

Church Maintenance and Cleaning Day

Saturday 19th October: 9:30 - 16:30

Yes, another one! Just like our homes, our lovely Grade 1 listed building, needs continuing attention. Many jobs to be done ranging from cleaning gutters and gullies, re-decoration of the Vestry, to cobweb removal. **Please save the date and come for whatever time you can spare.** A snack lunch will be provided. So tools and materials can be resourced in time, please sign sheet in Church or contact Howard Smith on 01793 771493 before 15th October. Thank you.



Our friends from all the Purton Churches are very welcome to join us at St Mary's for tea and cake this Saturday, 12 October any time between 2-5pm, to celebrate our Golden Wedding. There will be a 'special' cake (and a glass of fizz!). No presents or cards please...but there will be a Christian Aid collecting bucket if you so wish to make a donation...or bring along more cake for sharing! Hoping to see you. Libbie and Francis

Sat 30 November 2024 - St Mary's Church Christmas Market

to be held in the Church from 11.00am to 2.30pm.

Could **you** please help at this event by running a stall - cakes, books & jigsaws, produce, tombola, children's toys etc or by making cakes, preparing food for refreshments, providing tombola or raffle prizes or helping to set up and clear up chairs and tables.

Your support is much appreciated.

Let us make this a joyous fundraising event to help support St Mary's Church and Family now and in the future.

Please contact either Sandra or Marie for more information



St Mary's
Church Purton

**Purton
Churches
Together**

"In partnership with
other Christians in Purton"



Purton
Methodist Church

Sunday 13th October 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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- The Curate, Rev Judith Wells on 01793 770627
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“Great are the works of the LORD; they are pondered “*studied*” by all who delight in them.”

Psalm 111:2

Church Events

Sunday 13th October	10.30am	Communion at St Mary's Church with Revd Ian Tweedie-Smith
	10.30am	Holy Communion Service at Purton Methodist Church led by Rev Shirlyn Toppin
	1.00- 2.30pm	Messy Church at St Mary's Church (<i>Note change from normal time</i>)
Mon 14 th	10.00am	Zoom Prayer Group Zoom ID:907644918 Passcode:918865 2.00pm <i>NO Bible group today. Will resume next week</i>
Tues 15 th		
Wed 16 th	5.00pm 6.00pm	Prayer Group – Lady Chapel Wedding rehearsal
Thurs 17 th	3.00pm	Wedding: Billy Bodin & Kayleigh Zajac-Wootten with Rev Judith Wells
Fri 18 th	7.30pm	Bellringing practice
Sat 19 th	9.30am- 4.30pm	St Mary's Church Maintenance Day
Sunday 20th October	8.00am	Communion at St Mary's Church with Revd Ian Tweedie-Smith
	10.30am	Church for All at St Mary's Church with David & Liz Martin
	10.30am	Service at Purton Methodist Church led by Phil Bunce

Prayer: In our street prayer cycle for October, we pray for Witfield Close, Glevum Close, The Common, Locks Lane, (*and from Moulden View*) Bretton Close and Bashkir Close, Quarrydene (Care Home) on Pavenhill and The Bungalow (Care Home) on Pavenhill. Methodist Circuit prayers this week are for Shrivenham Methodist Church.

We give thanks to God for the lives of those who have recently died. We pray for the families and friends of Ronald 'Ron' Kauppinen, James Kent, Tony Bevington, George Duguid.

Eco-Prayer Calendar for October

Give thanks to God for his provision of the harvest. Pray for farmers and the challenges they face, especially with climate change. Please also pray for 'Africa Naturally' in Mozambique (a charity supported by St Mary's). <https://africanaturally.com/>

Collect: Trinity 20

God, the giver of life, whose Holy Spirit wells up within your Church: by the Spirit's gifts equip us to live the gospel of Christ and make us eager to do your will, that we may share with the whole creation the joys of eternal life; 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: Matthew 6: 25-34

25 'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? 26 Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? 27 Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life? 28 'And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labour or spin. 29 Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendour was dressed like one of these. 30 If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you – you of little faith? 31 So do not worry, saying, "What shall we eat?" or "What shall we drink?" or "What shall we wear?" 32 For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. 33 But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. 34 Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

Readers: 13th Liz Martin 20th Libbie Sheppard

Intercessions: 13th David Nettleton 20th 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. administrator@stmaryspurton.org.uk

