

## **Christian Aid**

**Quiz:** There still is time to get your copy for £2 if you are quick, from Libbie 771018. Quiz papers need to be returned by Friday May 9<sup>th</sup> .

**Christian Aid Beetle Drive:** Saturday May 10<sup>th</sup> 2.00-4pm at Pips Café, Silver Threads Hall. £2 to include a biscuit and squash. Other Pips drinks and cake available to buy. Primary school age children need to be accompanied. No prior experience of Beetle Drives needed!! There will be prizes!

**Christian Aid Breakfast:** Sunday May 11<sup>th</sup> from 9.00am at St Mary's Church. There will be porridge/cereals; bacon butties; warm croissants etc. Suggested donation of £6. Thank you to all who have already offered to help.

**Christian Aid Service:** St Mary's, Sunday May 11<sup>th</sup> at 10.30am. Please do come and find out more about the 80 years of Christian Aid work across the world in places of great need. Hopefully with a guest speaker from Christian Aid.

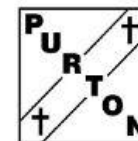
**Christian Aid 'Bona Fide Bargains':** A table of Bargains will be at Pips Café from May 13<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> (outdoors if the weather is good). We want to sell 80 items during the week, as Christian Aid is 80 years old this year. If you have any new or nearly new bargains that we could sell, please offer them to Libbie 771018 or Mary 770505. So far, we have jigsaws, bedding, crockery, paintings, books...



St Mary's  
Church Purton

## **Purton Churches Together**

"In partnership with  
other Christians in Purton"



Purton  
Methodist Church

**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> May 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

- The Vicar, Rev Ian Tweedie-Smith on 01793 770077  
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The parable of the growing seed. Mark 5:26-29

## Church Events

<b>Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> May</b>	8.00am	Communion at St Mary's with Revd Ian Tweedie-Smith
	10.30am	Church for All at St Mary's with Liz & David Martin
	10.30am	Morning Service at Purton Methodist Church led by Mark Dowling
	2.00pm	Wedding at St Mary's: Taylor Hopkins & Ishbel Harris with Canon Michael Johnson
Mon 5 <sup>th</sup>		
Tues 6 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Choir practice
Wed 7 <sup>th</sup>	5.00pm	Lady Chapel Prayer Group
Thurs 8 <sup>th</sup>		
Fri 9 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Bellringing practice
Sat 10 <sup>th</sup>	10-11am	St Mary's Church tower bells open morning
	2.00pm	Beetle Drive at PIPS café (Christian Aid event)
<b>Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May</b>	9.00am	Christian Aid Breakfast at St Mary's
	10.30am	Christian Aid Service at St Mary's
	10.30am	Holy Communion Service and General Church Meeting at Purton Methodist Church led by Rev Shirlyn Toppin

**Prayer:** In our street prayer cycle for May we pray for 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 The High Street. Methodist Circuit prayers this week are for Highworth Methodist Church.

We give thanks to God for the lives of those who have recently died. We pray for the families and friends of Joyce Ball, Wendy Walker & William Moffat.

## **Collect: Easter 3**

Almighty Father, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth; 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.

## **Eco-Prayer**

Bring before God the work of organisations involved in conservation. Locally, give thanks and pray for the work of the Wiltshire Wildlife Trust <https://www.wiltshirewildlife.org/> Pray also for Christian Aid and other charities who work to improve the lives of people worldwide.

## **Bible reading: Mark 4:26-29**

<sup>26</sup> He also said, 'This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man scatters seed on the ground. <sup>27</sup> Night and day, whether he sleeps or gets up, the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how. <sup>28</sup> All by itself the soil produces corn – first the stalk, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. <sup>29</sup> As soon as the corn is ripe, he puts the sickle to it, because the harvest has come.'

## **Dates for your diaries**

Mon 19<sup>th</sup> May - Fellowship of Women meeting at the Methodist Church. Subject: Medieval Pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela, speaker Judith Cranswick.

**Annual Parochial Church Meeting** in St Mary's Church on Mon 19 May 2025 at **7.00pm (please note the time change)**.

Please consider standing for election to the Parochial Church Council. Could you make a difference - have your say in the running of St Mary's Church - make things happen ..... Nomination forms are available in Church. Any questions or further information required do please speak to Ian, Sandra or Marie. Look forward to seeing you at the meeting. Please remember that current PCC members need to complete a Nomination Form if they wish to continue in that role after the APCM

**Readers:** 4<sup>th</sup> May: Howard Smith 11<sup>th</sup> Jean Belt 18<sup>th</sup> Marie Dempsey  
**Intercessions:** 4<sup>th</sup> May: Jean Belt 11<sup>th</sup> Libbie Sheppard 18<sup>th</sup> Jane Smith  
 St Mary's Church website is: [www.stmaryspurton.org.uk](http://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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