

Bible readings: Psalm 139 (for whole psalm please see Bible)

- ¹ You have searched me, Lord,
and you know me.
- ² You know when I sit and when I rise;
you perceive my thoughts from afar.
- ³ You discern my going out and my lying down;
you are familiar with all my ways.
- ⁴ Before a word is on my tongue
you, Lord, know it completely.
- ⁵ You hem me in behind and before,
and you lay your hand upon me.
- ⁶ Such knowledge is too wonderful for me,
too lofty for me to attain.
- ⁷ Where can I go from your Spirit?
Where can I flee from your presence?
- ⁸ If I go up to the heavens, you are there;
if I make my bed in the depths, you are there.
- ⁹ If I rise on the wings of the dawn,
if I settle on the far side of the sea,
- ¹⁰ even there your hand will guide me,
your right hand will hold me fast.
- ¹¹ If I say, 'Surely the darkness will hide me
and the light become night around me,'
- ¹² even the darkness will not be dark to you;
the night will shine like the day,
for darkness is as light to you.

Readers: 7th Sept Sandra Horsnall 14th David Martin

Intercessions: 7th Sept Val Walker 14th Jane Smith

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.

administrator@stmaryspurton.org.uk

Other advance notices

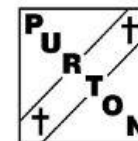
- Fellowship of Women – next meeting Monday 15th September
- Please see our separate posters:
- Foodbank list for Harvest
 - 'Come and Sing' Day - Handel's Messiah – on December 6th at St Mary's



St Mary's
Church Purton

Purton
Churches
Together

"In partnership with
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Purton
Methodist Church

Sunday 7th September 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 Methodist Minister, Rev Shirlyn Toppin on 01793 853197
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- If you have any Church Safeguarding concern:
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Email: administrator@stmaryspurton.org.uk

Prayer for 7th September:

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than either we desire or deserve: pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask but through the merits and mediation of 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.



Church Events

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| Sunday 7th September | 8.00am | Communion at St Mary's with Revd Ian & Celia Tweedie-Smith |
| | 10.30am | Church for All at St Mary's with Revd Ian & Celia Tweedie-Smith |
| | 10.30am | Holy Communion Service at Purton Methodist Church led by Rev Shirlyn Toppin |
| Mon 8 th | 10.00am | Zoom Prayer Group Zoom ID: 907644918 Passcode:918865 Join Zoom Meeting https://us06web.zoom.us/j/907644918 |
| | 3.30pm | Communion at Ashgrove House with Paul & Marie Dempsey |
| Tues 9 th | 7.30pm | Music group rehearsal (venue tbc) |
| Wed 10 th | 5.00pm | Lady Chapel Prayer Group |
| Thurs 11 th | | |
| Fri 12 th | 7.30pm | Bellringing practice |
| Sat 13 th | 9.00am-4.00pm | St Mary's Church open for the 'Ride and Stride' event |
| Sunday 14th September | 10.30am | Communion at St Mary's with Revd Ian Tweedie-Smith |
| | 10.30am | Service at Purton Methodist Church led by Eric Hewitt |
| | 1.00pm 2.00pm | Baptism of Oliva Potheary at St Mary's Baptism of Winifred Harris at St Mary's – both with Revd Ian Tweedie-Smith |

Prayer: In our street prayer cycle for September, we pray for Jubilee Estate, Vasterne Close, Hoggs Lane, Vasterne Hill, (*and from Moulden View*) Caspian Close and Pinto Close; Cotswolds Rise Care Home on Ridgeway Farm.

Methodist Circuit prayers this week are for Royal Wootton Bassett Methodist Church.

We give thanks to God for the lives of those who have recently died. We pray for the families and friends of Valerie Kay, Ian Handy, Dave Taperek, Jean Hibbard, Ron Scott, Roderick Wightman, Ken Cox and Nigel May.

Birthday Lunch Invitation

As some of you will know, Mary Wooding turns 80 on the 21st September. She would like to invite you to a Bring & Share lunch starting at 12.30 on her birthday in St Mary's church, Purton after the 10.30 service. She says that she would love a card to mark the occasion but does not want any presents. If you insist on giving something, then she would appreciate a small contribution to her next trip to visit family in New Zealand. Please would you RSVP to Mary Nettleton on marynettleton@hotmail.co.uk or 01793 772298 so we know how many plates/glasses/drinks we need to get organised. PS this is not a surprise party! She knows all about it. PPS You are welcome to bring partners.

St Mary's Church Maintenance and Cleaning Day Saturday 27th September 9:30 - 16:30

Yes another one! Our lovely Grade 1 listed building, needs continuing attention. Many jobs to be done ranging from cleaning gutters and gullies, to cobweb removal. **Please save the date and come for whatever time you can spare.** A snack lunch will be provided. So tools and materials can be resourced in time, please sign sheet in Church or contact Howard Smith on 01793 771493 before 15th September. Thank you.

Ride and Stride Saturday 13th September 2025

Raising money for the Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust. Half of any money collected goes to the Trust and the other half goes to a church of your choice in this county. Please contact me if you want a sponsor form on **772422** or janersmith1@gmail.com
I am looking for **volunteers to welcome** cyclists/walkers/horse riders to St Mary's Church between 10am and 5pm and give them refreshments. If you could spare an hour please let me know. Jane Smith

Ride and Stride

I will be "Striding" in this year's Ride and Stride on 13th September and I'm looking for sponsors. The donations raised will be split 50/50 between St Mary's and the Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust. Thanks, Paul Dempsey.

