

## **Church Maintenance and Cleaning Day**

**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> 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. A snack lunch will be provided. So tools and materials can be resourced in time, please contact Howard Smith on 01793 771493 Thank you.

## **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

## **Golden Wedding Tea Party**

Francis and Libbie would like to thank all those who came to their Golden Tea Party last week. And thank you to the PCC for allowing the party to happen in St Mary's Church. Hopefully it was enjoyed by all...even those who seemed to do endless washing up and tea serving! It had been suggested that people brought cakes or a gift for Christian Aid instead of cards and gifts. In reality people brought cakes...and more cakes AND cards...hundreds of them... AND hugely generous gifts for Christian Aid. Over £538 has now been raised, for which many, many thanks. We always say this is a generous village...goodness me, it certainly is. Thank you SO much to everyone.

Ps: The winners of the 1974 Quiz at the party were a group of friends called The Dream Team! 2<sup>nd</sup> came a Purton group of friends called Intelligent Guessers!! Hooray!



St Mary's  
Church Purton

**Purton  
Churches  
Together**

"In partnership with  
other Christians in Purton"



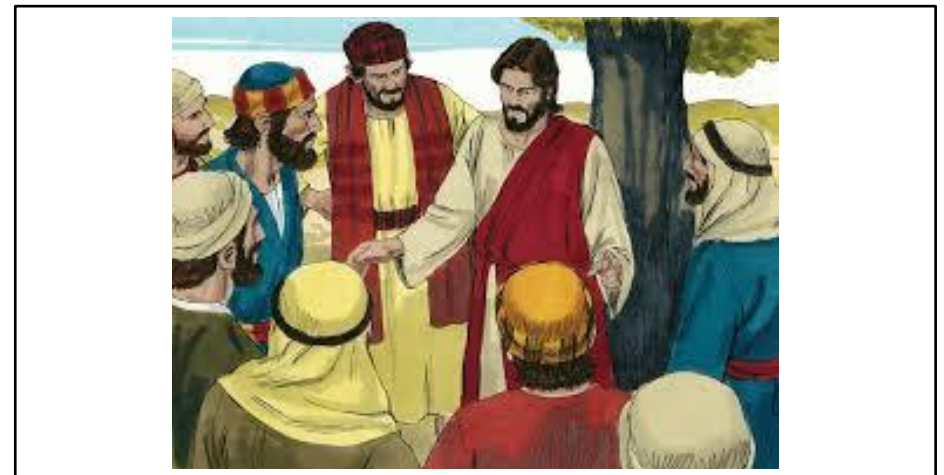
Purton  
Methodist Church

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> 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

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## Church Events

<b>Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October</b>	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
Mon 21 <sup>st</sup>	10.00am	Zoom Prayer Group Zoom ID:907644918 Passcode:918865
	2.00pm	Bible group – Proverbs (In church)
Tues 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Between 8am-2pm	Boiler service – St Mary's Church
	7.30pm	Choir practice
Wed 23 <sup>rd</sup>	5.00pm	Prayer Group – Lady Chapel
Thurs 24 <sup>th</sup>		
Fri 25 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Bellringing practice
Sat 26 <sup>th</sup>		
<b>Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> October</b>	10.30am	Communion at St Mary's Church with Rev Norma McKemey
	10.30am	Own Arrangement Service at Purton Methodist Church

**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 Toothill 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, Headley Webb & Margaret Beaumont.

The funeral of Margaret Beaumont will take place at St Mary's Church on Wed 30<sup>th</sup> October at 11.30am.

### **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 21**

Grant, we beseech you, merciful Lord, to your faithful people pardon and peace, that they may be cleansed from all their sins and serve you with a quiet mind; 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: Mark 10: 35-45**

<sup>35</sup> Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to him. 'Teacher,' they said, 'we want you to do for us whatever we ask.' <sup>36</sup> 'What do you want me to do for you?' he asked. <sup>37</sup> They replied, 'Let one of us sit at your right and the other at your left in your glory.' <sup>38</sup> 'You don't know what you are asking,' Jesus said. 'Can you drink the cup I drink or be baptised with the baptism I am baptised with?' <sup>39</sup> 'We can,' they answered. Jesus said to them, 'You will drink the cup I drink and be baptised with the baptism I am baptised with, <sup>40</sup> but to sit at my right or left is not for me to grant. These places belong to those for whom they have been prepared.'

<sup>41</sup> When the ten heard about this, they became indignant with James and John. <sup>42</sup> Jesus called them together and said, 'You know that those who are regarded as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. <sup>43</sup> Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, <sup>44</sup> and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. <sup>45</sup> For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.'

**Readers:** 20<sup>th</sup> Marie Dempsey/ Sandra Horsnall 27<sup>th</sup> Val Walker

**Intercessions:** 20<sup>th</sup> Jane Smith 27<sup>th</sup> Howard Smith

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