

### **Christian Aid in Purton**

Having just about recovered from Christian Aid Week in May, we are amazed that Purton has super generously raised over £6,700 this year and money is still coming in. That is a phenomenal amount of money for a small village and we are so very grateful, delighted and chuffed in equal measure.

If you would like a breakdown of how the money was raised, just let us know and the details will be forwarded, just as soon as all the details have been finalised. Suffice it to say Christian Aid is so grateful to Purton that the entire team and village of Purton was nominated for a national award for 'creative fundraising' activities. One of our aims has always been to try and include everyone in the village, in one way or another, by setting up different activities for all ages. Although we didn't actually win the award, it was really lovely even to be considered – a total surprise!

Christian Aid celebrated its 80th Anniversary this year with a Service of Thanksgiving and Reflection on June 12th in Westminster Abbey. It was a very special delight for five of us from Purton who decided to attend this Service...what a treat! The building is magnificent; the speakers were inspirational; the music was glorious and 2,000 enthusiastic Christian Aid volunteers sang with gusto!

Lastly, for now, we cannot thank everyone by name who took part in fundraising activities this year, without the risk of accidentally leaving someone out. So we hope that this HUGE THANK YOU to the whole village will reach each and everyone who contributed in one way or another.

Libbie, Mary and the entire Purton Christian Aid Team

**Readers:** 6<sup>th</sup> July Jane Smith 13<sup>th</sup> Dave Nettleton

**Intercessions:** 6<sup>th</sup> Liz Martin 13<sup>th</sup> Howard Smith

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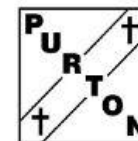
If you want to add an article into the church notices, please email Parish Administrator, Rosie Harris, by first thing Thursday mornings.  
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St Mary's  
Church Purton

## **Purton Churches Together**

"In partnership with  
other Christians in Purton"



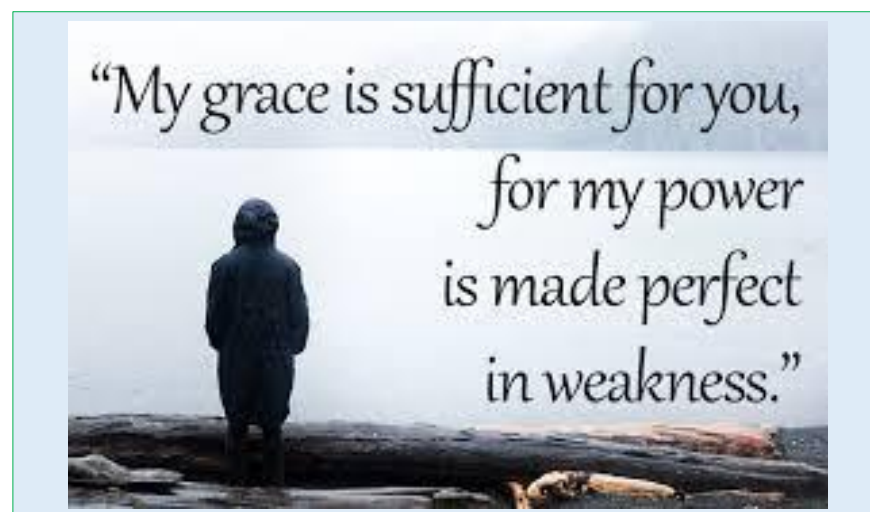
Purton  
Methodist Church

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> July 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

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## Church Events

<b>Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> July</b>	8.00am	Communion at St Mary's with Revd Sandy Railton
	10.30am	Church for All at St Mary's with Liz Martin & Richard Harris
	10.30am	Holy Communion Service at Purton Methodist Church led by Rev Shirlyn Toppin
	6.00pm	Sunday Evening Music at Purton Methodist Church
Mon 7 <sup>th</sup>	11.30am	Service of Thanksgiving for the life of the late Valerie Kay at St Mary's with Revd Sandy Railton
Tues 8 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Choir practice
Wed 9 <sup>th</sup>	5.00pm	Lady Chapel Prayer Group
Thurs 10 <sup>th</sup>		
Fri 11 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Bellringing practice
Sat 12 <sup>th</sup>		
<b>Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> July</b>	10.30am	Communion at St Mary's with Canon Michael Johnson
	10.30am	Own Arrangement Service at Purton Methodist Church

**Prayer:** In our street prayer cycle for July we pray for Hillside, Station Road, Willow Brook, Bamford Close, Shaftesbury Close, Smiths Court, Widham, Clardon, New Road, (*and from Ridgeway Farm*) Course Meadow and South View & Ashgrove House Care Home on Station Road. Methodist Circuit prayers this week are for Purton Methodist Church.

We give thanks to God for the lives of those who have recently died. We pray for the families and friends of William Moffat, Deborah Webb, Kathleen Fuller, Frances Pinhorn, Jonathan Bryan, Valerie Kay & Ian Handy.

The funeral of the late Ian Handy will be at St Mary's Church on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July at 12.30pm with Revd Sandy Railton.

## **Collect: Trinity 3**

Almighty God, you have broken the tyranny of sin and have sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts whereby we call you Father: give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service, that we and all creation may be brought to the glorious liberty of the children of God; 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.

## **Bible reading: 2 Corinthians 12: 7-10**

Therefore, in order to keep me from becoming conceited, I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me. <sup>8</sup> Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. <sup>9</sup> But he said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.' Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. <sup>10</sup> That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

## **Summer Reading – collect from church**

**A Cause Worth Living For** - David Hamilton - **4.00** (RRP 5.99)

Many of us will remember well the troubles in Northern Ireland and the determination of terrorists on both sides to force their will upon that country. One such terrorist was David Hamilton, who through a variety of times in prison discovered that Christ wanted to change his life because He had a calling for him. What follows includes some gruesome details of the methods and practices of those terrorist groups, but it also charts the ways God intervened and transformed David's life from having a cause worth dying for as a terrorist to having a cause worth living for as a Christian. At the time I remember thinking that there was no way these troubles could ever be brought to an end, and yet here is the reminder that the God we believe in is more than a match for any who would attempt to stand in His way.

**Inspired** - Simon Guillebaud - **7.00** (RRP 8.99)

Simon Guillebaud has brought together eight individuals, each of whom felt God's calling on their life. Each of whom discovered the adventure of following Christ in various different countries. They discovered the challenge of taking risks and in the process finding God's faithfulness. I was inspired as I read it and it is my prayer that you will be too.

Revd Ian Tweedie-Smith