

Reading: Mark 6: 1-13

Jesus left there and went to his home town, accompanied by his disciples. ² When the Sabbath came, he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were amazed. 'Where did this man get these things?' they asked. 'What's this wisdom that has been given him? What are these remarkable miracles he is performing?' ³ Isn't this the carpenter? Isn't this Mary's son and the brother of James, Joseph, Judas and Simon? Aren't his sisters here with us?' And they took offence at him. ⁴ Jesus said to them, 'A prophet is not without honour except in his own town, among his relatives and in his own home.' ⁵ He could not do any miracles there, except lay his hands on a few people who were ill and heal them. ⁶ He was amazed at their lack of faith.

Then Jesus went around teaching from village to village. ⁷ Calling the Twelve to him, he began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over impure spirits. ⁸ These were his instructions: 'Take nothing for the journey except a staff – no bread, no bag, no money in your belts. ⁹ Wear sandals but not an extra shirt. ¹⁰ Whenever you enter a house, stay there until you leave that town. ¹¹ And if any place will not welcome you or listen to you, leave that place and shake the dust off your feet as a testimony against them.'

¹² They went out and preached that people should repent. ¹³ They drove out many demons and anointed with oil many people who were ill and healed them.



St Mary's
Church Purton

**Purton
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Purton
Methodist Church

Sunday 7th 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

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Psalm 123

A song of ascents.

- ¹ I lift up my eyes to you,
to you who sit enthroned in heaven.
- ² As the eyes of slaves look to the hand of their master,
as the eyes of a female slave look to the hand of her mistress,
so our eyes look to the LORD our God,
till he shows us his mercy.
- ³ Have mercy on us, LORD, have mercy on us,
for we have endured no end of contempt.
- ⁴ We have endured no end
of ridicule from the arrogant,
of contempt from the proud.

Church Events

Sunday 7th July	8.00am	Communion at St Mary's Church with Rev John Martin
	10.30am	United Service at Purton Methodist Church led by Rev Shirlyn Toppin
Mon 8 th	10.00am	Zoom Prayer Group Zoom ID:907644918 Passcode:918865
	10.30am	Funeral of Eric Spencer at St Mary's Church with Rev Judith Wells
	1.30pm	Bible group: Proverbs (see Marie Dempsey for details)
Tues 9 th	7.30pm	Choir practice
	7.30pm	Music group rehearsal (at Liz & David Martin's)
Wed 10 th	5.00pm	Prayer Group – Lady Chapel
Thurs 11 th		
Fri 12 th	3.00pm	Funeral of Eileen Chamberlain at North Wiltshire Crematorium with Rev Judith Wells
	7.30pm	Bellingring practice
Sat 13 th		
Sunday 14th July	10.30am	Communion at St Mary's Church with Rev Judith Wells and Richard Harris
	10.30am	Holy Communion Service at Purton Methodist Church led by Rev Shirlyn Toppin
	2.30pm	Baptism of Reuben Hartin with Rev Judith Wells

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 Lydiard Tregoze 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 6

Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as pass our understanding: pour into our hearts such love toward you that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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: 2 Corinthians 12: 2-10

² I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven. Whether it was in the body or out of the body I do not know – God knows. ³ And I know that this man – whether in the body or apart from the body I do not know, but God knows – ⁴ was caught up to paradise and heard inexpressible things, things that no one is permitted to tell. ⁵ I will boast about a man like that, but I will not boast about myself, except about my weaknesses. ⁶ Even if I should choose to boast, I would not be a fool, because I would be speaking the truth. But I refrain, so no one will think more of me than is warranted by what I do or say, ⁷ or because of these surpassingly great revelations. Therefore, in order to keep me from becoming conceited, I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me. ⁸ Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. ⁹ But he said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.' Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. ¹⁰ That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

Readers: 14th Libbie Sheppard 21st Jean Belt 28th Jane Smith

Intercessions: 14th Sandra Horsnall 21st Liz Martin 28th Howard Smith
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During June: If you have anything to include in the church notices, contact Revd Ian Tweedie-Smith or Sandra Horsnall.

