

Go plastic free for nature this week and for the rest of July!

As you know St Mary's Church is working towards becoming an eco-church

Plastic packaging has a huge impact on nature and people. It is estimated that plastic kills 1 million seabirds and 100,000 sea mammals, turtles and fish. Not only is plastic toxic for wildlife, but animals can become trapped and injured by plastic and it is disruptive to precious habitats leading to depletions in populations. Up to a million people a year die because of diseases caused by plastic pollution and waste. That's one person every 30 seconds. So, why not join millions of people pledging to reduce their plastic waste this July? You can sign up to avoid single-use plastic packaging or go completely "plastic free" and when you sign up you will receive weekly emails over the month to keep you motivated with tips, tricks and stories. Find out more at plasticfreejuly.org and let us know if you're planning to take part in the challenge at uk@arocha.org.

Psalm 24

¹ The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it; ² for he founded it on the seas and established it on the waters. ³ Who may ascend the mountain of the LORD? Who may stand in his holy place? ⁴ The one who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not trust in an idol or swear by a false god. ⁵ They will receive blessing from the LORD and vindication from God their Saviour. ⁶ Such is the generation of those who seek him, who seek your face, God of Jacob. ⁷ Lift up your heads, you gates; be lifted up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. ⁸ Who is this King of glory? The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle. ⁹ Lift up your heads, you gates; lift them up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. ¹⁰ Who is he, this King of glory? The LORD Almighty – he is the King of glory.

Readers: 14th Libbie Sheppard 21st Jean Belt 28th Jane Smith

Intercessions: 14th Sandra Horsnall 21st Liz Martin 28th Howard Smith

St Mary's Church website is: www.stmaryspurton.org.uk

During June: If you have anything to include in the church notices, contact Revd Ian Tweedie-Smith or Sandra Horsnall.



St Mary's
Church Purton

Purton
Churches
Together

"In partnership with
other Christians in Purton"



Purton
Methodist Church

Sunday 14th July 2024

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 14th July	10.30am	Communion at St Mary's Church with Rev Judith Wells and Richard Harris
	10.30am	Holy Communion Service at Purton Methodist Church led by Rev Shirlyn Toppin
	2.30pm	Baptism of Reuben Hartin with Rev Judith Wells
Mon 15 th	10.00am	Zoom Prayer Group Zoom ID:907644918 Passcode:918865
	2.00pm	St Mary's Women's Fellowship meeting at Purton Methodist Church
Tues 16 th	7.30pm	Music group rehearsal (at Liz & David Martin's)
Wed 17 th	5.00pm	Prayer Group – Lady Chapel
Thurs 18 th		
Fri 19 th	7.30pm	Bellringing practice
Sat 20 th		
Sunday 21st July	8.00am	Communion at St Mary's Church with Rev Ian Tweedie-Smith
	10.30am	Church for All at St Mary's Church with Rev Ian Tweedie-Smith
	10.30am	Service at Purton Methodist Church led by Rev Joseph Ribeiro

Prayer: In our street prayer cycle for July, we pray for Hillside, Station Road, Willow Brook, Bamford Close, Shaftesbury Close, Smiths Court, Widham, Clardon, New Road, (*and from Ridgeway Farm*) Course Meadow, South View and Ashgrove House Care Home on Station Road. Methodist Circuit prayers this week are for Purton Methodist Church.

We give thanks to God for the lives of those who have recently died. We pray for the family of Eric Spencer, Maureen, Pat Suddaby and Eileen Chamberlain.

Baptism: Please pray for Reuben Hartin and his family and godparents.

Eco-Prayer Calendar for July

Thank God for the beauty of the earth, particularly for the amazing variety of trees, plants and flowers and the colour they bring to our lives. Bring before God the decline of insects and bees. <https://friendsoftheearth.uk/>

Collect: Trinity 7

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same; 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.

Reading: Mark 6: 14-29

¹⁴ King Herod heard about this, for Jesus' name had become well known. Some were saying, 'John the Baptist has been raised from the dead, and that is why miraculous powers are at work in him.' ¹⁵ Others said, 'He is Elijah.' And still others claimed, 'He is a prophet, like one of the prophets of long ago.' ¹⁶ But when Herod heard this, he said, 'John, whom I beheaded, has been raised from the dead!' ¹⁷ For Herod himself had given orders to have John arrested, and he had him bound and put in prison. He did this because of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, whom he had married. ¹⁸ For John had been saying to Herod, 'It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife.' ¹⁹ So Herodias nursed a grudge against John and wanted to kill him. But she was not able to, ²⁰ because Herod feared John and protected him, knowing him to be a righteous and holy man. When Herod heard John, he was greatly puzzled; yet he liked to listen to him.

²¹ Finally the opportune time came. On his birthday Herod gave a banquet for his high officials and military commanders and the leading men of Galilee. ²² When the daughter of Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his dinner guests. The king said to the girl, 'Ask me for anything you want, and I'll give it to you.' ²³ And he promised her with an oath, 'Whatever you ask I will give you, up to half my kingdom.' ²⁴ She went out and said to her mother, 'What shall I ask for?' 'The head of John the Baptist,' she answered. ²⁵ At once the girl hurried in to the king with the request: 'I want you to give me right now the head of John the Baptist on a dish.' ²⁶ The king was greatly distressed, but because of his oaths and his dinner guests, he did not want to refuse her. ²⁷ So he immediately sent an executioner with orders to bring John's head. The man went, beheaded John in the prison, ²⁸ and brought back his head on a dish. He presented it to the girl, and she gave it to her mother. ²⁹ On hearing of this, John's disciples came and took his body and laid it in a tomb.

