

Church Maintenance Day

17th October 9.30am-4.30pm

Our lovely Grade 1 listed building needs continuing attention. Many jobs to be done ranging from cleaning gutters and gullies to cobweb removal. **Please come for whatever time you can spare.** Contact Howard Smith on 01793 771493 for more information.

Any donations of food or cakes for the 'workers' will be gratefully received!

Stars!

We are hoping to fill the Church with home-made stars during Advent! We do hope YOU will take part and add some stars of your own.

You can make some in memory of someone: you can paint and decorate them: They can be made of paper, or fabric, wood or whatever you like. We have some being made from clay, by youngsters at Messy Church. Others are being knitted or sewn. We're experimenting with paper folded stars and searching out poems! The younger children at Purton School are even doing a 'Star Trail' around the church!

Can you get involved? Can you help by making some stars? The only rule is please *no glitter!*

Please contact Libbie 771018 or Jane 772422 to know more.

Christmas Market in St Mary's Church

Saturday 28th November 2026 from 11.00am - 2.30pm

I will send further details next week, asking for help with stalls etc.

In the meantime, here is an appeal to please begin to collect donations of items for the tombola / Christmas hamper / raffle! Thank you.

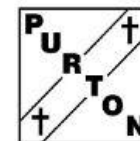
For further information please speak to Sandra Horsnall.



St Mary's
Church Purton

**Purton
Churches
Together**

"In partnership with
other Christians in Purton"



Purton
Methodist Church

Sunday 11th October 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

- Vicar, Rev Ian Tweedie-Smith on 01793 770077
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- The Methodist Minister, Rev Tony Brookes on 01793 853197
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- If you have any Church Safeguarding concern:
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- For general enquiries: Parish Administrator Rosie Harris
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Email: administrator@stmaryspurton.org.uk

**STAND FIRM IN
THE LORD!
PHILIPPIANS 4:1**



Church Events

Sunday 11th October	10.30am	Communion at St Mary's with Revd Ian Tweedie-Smith
	10.30am	Holy Communion Service at Purton Methodist Church led by Rev Tony Brookes
	4.00pm	Messy Church at St Mary's Church
Mon 12 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 Book of John
	3.00pm	Communion at Ashgrove House
Tues 13 th	7.30pm	Music group rehearsal in church (tbc)
Wed 14 th	4.30pm	Memorial Service for the late Claire Housley at St Mary's with Revd Judith Wells
Thurs 15 th	2.00pm-5.00pm	Belfry inspection by bellhanger at St Mary's
Fri 16 th	7.30pm	Bellringing practice
Sat 17 th	9.30am-4.30pm	Church Maintenance Day at St Mary's – please speak to Howard for information
Sunday 18th October	8.00am	Communion at St Mary's
	10.30am	Church for All at St Mary's with Canon Chris Dobson
	10.30am	Own Arrangement Service at Purton Methodist Church

Prayer: In October (cycle of prayer for those living and working in the Parish) we pray for those living and working in Witfield Close, Glevum Close, The Common, Locks Lane, (*and from Moulden View*) Bretton Close and Bashkir Close, and Quarrydene (Care Home) on Pavenhill. Methodist circuit prayers for this week are Royal Wootton Bassett Methodist Church.

We give thanks to God for the lives of those who have recently died. We pray for the families and friends of Kevin Wicks, Ann Telling, Nigel Hopgood, Claire Housley and Sally-Ann Duguid.

A Memorial Service will be held at St Mary's on Wednesday 14th October at 4.30pm for the late Claire Housley, with Revd Judith Wells.

Permission has been granted from Rowie to park behind the farm shop if you are able to walk to the church from there.

Eco-Prayer Calendar for October

Give thanks to God for his provision of the harvest. Pray for farmers and the challenges they face because of climate change and world events out of their control. Please also pray for 'Africa Naturally' in Mozambique (a charity supported by St Mary's).

Collect: Trinity 19

O God, forasmuch as without you we are not able to please you; mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; 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 3:15 – 4:1

¹⁵ All of us, then, who are mature should take such a view of things. And if on some point you think differently, that too God will make clear to you. ¹⁶ Only let us live up to what we have already attained. ¹⁷ Join together in following my example, brothers and sisters, and just as you have us as a model, keep your eyes on those who live as we do. ¹⁸ For, as I have often told you before and now tell you again even with tears, many live as enemies of the cross of Christ. ¹⁹ Their destiny is destruction, their god is their stomach, and their glory is in their shame. Their mind is set on earthly things. ²⁰ But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Saviour from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹ who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, you whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, dear friends!

Readers: 11th Godfrey Fowler 18th Brian Gill

Intercessions: 11th David Nettleton 18th Jane 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.
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