

Bible Reading Matthew 28:1-10

Jesus has risen

28 After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb. **2** There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it. **3** His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. **4** The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men.

5 The angel said to the women, 'Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. **6** He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. **7** Then go quickly and tell his disciples: "He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him." Now I have told you.'

8 So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples. **9** Suddenly Jesus met them. 'Greetings,' he said. They came to him, clasped his feet and worshipped him. **10** Then Jesus said to them, 'Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.'

Christian Aid 'BonaFide Bargains'

We are having a sale of Bargains during Christian Aid Week, May 13-16 at Pips café. The hope is to sell at least 80 items during the week, as Christian Aid is 80 years old this year.

If, by any chance, you have any items, still in their wrappers or boxes, that you do not need, want or use, please contact Libbie 771018. For example we have been given some crockery, bedding, jigsaws etc.



St Mary's
Church Purton

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Purton
Methodist Church

Sunday 20th April 2025 Easter Day 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

Easter Day 20th April	8.00am	Communion at St Mary's with Revd Ian Tweedie-Smith
	10.30am	Easter Celebration with Family Communion at St Mary's with Revd Ian Tweedie-Smith
	10.30am	Easter Day Holy Communion Service at Purton Methodist Church led by Rev Mark Barrett
Mon 21 st		
Tues 22 nd	7.30pm	Choir practice
Wed 23 rd	5.00pm	Lady Chapel Prayer Group
Thurs 24 th		
Fri 25 th	7.30pm	Bellringing practice
Sat 26 th		
Sunday 27th April	10.30am	Communion at St Mary's with Canon Michael Johnson
	10.30am	Service at Purton Methodist Church led by Rev Joseph Ribeiro
	11.45am	Wedding rehearsal at St Mary's

Prayer: In our street prayer cycle for April we pray for Dogridge, Orchard Gardens, Waterfield, Ringsbury Close, Restrop View, (*and from Ridgeway Farm*) Dewpont Close, The Farm and Moses Mead; Quarrydene (Care Home) on Pavenhill. Methodist Circuit prayers this week are for MHA Fitzwarren House and Court.

We give thanks to God for the lives of those who have recently died. We pray for the families and friends of Reginald Ovens, Arthur Griffin, Jenny Burge, Ed Parker, Joyce Ball, Wendy Walker & William Moffat.

Collect: Easter Day

Lord of all life and power, who through the mighty resurrection of your Son overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him: grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, may reign with him in glory; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be praise and honour, glory and might, now and in all eternity. Amen.

Mon 19th May 2025 - **Annual Parochial Church Meeting** in St Mary's Church at 7.30pm

Eco-Prayer

April 22nd is 'Earth Day'. The theme for Earth Day 2025 is OUR POWER, OUR PLANET, inviting everyone around the globe to unite behind renewable energy, and to triple the global generation of clean electricity by 2030. Pray that governments and people across the world will get on board with the goal of generating clean energy.

Easter Flowers

If anyone would like to help with Easter flowers we would be delighted. Help can come in different ways...

- a) money for us to buy flowers on your behalf:
- b) a gift of flowers from your garden which you or we can use in the Easter vases
- c) a gift of shop bought flowers, which you can arrange yourself or give to us to arrange for you.

All contributions most gratefully received, and thanks to those who have already supported us by offering flowers or donations. We are extremely grateful to you, for supporting us in our efforts of enhancing the beauty of St Mary's even more at this time of year.

Libbie: 771018 and Jane: 772422

The Quiz is on sale now...and you have until May 9 to get it done!...so, plenty of time. £2 only.

Christian Aid Week

Please note that this year we shall be having the Christian Aid Week Breakfast and Service in St Mary's Church. It will be on Sunday May 11th and we shall be looking for help with preparing the Breakfast from 8.30 ready for 9am; and then clearing up so we are ready to start the service at 10.30. So please book to have your Breakfast in Church with us. It will cost a suggested minimum donation of £6.

Offers of help with cooking bacon for the butties, providing jams for the croissants, cooking porridge or even providing a packet of Cornflakes will all be most gladly welcomed. Libbie: 771018 and Mary H :770505

Readers: 20th Jane Smith 27th Libbie Sheppard

Intercessions: 20th Revd Ian & Celia Tweedie-Smith 27th Liz Martin

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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

