May (in our cycle of prayer for those living and working in the Parish) we pray for those living and working in Kibblewhite Close, Proud Close, Reids Piece, The Peak, Willis Way, Long Acre, High Street, College Road, Hooks Hill, (*and from Ridgeway Farm*) The Brook, Webb's Place and New Reed; The Cedars Care Home on High Street. Methodist circuit prayers for this week are for Toothill Church.

We give thanks to God for the lives of those who have recently died. We pray for the families and friends of Linda Sawyer, Norene Richardson, Dr Andrew Reekie and Bob Stimpson.

Phil Richardson (Norene's son) has organised a wake to celebrate Norene's life at Bassett Down at 12.30pm and everyone is welcome to come along. Please let him know if you hope to attend for catering numbers: Tel. 07983 081497. Thank you.

Eco-Prayer Calendar for May 2026

Bring before God the work of organisations involved in conservation. Locally, give thanks and pray for the work of the Wiltshire Wildlife Trust and the RSPCA Oak and Furrows Wildlife Rescue Centre near Purton, whose volunteers look after 2500 wildlife patients annually.
<https://rspcanorthwilts.org.uk/pages/rescue-centre>

Collect: Easter 5

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.

Cakes for Christian Aid Week

We would be so grateful for any contributions towards the Cake Sale for Christian Aid Week in Pips on Saturday May 9th. Home-made cakes, buns, cookies, biscuits, jams, sweets etc can be brought along to Pips any time from Thursday afternoon onwards. The sale starts at 10am. Thank you in advance...and apologies if you have already been asked and are already baking! Please list the ingredients on the cake wrapping for health safety. Libbie and Mary

Men's Breakfast

The next breakfast will be at All Saints Lydiard Millicent Church on Saturday 9th May at 8am (not 2nd).

Readers: 3rd May Howard Smith 17th Jane Smith

Intercessions: 3rd May Sandra Horsnall 10th Christian Aid at the Methodist Church – Libbie Sheppard 17th Howard Smith

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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