

Reading: Hebrews 11: 1-3, 8-16

Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. ²This is what the ancients were commended for. ³By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible.

⁸By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going. ⁹By faith he made his home in the promised land like a stranger in a foreign country; he lived in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰For he was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God. ¹¹And by faith even Sarah, who was past childbearing age, was enabled to bear children because she^[b] considered him faithful who had made the promise. ¹²And so from this one man, and he as good as dead, came descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sand on the seashore.

¹³All these people were still living by faith when they died. They did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance, admitting that they were foreigners and strangers on earth. ¹⁴People who say such things show that they are looking for a country of their own. ¹⁵If they had been thinking of the country they had left, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶Instead, they were longing for a better country—a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them.

Readers: 7th August Claire Housley 14th Sandra Horsnall
Intercessions: 7th August Howard Smith 14th Libbie Sheppard
If you have anything to include in the Church Notices, contact administrator@stmaryspurton.org.uk by first thing Thursday mornings.
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St Mary's
Church Purton

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Purton
Methodist Church

7th August 2022

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, Revd Ian Tweedie-Smith on 01793 770077
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Livestreaming 10:30 service

We plan to livestream Sunday 10:30am services on our YouTube channel when possible. If you would like to view a service please use this link to our website to find the livestream link:

<https://www.stmaryspurton.org.uk/livestream1030sunday>



Church Events

Sunday 7th August	8.00am	Communion at St Mary's Church with Revd Dr John Railton
	10.30am	'Church for all' Service at St Mary's Church with Revd Judith Wells & Richard Harris
	10.30am	Service at Purton Methodist Church led by Rev Mike Dilly
Mon 8 th	10.00am	Zoom Prayer Group with bible reading & prayer. Zoom ID:907 644 918 Passcode:918865
Tues 9 th	7.30pm	Choir practice
Wed 10 th	5.00pm	'Lady Chapel' Prayer Group
	7.30pm	Music group rehearsal
Thurs 11 th		
Fri 12 th	7.30pm	Bellringing practice
Sat 13 th		
Sunday 14th August	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 Shirlyn Toppin

Prayer: In our Prayer list for August we pray for Witts Lane, Jewels Ash, Waite Meads Close, Pear Tree Close, *(and from Moulden View)* Mustang Way.

Methodist Circuit prayers this week are for Cricklade United Church.

Collect: Trinity 8

Almighty Lord and everlasting God,
we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern
both our hearts and bodies
in the ways of your laws
and the works of your commandments;
that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever,
we may be preserved in body and soul;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Sponsor forms & Sponsoring Jane Smith for the Ride and Stride

The Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust fundraising day called Ride and Stride Day is 10th September. This event is for Cyclists, Walkers and Horse Riders. Please contact Jane Smith 01793 772422 for a sponsor form. Half of the money raised goes to a church of your choice.

Jane will be taking part in this event as a walker. She will bring her Sponsor form to Church over this month in the hope you can spare a few pounds to add your sponsorship. Half of the money raised will be coming to St. Mary's Church. Many thanks. Jane Smith

