

Summer Reading – collect from church

A Cause Worth Living For - David Hamilton - 4.00 (RRP 5.99)

Many of us will remember well the troubles in Northern Ireland and the determination of terrorists on both sides to force their will upon upon that country. One such terrorist was David Hamilton, who through a variety of times in prison discovered that Christ wanted to change his life because He had a calling for him. What follows includes some gruesome details of the methods and practices of those terrorist groups, but it also charts the ways God intervened and transformed David's life from having a cause worth dying for as a terrorist to having a cause worth living for as a Christian. At the time I remember thinking that there was no way these troubles could ever be brought to an end, and yet here is the reminder that the God we believe in is more than a match for any who would attempt to stand in His way.

Inspired - Simon Guillebaud - 7.00 (RRP 8.99)

Simon Guillebaud has brought together eight individuals, each of whom felt God's calling on their life. Each of whom discovered the adventure of following Christ in various different countries. They discovered the challenge of taking risks and in the process finding God's faithfulness. I was inspired as I read it and it is my prayer that you will be too. Revd Ian Tweedie-Smith

Men's Breakfast

**Saturday 6th September at 8.00am
In All Saints Church, Lydiard Millicent**

Men from both Lydiard Millicent and St Mary's Purton are invited. It will include a bible study by Peter Rogers, a Lay Minister from Shaw Church.

Purton PCC is seeking to appoint a Growing Faith Chaplain to work across the parishes of Purton, and Northwest Swindon and Lydiard Millicent, with time spent in local schools, 4 primary and a secondary. The Chaplain will also support children and families work of St Mary's and All Saints Churches.

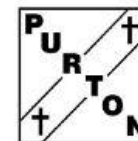
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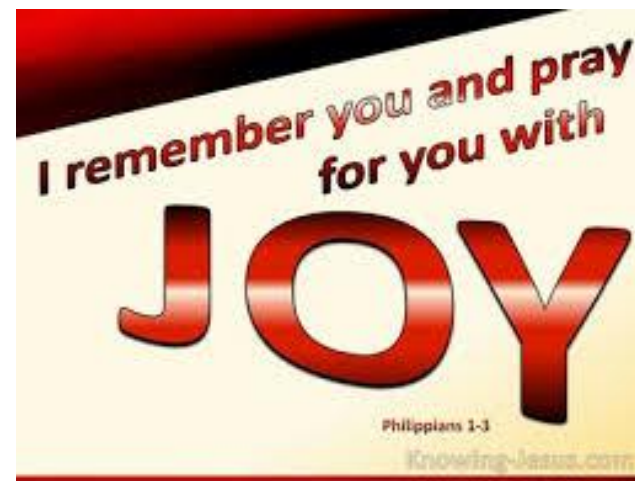
Purton
Methodist Church

Sunday 27th July 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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Church Events

Sunday 27th July	10.30am 10.30am	No service at St Mary's United Service with PEG AGM at Purton Methodist Church led by Revd Ian Tweedie-Smith
Mon 28 th	10.00am 7.00pm	Zoom Prayer Group Zoom ID:907644918 Passcode:918865 PCC Meeting at the vicarage (please note new time of 7.00pm)
Tues 29 th	10.00am	Rehearsal for Blessing of Marriage at St Mary's with Revd Lydia Morey
Wed 30 th	2.00pm 5.00pm	Blessing of Marriage at St Mary's with Revd Lydia Morey Lady Chapel Prayer Group
Thurs 31 st		
Fri 1 st	7.30pm	Bellringing practice
Sat 2 nd		
Sunday 3rd August	8.00am 10.30am 10.30am 6.00pm	Holy Communion at St Mary's with Revd Ian Tweedie-Smith Family Holy Communion at St Mary's with Revd Ian Tweedie-Smith Service at Purton Methodist Church led by Jenny Corkett Sunday Evening Music at Purton Methodist Church

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 and South View & Ashgrove House Care Home on Station Road.

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 William Moffat, Deborah Webb, Kathleen Fuller, Frances Pinhorn, Jonathan Bryan, Valerie Kay & Ian Handy.

Collect: Trinity 6

Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as pass our understanding: pour into our hearts such love toward you that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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.

Bible Reading Philippians 1:3-8

3 I thank my God every time I remember you. **4** In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy **5** because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, **6** being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

7 It is right for me to feel this way about all of you, since I have you in my heart and, whether I am in chains or defending and confirming the gospel, all of you share in God's grace with me. **8** God can testify how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus.

Readers: 3rd Aug: Howard Smith

Intercessions: 27th Jane Smith 3rd Aug: Libbie Sheppard

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