

Bible Reading: Mark 5: 38-43

³⁸ When they came to the home of the synagogue leader, Jesus saw a commotion, with people crying and wailing loudly. ³⁹ He went in and said to them, 'Why all this commotion and wailing? The child is not dead but asleep.' ⁴⁰ But they laughed at him.

After he put them all out, he took the child's father and mother and the disciples who were with him and went in where the child was. ⁴¹ He took her by the hand and said to her, '*Talitha koum!*' (which means 'Little girl, I say to you, get up!'). ⁴² Immediately the girl stood up and began to walk around (she was twelve years old). At this they were completely astonished. ⁴³ He gave strict orders not to let anyone know about this and told them to give her something to eat.

Upcoming Events

Sat 21 March from 9.30am - Spring Cleaning and Maintenance Day at St Mary's Church. Please save the date

Sat 18 April - Murder Mystery Evening with PADS in St Mary's Church at 7.00pm - Murder on the Home Front.

Sat 16 May – Faith Alive concert in St Mary's Church 5.00pm

Mon 18 May - Annual Parochial Church Meeting in St Mary's Church at 7.00pm. Are you willing to help with the running of the Church this year? Please do ensure that your name is on the Electoral Roll (on the noticeboard in church)

Sat 11 July – Sing 4/4 Concert in St Mary's Church 7.00pm

Passion Play by Rise Theatre.

Wednesday 18th March 7.30pm

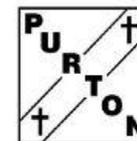
Don't miss this amazing event - Citifaith Church in Regent Street. Doors open at 7pm. Under 14s to be accompanied by a parent, guardian or Youth Leader. Tickets can be bought online from www.ticketsource.co.uk/risetheatre - concessions are available. To watch a trailer for the play, follow this link [Reading Passion Play 2025 - RISE Theatre](#)



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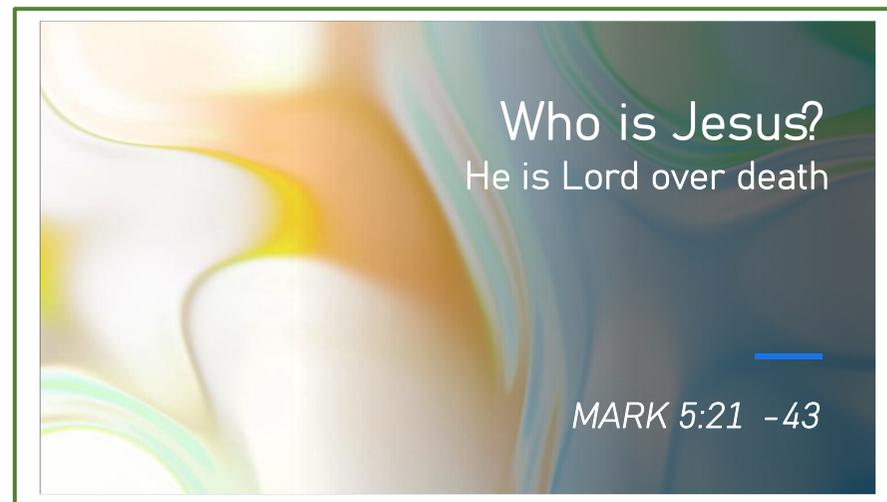
Purton
Methodist Church

Sunday 8th March 2026

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 8th March	10.30am	Communion at St Mary's with Revd Ian Tweedie-Smith
	10.30am	Holy Communion Service at Purton Methodist Church led by Rev Shirlyn Toppin
	4.00pm	Messy Church at St Mary's
Mon 9 th	10.00am	Zoom Prayer Group Zoom ID: 907644918 Passcode:918865 https://us06web.zoom.us/j/907644918
	1.45pm	Bible group at Pear Tree Close – The Gospel of John
	3.00pm	Communion at Ashgrove House with Paul & Marie Dempsey
Tues 10 th	12 noon	Funeral of the late Terence Hedges at St Mary's with Revd Sandy Railton
Wed 11 th	12 noon	Lent Lunches at Purton Methodist Church
	2.00pm	Funeral of the late Barbara Mills at St Mary's with Revd Judith Wells
	7.30pm	Lent group at Ringsbury Close
Thurs 12 th	7.30pm	Lent Group at College Road
Fri 13 th	7.30pm	Bellringing practice
Sat 14 th	10.00-11.30am	Visiting bellringers ringing a quarter peal at St Mary's
	10.00am-2pm	Christian Aid Conference to be live-streamed at Purton Methodist Church
Sunday 15th March	8.00am	Communion at St Mary's with Revd Ian Tweedie-Smith
	10.30am	Mothering Sunday 'Church for All' United Parade Service at St Mary's with Lay Readers David & Liz Martin

Prayer: In March (in our cycle of prayer for those living and working in the Parish) we pray for those living and working in Restrop View, Restrop Road, Battlewell, Bagbury Lane, (*and from Ridgeway Farm*) Quarry Field, Lower Mill, Mill View & Cotswolds Rise Care Home on Ridgeway Farm. 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 Jean Bamford, Reg Richardson, Marjorie Sansum, Derek Skuse, Robert Scott, Revd Trevor Day, Terence Hedges, Barbara Mills, Jennifer Dibling and Mark Wightman. The funeral service for the late Jennifer Dibling will take place at St Mary's on Monday 23rd March at 2.00pm.

Eco-Prayer Calendar for March 2026

Give thanks to God for the gift of water which sustains all life. Pray for those who do not have access to clean water and communities who are facing drought or floods due to climate change.

Collect: Lent 3

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; 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.

Christian Aid Conference: Live streamed.

On Saturday March 14 there will be the annual Christian Aid Conference, live streamed in Purton. We are very grateful that The Methodist Church has agreed, once again, to welcome us at the Methodist Church from 10.30 – 2pm. Coffee will be served from 10am; and soup/bread and cake/coffee will be served after the Conference. Please do let us know if you are interested in joining us. Libbie 771018 and Mary 770505

Readers: 8th Brian Gill 15th Christine Gill

Intercessions: 8th Howard Smith 15th Celia Tweedie-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. **administrator@stmaryspurton.org.uk**