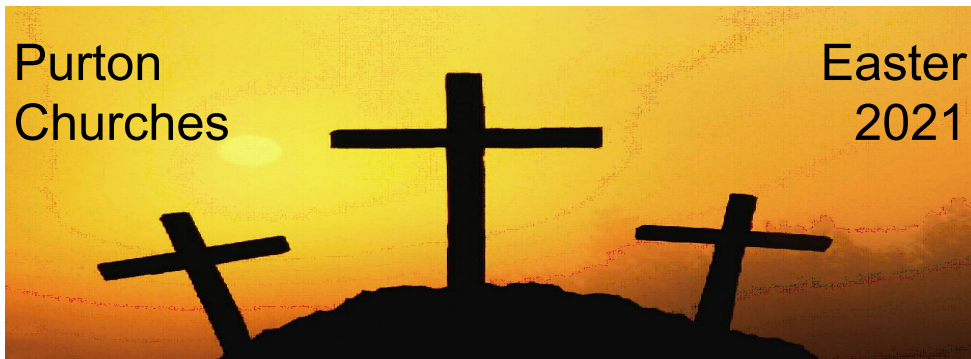


Purton  
Churches

Easter  
2021



St Mary's Church - Church End SN5 4EB — Methodist Church - Play Close SN5 4DP

**Maundy Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021**

7.30pm An Act of Celebration of Holy Communion Live on Zoom  
<https://zoom.us/j/549593510> Passcode 928294

**Good Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> April**

(Any time) Guided Walk round Purton (when exercising)  
Collect a Guide from outside St Mary's Church or  
from the Coop or One Stop or download from the website (overleaf)

**Good Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> April**

2.00pm Hour at the Cross  
A time to reflect on what Christ did for us -  
with Bible Readings, Prayer, Music and Quiet  
Live on Zoom <https://zoom.us/j/549593510> Passcode 928294

**Alleluia** **Christ is risen!**

**Easter Day - Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> April**  
10.30am Easter United Family  
Act of Celebration of Communion  
Live on Zoom <https://zoom.us/j/549593510>  
Passcode 928294

For Methodist Circuit Services see  
[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCYZpw6oX\\_1ef-68tycPGT3Q](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCYZpw6oX_1ef-68tycPGT3Q)

If you or any of your family or friends need our prayers please contact:

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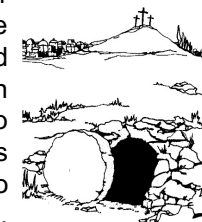
or Revd Judith Wells 01793 770627 for St Mary's Church.

Or Revd David Perkins 01793 853197 for Purton Methodist Church

**A very Happy Easter to everyone from Purton Churches**

We live on an internet connected world and anyone, anywhere has the potential to take centre stage. We receive messages from people we have never heard of and we are prompted to make celebrities of people we will never wish to meet. So how are we to determine who our role models are going to be? Young people especially, are being bombarded with potential candidates for allegiance. So who are the people whose lives and values we would want ourselves, or our families to imitate? The publicity machines offer up so many potential candidates for allegiance it's hard to choose. We do need to use discernment as John puts it in his third letter (verse 11) "... **Do not imitate what is bad, but imitate what is good.**" At the end of the day, for the Christian, we know that there is only one role model, one example upon which to model our lives .... **imitate me** says Paul in 1 Corinthians (chapter 11 verse 1) but only as I "**IMITATE CHRIST**".

Why imitate Jesus Christ? For me that question is answered by Easter. For the best role model, choose a man who left everything to walk where you walk. Who, would give up his life so that you could live yours in a better way. Who has all the power imaginable at his disposal and chose not to use it for himself so that in weakness and suffering you could know that he understands what you go through. Imitate a man who is beyond all earthly kings yet has stooped to call you his friend. A man who is so accepting of you, that with him, you don't have to pretend to be anyone else. At the end of the day, Easter is God's moment to show you that in His Son, Jesus, God is willing to go to extraordinary lengths to help you love the you that He loves. Now that's a life, that's a man I would want to follow.



Take Care, Happy Easter and God Bless - Revd David Perkins (Methodist Minister)

**The services overleaf are our special Easter Services**  
**Our reduced Sunday pattern during Covid is as follows:**

**With St Mary's Church - All on Zoom**

<https://zoom.us/j/549593510> Passcode 928294

9.45am Family Church (Including Messy Church and United Junior Church)  
(Every School Term Time Week except 1<sup>st</sup> Sundays of the month)

10.30am Family Service (1<sup>st</sup> Sunday) or Informal Service (3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday)  
Act of Celebration of Communion (2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays)

**With Purton Methodist Church**

10.30am Service at the Methodist Church (hopefully each 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday from May)  
(space limited - phone or email to book your place)

(Also each Sunday on the Upper Thames Methodist Church YouTube Channel)

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCYZpw6oX\\_1ef-68tycPGT3Q](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCYZpw6oX_1ef-68tycPGT3Q)

(This channel also has a number of Worship Services going back to March 2020)

**For more Information**

See website [www.stmaryspurton.org.uk](http://www.stmaryspurton.org.uk) Facebook St. Mary's Church, Purton, Wiltshire