

OLD MEAL - NEW MEANING

See how Jesus transformed the Passover Meal into our Holy Communion. Join us at St Mary's Church for this event where you will hear the story about the Passover meal and explore the symbolism. We will enjoy the food together and find out how Jesus transformed the Passover Meal into what is now our Holy Communion celebration. All are welcome - the event is **free** (donations towards the food are welcome).

Sunday 13th April, 6.00pm at St Mary's Church

Book a place on

Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/old-meal-new-meaning-tickets-1305765001269?aff=oddttdcreator>

or email vicarage@stmaryspurton.org.uk
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**Purton
Churches
Together**

"In partnership with
other Christians in Purton"



Purton
Methodist Church

Sunday 6th April 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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Church Events

Sunday 6th April	8.00am	Communion at St Mary's Church with Revd Ian Tweedie-Smith
	10.00am	Breakfast in St Mary's Church
	10.30am	Church for All & Messy Church with Revd Ian & Celia Tweedie-Smith at St Mary's Church
	10.30am	Service at Purton Methodist Church led by Pam Mullin
	6.00pm	Raise a Hallelujah at Purton Methodist Church
Mon 7 th	10.00am	Zoom Prayer Group Zoom ID:907644918 Passcode:918865
	2.00pm-3.30pm	Bible group at St Mary's Church (Lady Chapel) – looking at the Gospel of Mark
Tues 8 th	7.30pm	Choir practice
Wed 9 th	7.30pm	Lent Group at 8 College Road
Fri 11 th	7.30pm	Bellringing practice
	7.30pm	Lent talk at Cricklade – Lisa Potts
Sunday 13th April	10.30am	Communion at St Mary's Church with Revd Ian Tweedie-Smith – Palm Sunday
	10.30am	Own Arrangement Service for Palm Sunday at Purton Methodist Church
	12.45pm	Baptism of Poppy Haddrell at St Mary's Church with Revd Ian Tweedie-Smith
	6.00pm	Passover meal at St Mary's Church – Free, all welcome, but need to book please!
Mon 14 th	10.00am	Zoom Prayer Group Zoom ID:907644918 Passcode:918865
	11.30am /12?(tbc)	Memorial Service for the late William Moffit at St Mary's Church with Revd Moira Slack
	2.00pm	Bible group in Lady Chapel

Prayer: In our street prayer cycle for April we pray for Dogridge, Orchard Gardens, Waterfield, Ringsbury Close, Restrop View, (*and from Ridgeway Farm*) Dewpont Close, The Farm and Moses Mead; Quarrydene (Care Home) on Pavenhill. Methodist Circuit prayers 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 David Herbert, Reginald Ovens, Arthur Griffin, Jenny Burge, Ed Parker, Joyce Ball, Wendy Walker & William Moffit.

Collect: Lent 5

Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world: grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross we may triumph in the power of his victory; 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

April 22nd is 'Earth Day'. The theme for Earth Day 2025 is OUR POWER, OUR PLANET, inviting everyone around the globe to unite behind renewable energy, and to triple the global generation of clean electricity by 2030. Pray that governments and people across the world will get on board with the goal of generating clean energy.

Bible Reading Matthew 27:27-44

³⁸ Two rebels were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁹ Those who passed by hurled insults at him, shaking their heads ⁴⁰ and saying, "You who are going to destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! Come down from the cross, if you are the Son of God!" ⁴¹ In the same way the chief priests, the teachers of the law and the elders mocked him. ⁴² "He saved others," they said, "but he can't save himself! He's the king of Israel! Let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him. ⁴³ He trusts in God. Let God rescue him now if he wants him, for he said, 'I am the Son of God.'" ⁴⁴ In the same way the rebels who were crucified with him also heaped insults on him.

Christian Aid

The Christian Aid Quiz is NOW AVAILABLE! £2 each. Thank you for supporting the Jigsaw sale, our first fundraiser for Christian Aid this year. Over £329 was raised. A really good start. Libbie Sheppard.

Readers: 6th April (tbc) 13th Dave Nettleton 20th Jane Smith

Intercessions: 6th Howard Smith 13th Paul Dempsey 20th Ian & Celia
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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