

### Jigsaw Sale update



Delighted to write that the total from the Jigsaw Sale in March, for Christian Aid has gone up from £384 to £484...a wonderful start to our fundraising. Thank you to all involved.

Now the quiz is out ...please buy a copy....and we are ready to start planning the main Christian Aid Week events for May 10<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>.

Please do support us...and especially put Saturday May 16<sup>th</sup> at 5pm in your diaries, for the treat of hearing an amazing choir, Faith Alive, in St Mary's, singing their 'Just Believe' concert.

More details from Libbie: 771018

### Walking on Top of the World: Treks Across Iconic Mountains

 Saturday 18 April -  3:00pm – 5:00pm

 All Saints Church, Lydiard Millicent

Join local resident and church warden John Halstead for an inspiring illustrated talk exploring the highlights from 30 mountain treks across 4 continents. From breathtaking landscapes and unexpected encounters to physical challenges and rich cultural experiences, this is a journey across some of the world's most iconic peaks — all from the comfort of your seat.

 Mountain-themed refreshments served during the interval

 Free admission (donations warmly welcomed)

 No booking required

### Diary Dates

**Sat 16 May** – Faith Alive concert in St Mary's Church 5.00pm

**Mon 18 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? Please do ensure that your name is on the Electoral Roll (on the noticeboard in church)

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



St Mary's  
Church Purton

Purton  
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Purton  
Methodist Church

**Easter Day Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April 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 is risen indeed.**

**Hallelujah!**



**HAPPY EASTER**

## Church Events

Sat 4 <sup>th</sup>	8.00am	Men's breakfast at All Saints Lydiard Millicent
<b>5<sup>th</sup> April Easter Day</b>	8.00am	Communion at St Mary's with Revd Ian Tweedie-Smith
	10.00am	Light breakfast & Easter Activity for Children at St Mary's (children please bring an adult!)
	10.30am	Easter Celebration with Family Communion and Easter Egg Hunt at St Mary's Church with Revd Ian Tweedie-Smith
	10.30am	Easter Day Service at Purton Methodist Church led by Jenny Corkett
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup>		
Tues 7 <sup>th</sup>		
Wed 8 <sup>th</sup>	5.00pm	Lady Chapel Prayer Group
Thurs 9 <sup>th</sup>		
Fri 10 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Bellringing practice
Sat 11 <sup>th</sup>		
<b>12<sup>th</sup> April</b>	10.30am	Communion at St Mary's Church with Revd Ian Tweedie-Smith
	10.30am	Holy Communion Service at Purton Methodist Church led by Rev Ian Mead

**Prayer:** In April (in our cycle of prayer for those living and working in the Parish) we pray for those living and working in Dogridge, Orchard Gardens, Waterfield, Ringsbury Close, Restrop View, (*and from Ridgeway Farm*) Dewpond Close, The Farm and Moses Mead, and Quarrydene (Care Home) on Pavenhill. Methodist circuit prayers for 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 Robert Scott, Revd Trevor Day, Terence Hedges, Barbara Mills, Jennifer Dibling, Mark Wightman, Linda Sawyer and Norene Richardson.

**Bible reading for Easter Day** John 20: 1-18

### **Eco-Prayer Calendar for April 2026**

Earth day this year is on 22<sup>nd</sup> April <https://www.earthday.org/earth-day-2026/> Go to their website to find out more, including '**Why Imperfect Climate Action Is Better Than Perfect Inaction**'. What one small thing could you do this month to be more eco-friendly? There are plenty of interesting ideas on this website as a starting point, or maybe visit a local organic farm shop for inspiration?

### **Collect: Easter Day**

Lord of all life and power, who through the mighty resurrection of your Son overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him: grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, may reign with him in glory; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be praise and honour, glory and might, now and in all eternity. Amen.

### **Revision of the Church Electoral Roll - May 2026**

Please check that your name is on the current Electoral Roll. This is displayed on the noticeboard in church. If you need an application form these are also on the noticeboard. Please contact Rosie or Sandra if you need any help or further information.

*Not to be missed! -*

### **Murder Mystery Evening with PADS in St Mary's Church 'Death on the Home Front'**

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> April, 7.00pm for 7.30pm start.

Tickets £12.00 each to include a light supper + Raffle.

Please bring your own glasses and drinks.

For tickets contact Sandra 01793 770157 or Marie 07455046815

Look forward to seeing you there.....

**Readers:** 5<sup>th</sup> April Julia Knowles 12<sup>th</sup> David Nettleton

**Intercessions:** 5<sup>th</sup> April Paul Dempsey 12<sup>th</sup> Madeleine Harvey

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. [administrator@stmaryspurton.org.uk](mailto:administrator@stmaryspurton.org.uk)