

Book Recommendation

The Lord of Psalm 23 - David Gibson - £8.99

(RRP 14.99 - Amazon 11.75)

This is not so much a commentary on Psalm 23, more like a quiet walk through the familiar sentences of this psalm. We step with the Good Shepherd through the verses and discover hidden gems in amongst the well-known phrases. I have read this psalm probably hundreds of times, I have learnt it off by heart, I have preached on it on many occasions and yet I have discovered many new treasures through David Gibson's careful and thorough study. It is my prayer that God will use this book to restore your soul from His Word. Ian Tweedie-Smith

Ride and Stride - Saturday 14th September 2024.

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**

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

Readers: 4th August Val Walker 11th Howard Smith 18th Brian Gill

Intercessions: 4th August Jane Smith 11th Rev Judith Wells

18th 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 Rosie Harris, Parish Administrator. administrator@stmaryspurton.org.uk Notices go out every Thursday morning. If you would like to receive them regularly by email, contact Rosie.



St Mary's
Church Purton

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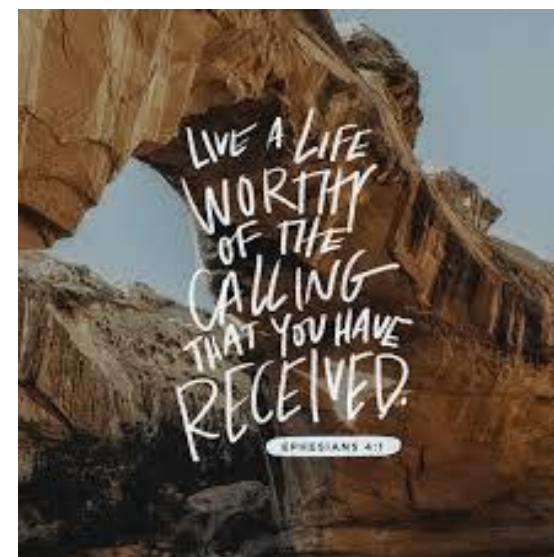
Purton
Methodist Church

Sunday 4th August 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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Church Events

Sunday 4th August	8.00am	Communion at St Mary's Church with Rev John Martin
	10.30am	Church for All at St Mary's Church with David & Liz Martin
	10.30am	Holy Communion Service at Purton Methodist Church led by Rev Shirlyn Toppin
Mon 5 th	10.00am	Zoom Prayer Group Zoom ID:907644918 Passcode:918865
	2.00pm	NO Bible group – cancelled until next week
Tues 6 th	7.30pm	Choir practice
Wed 7 th	5.00pm	Prayer Group – Lady Chapel
Thurs 8 th		
Fri 9 th	6.30pm	Rehearsal for Blessing of Marriage – with Rev Judith Wells
	7.30pm	Bellringing practice
Sat 10 th	12 noon	Blessing of Marriage Service for Eilish and Colin Hock with Rev Judith Wells
Sunday 11th August	10.30am	Communion at St Mary's Church with Rev Ian Tweedie-Smith and the Bishop of Swindon, Neil Warwick
	10.30am	Service at Purton Methodist Church led by Robin Phoenix-Stone

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, and for Caring Hands (Wiltshire) Care Home at Battle Lake Farm.

Methodist Circuit prayers this week are for Shrivenham Methodist Church.

We give thanks to God for the lives of those who have recently died. We pray for the families and friends of Maureen, Pat Suddaby, Eileen Chamberlain and Harry Titcombe.

Prayer of thanks

The church has been praying hard for the recovery of Richard Mills following a serious back injury. He has made great progress after major spinal surgery and is up and about walking and responding well to physio. "Rich says his improvements are a product of everyone's prayers. He feels the power of prayer and it's amazing to see evidence of it in his body everyday!" Please keep praying for him in the days ahead.

Eco-Prayer Calendar for August

Pollution causes around 9 million premature deaths each year, mostly through air pollution. Bring before God these issues: Industrialization, use of pesticides & nitrogen-based fertilizers, crop residues in agriculture, urbanization, forest fires, desert dust and inadequate waste management, and all who suffer because of this. Pray for wisdom in land management, respect for the environment in industry.

Collect: Trinity 10

Let your merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of your humble servants; and that they may obtain their petitions make them to ask such things as shall please you; 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.

Reading: Ephesians 4: 1-16

As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. ² Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. ³ Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. ⁴ There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; ⁵ one Lord, one faith, one baptism; ⁶ one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. ⁷ But to each one of us grace has been given as Christ apportioned it. ⁸ This is why it says:

'When he ascended on high, he took many captives and gave gifts to his people.' ⁹ (What does 'he ascended' mean except that he also descended to the lower, earthly regions? ¹⁰ He who descended is the very one who ascended higher than all the heavens, in order to fill the whole universe.) ¹¹ So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, ¹² to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up ¹³ until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. ¹⁴ Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their deceitful scheming. ¹⁵ Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ. ¹⁶ From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.

