Bible Reading – Acts 2: 1-13

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. ² Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. ³ They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. ⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

⁵ Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. ⁶ When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. ⁷ Utterly amazed, they asked: 'Aren't all these who are speaking Galileans? ⁸ Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? ⁹ Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome ¹¹ (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs – we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!' ¹² Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, 'What does this mean?' ¹³ Some, however, made fun of them and said, 'They have had too much wine.'

John 14: 12-17

¹² Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³ And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.

¹⁵ 'If you love me, keep my commands. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you for ever - ¹⁷ the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you.



Sunday 8th June 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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Why is healing possible?

St Mary's Church Healing Series with Revd Ian Tweedie-Smith

Church Events

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Sunday 8 th June	10.30am	Communion at St Mary's with Revd Ian Tweedie-Smith
oune	10.30am	Holy Communion Service at Purton Methodist Church led by Rev Shirlyn Toppin
Mon 9 th	10.00am	Zoom Prayer Group
		Zoom ID:907644918 Passcode:918865
	3.30pm	Communion at Ashgrove Nursing Home with
		Paul & Marie Dempsey
	7.30pm	PCC meeting at the vicarage
Tues 10 th	7.30pm	Music group rehearsal (venue tbc)
Wed 11 th	5.00pm	Lady Chapel Prayer Group
Fri 13 th	11.30am	Funeral of the late Kathleen Fuller with Revd
		Shirly Danby
	7.30pm	Bellringing practice
Sunday	8.00am	Communion at St Mary's with Revd John
15 th June		Martin
	10.30am	Church for All at St Mary's with Liz & David
		Martin
	10.30am	Service at Purton Methodist Church led by
		Joseph Musungo

Prayer: In our street prayer cycle for June we pray for Purton Stoke, Bentham, Hayes Knoll, Braydon, Cross Lanes, *(and from Ridgeway Farm)* Hill View, Newman's View, Upper Oxhill and White Lodge Care Home on Braydon Road.Methodist Circuit prayers this week are for Methodist Upper Thames Circuit.

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. The <u>funeral</u> for the late Frances Pinhorn will be at St Mary's Church on Tuesday 24th June at 11.30am with Canon Michael Johnson.

<u>Collect</u>: Pentecost

God, who as at this time taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement in all things and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Eco-Prayer

Give thanks for our natural environment on which we rely for survival. Bring before God the loss of ecosystems, forests and habitats and endangered species. Learn about and pray for the 'Great Big Green Week' on 7th - 15th June 2025: "The UK's biggest ever celebration of community action to tackle climate change and protect nature." <u>https://greatbiggreenweek.com/</u>

Christian Aid

Thank you again to everyone who has taken part in Christian Aid Week activities, in one way or another. We are so grateful. So far, we have raised over £5,350, which is phenomenal. Many people have used GiveStar for their donations which is great as we don't have to deal with the cash or the envelopes. But you know us...we are happy to receive money for Christian Aid any way it arrives! Thank you all again for supporting in so many different ways. Libbie, Mary H and the Purton Christian Aid Team

St Mary's Church – Healing Series

We regularly pray for people who are unwell. But what should we expect when we pray? What does God say in the Bible on the subject? We are going to do a short series in June culminating in an healing service on 29th June within an informal communion service.

Why is healing needed? 1st June Why is healing possible? 8th June Who is healed and when? 22nd June Praying for healing today 29th June

(Followed by bring & share lunch possibly with a BBQ) If you are away for any of the Sundays, hopefully it will be possible to watch online on our YouTube channel. For more information, please speak with the Vicar.

<u>Readers:</u> 8th Brian Gill 15th Christine Gill 22nd David Martin <u>Intercessions:</u> 8th David Martin 15th Val Walker 22nd David Nettleton St Mary's Church website is: <u>www.stmaryspurton.org.uk</u> 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