

Romans 8: 26-39

²⁶ In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans. ²⁷ And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God's people in accordance with the will of God.

²⁸ And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. ²⁹ For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. ³⁰ And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified.

More than conquerors

³¹ What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³² He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all – how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? ³³ Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. ³⁴ Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus who died – more than that, who was raised to life – is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. ³⁵ Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? ³⁶ As it is written:

'For your sake we face death all day long;
we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.'

³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, ³⁹ neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

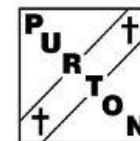
Other reading: Matthew 13: 31-33, 44-52



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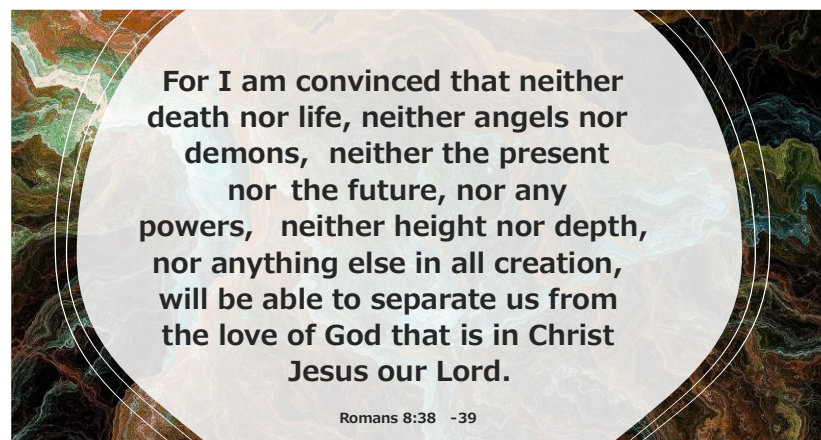
Purton
Methodist Church

Sunday 26th July 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

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Church Events

Sunday 26th July	10.30am	Communion at St Mary's with Revd Sandy Railton
	10.30am	Service at Purton Methodist Church led by Mark Dowling
Mon 27 th	1.45pm	Bible group (Pear Tree Close)
Tues 28 th	7.30pm	Music group rehearsal
Wed 29 th	5.00pm	Lady Chapel Prayer Group
Thurs 30 th	7.00pm	PCC meeting at the vicarage
Fri 31 st	7.30pm	Bellringing practice
Sat 1 st	8.00am	Men's Breakfast at All Saints Lydiard Millicent
Sunday 2nd August	8.00am	Communion at St Mary's with Revd Ian Tweedie-Smith
	10.30am	Church for All at St Mary's with Revd Ian Tweedie-Smith
	10.30am	Service at Purton Methodist Church led by Jenny Corkett

Prayer: In July (in our cycle of prayer for those living and working in the Parish) we pray for those living and working in Hillside, Station Road, Willowbrook, Bamford Close, Shaftesbury Court, Smiths Court, Widham, Clardon, New Road, (*and from Ridgeway Farm*) Course Meadow and South View; and Ashgrove House Care Home on Station Road.
Methodist circuit prayers for this week are for Highworth Methodist Church.

We give thanks to God for the lives of those who have recently died. We pray for the families and friends of Martin Gem, Ron Townsend & Hazel Beckett.

Eco-Prayer Calendar for July 2026

Thank God for the beauty of the earth, for the great variety of plants, birds and wildlife which enriches our lives. Pray for those who do not have access to green space; for our government, councils, industries and house-building companies to recognise the importance of working in harmony with the environment.

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.

Flowers in Church

Thank you so much to all the gardeners who have given us flowers, recently, for use in St Mary's. It is appreciated and it makes the Church look even more special. We are so grateful.
Thank you

Diary Dates

Sun 27th September – Harvest Festival Parade Service 10.30am at St Mary's

Sat 3rd October – Harvest Supper & Barn Dance 6.00pm

Sat 10th October 'Come and Sing' Day at St Mary's Church – Handel's Messiah

Readers: 26th David Martin 2nd Aug Jessie Palmer-Day

Intercessions: 26th David Nettleton 2nd Aug Sandra Horsnall
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