

Go plastic free for nature this week and for the rest of July!

As you know St Mary's Church is working towards becoming an eco-church

Plastic packaging has a huge impact on nature and people. It is estimated that plastic kills 1 million seabirds and 100,000 sea mammals, turtles and fish. Not only is plastic toxic for wildlife, but animals can become trapped and injured by plastic and it is disruptive to precious habitats leading to depletions in populations. Up to a million people a year die because of diseases caused by plastic pollution and waste. That's one person every 30 seconds. So, why not join millions of people pledging to reduce their plastic waste this July? You can sign up to avoid single-use plastic packaging or go completely "plastic free" and when you sign up you will receive weekly emails over the month to keep you motivated with tips, tricks and stories. Find out more at plasticfreejuly.org and let us know if you're planning to take part in the challenge at uk@arocha.org.

Book Recommendation

The Lord of Psalm 23 - David Gibson - £8.99

(RRP 14.99 - Amazon 11.75)

This is not so much a commentary on Psalm 23, more like a quiet walk through the familiar sentences of this psalm. We step with the Good Shepherd through the verses and discover hidden gems in amongst the well-known phrases. I have read this psalm probably hundreds of times, I have learnt it off by heart, I have preached on it on many occasions and yet I have discovered many new treasures through David Gibson's careful and thorough study. It is my prayer that God will use this book to restore your soul from His Word. Ian Tweedie-Smith

Readers: 28th Jane Smith 4th August Val Walker

Intercessions: 28th Howard Smith 4th August Jane Smith

St Mary's Church website is: www.stmaryspurton.org.uk

If you want to add an article into the church notices, please email Rosie Harris, Parish Administrator. administrator@stmaryspurton.org.uk Notices go out every Thursday morning. If you would like to receive them regularly by email, contact Rosie.



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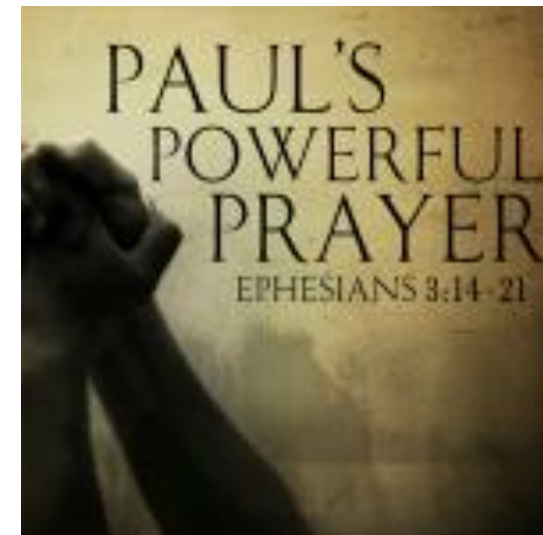
Purton
Methodist Church

Sunday 28th July 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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Church Events

Sunday 28th July	10.30am	Communion at St Mary's Church with Rev Ian Tweedie-Smith
	10.30am	Service at Purton Methodist Church led by Adam Longhurst
	6.30pm	Dig Deeper into Philippians with Rev Ian Tweedie-Smith at the Vicarage
Mon 29 th	10.00am	Zoom Prayer Group Zoom ID:907644918 Passcode:918865
	2.00pm	Bible group at St Mary's Church (Proverbs)
	5.00pm	PEG meeting at the vicarage
	7.30pm	PCC meeting at the vicarage
Tues 30 th	7.30pm	Music group rehearsal
Wed 31 st	8.00am-1.00pm	System maintenance & testing at St Mary's Church
	5.00pm	Prayer Group – Lady Chapel
Thurs 1 st August		
Fri 2 nd	7.30pm	Bellringing practice
Sat 3 rd		
Sunday 4th August	8.00am	Communion at St Mary's Church with Rev John Martin
	10.30am	Church for All at St Mary's Church with David & Liz Martin
	10.30am	Holy Communion Service at Purton Methodist Church led by Rev Shirlyn Toppin

Prayer: In our street prayer cycle for July, we pray for Hillside, Station Road, Willow Brook, Bamford Close, Shaftesbury Close, Smiths Court, Widham, Clardon, New Road, (*and from Ridgeway Farm*) Course Meadow, South View and Ashgrove House Care Home on Station Road. Methodist Circuit prayers this week are for Shaw Church.

We give thanks to God for the lives of those who have recently died. We pray for the family of Eric Spencer, Maureen, Pat Suddaby and Eileen Chamberlain.

Eco-Prayer Calendar for July

Thank God for the beauty of the earth, particularly for the amazing variety of trees, plants and flowers and the colour they bring to our lives. Bring before God the decline of insects and bees. <https://friendsoftheearth.uk/>

Collect: Trinity 9

Almighty God, who sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church: open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy and peace; 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: Ephesians 3:14-21

¹⁴ For this reason I kneel before the Father, ¹⁵ from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name. ¹⁶ I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, ¹⁷ so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, ¹⁸ may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, ¹⁹ and to know this love that surpasses knowledge – that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. ²⁰ Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, ²¹ to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

Prayer of thanks

The church has been praying hard for the recovery of Richard Mills following a serious back injury. He has made great progress after major spinal surgery and is up and about walking and responding well to physio. "Rich says his improvements are a product of everyone's prayers. He feels the power of prayer and it's amazing to see evidence of it in his body everyday!" Please keep praying for him in the days ahead.