

Sunday 1st November – All Saints Day

Revelation 7.9-end; 1 John 3.1-3; Matthew 5.1-12

8am Holy Communion (BCP) at St Peter's Church

9.30am Morning Worship at St Nicholas' Church

9.45am The 9.45 at St Peter's Church

Join us online - <https://youtube.com/live/76i6cytm9ik?feature=share>

11.30am Parish Eucharist at St Peter's Church

We depend on the regular faithful giving of the church family to continue our mission and ministry to Portishead and maintain our church buildings. If you do not already do so, please prayerfully consider giving regularly to the church – no matter how small the sum you can afford. Visit www.portisheadparish.co.uk/welcome#Giving for more information of how to do this.

Please think of God's creation when coming to church; walk or cycle if you can or consider car-sharing.

If there is anything that we can do to make worship or information about what we do more accessible please speak to one of the clergy or call Jessica in the office on 846230 / office@portisheadparish.co.uk

Parish Calendar for the Week Ahead:

Mon 2 nd Nov	7.15am	Monday Prayer – online
	10.00am	Looking to the Future – Prayer – St Peter's Church
Tuesday 3 rd Nov	9.00am	Refresh Parent, Baby and Toddler Group at St Peter's Church
Weds 4 th Nov	9.00am	Morning Prayer in St Peter's Church
Thurs 5 th Nov		'Thought for the Day' available from 8.00am via our website, YouTube and Facebook
	6.45am	Morning Prayer - online
	10.30am	Midweek Communion at St Peter's Church
	10.40am	Midweek Church Coffee – online
	2.00pm	Lighthouse Café at St Nicholas' Church
Friday 6 th Nov	10.30am	Table Talk at Portishead Library
Saturday 7 th Nov	10.00am	Tidy Up St Peter's Church
	7.00pm	Confirmation Service in Wells Cathedral

Sunday 8th November – 3rd Before Advent / Remembrance Sunday

Amos 5.18-24; 1 Thessalonians 4.13-end; Matthew 25.1-13

9.30am Parish Eucharist at St Nicholas' Church

9.45am The 9.45 with Communion at St Peter's Church

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11.30am Morning Worship at St Peter's Church

Dear Friends

In the Summer of 1997, I had just finished my first year at Theological College and was on placement with a charity called Cara. Cara was based in West London and offered pastoral care to those affected by HIV and AIDS. Most of the people receiving support were gay men. This was the peak of the AIDS pandemic and they had all lost somebody close to them. At the end of my first week with Cara Princess Diana died. The impact on the gay community was huge. Diana had become an icon of care for them. Her death hit them hard. It also provided an opportunity for this group of people, reeling from personal grief, to come together to grieve. So much of their grief had been private, but this was an opportunity to grieve with others who also knew the pain of loss.

Last Sunday we had our annual All Souls Service. We invited everybody who had been recipients of the church's funeral ministry in the last year, as well as any others who wanted to come. We read out the names of those who had died and lit candles in their memory. We spoke gently of the message of Christian hope. As the service drew to a close, the lights were turned out, leaving us with our thoughts and prayers and to take in the sight of so many candles - each representing an individual. It was a powerful reminder that many of us live with grief every day. This was an opportunity to grieve together; to be there with our own pain and with the pain of others. I was reminded that the compassion that we share comes from a place of woundedness and sorrow. Like Jesus we are with one another in weakness not strength.

Thanks so much to Tonya and the Pastoral Assistants for putting this service together for us, and to all who shared in it.

With God's blessing

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Rob' with a stylized flourish.

Rev Rob Eastwood Dewing



Our Prayers

Those in need Mary Powell, Judith, Ann Field, Pat Jouxson, Maureen Noakes, Brenda Greenham, Wendy Burrell, Tony Peacey, Ray Gullock, Pam Newton, Pauline Tuckwell, Jo, Linda, Nigel Selvey

Those who have recently died Robert Donachie, Sam Edwards, Audery Cook

Please remember those being Baptised in November – Maeve, Finley

**Sam Edwards Thanksgiving Service will be at St Peter's Church
at 2pm on Tuesday 10th November
(Viola requests that people do not wear black)**

Notices

Remembrance Sunday

Remembrance Sunday this year is on **8th November**. It is a challenging and welcome opportunity for us to remember those who have given their lives in conflict. As always there will be acts of Remembrance in each of our services that day.

Our 11.30 Service in St Peter's is the Town Remembrance Service when we will be joined by representatives of various civic groups as well as the Town Council and our MP. Huge thanks to the Royal British Legion for their part in organising this. As always our collection at that service will go to the RBL Poppy Appeal.

Do join us for this if you are able.



There will also be an Act of Remembrance on the High Street as part of the Remembrance Parade at 11.00am.

Rob will also be leading an **Act of Remembrance at 10.45am on Wednesday 11th November** in Waitrose Piazza. All are welcome at this.

We will be blessing the Garden of Remembrance in the Millennium Garden on **Sunday 25th November, at 12.45**. This has been set up by the Royal British Legion. Do join us for this short service if you would like to.

St Peter's Church - Looking to the Future - Prayer

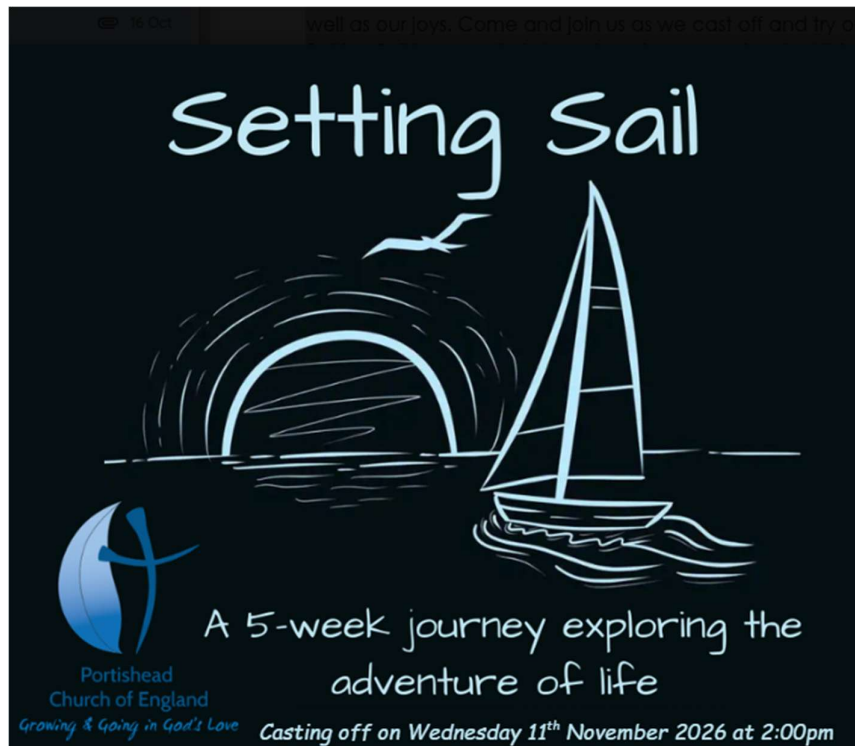
Our prayer group specifically looking to discern God's will for the future of St Peter's Church building and to back up the teams working on estimates, faculties, vision and all the rest will next meet at **St Peter's at 10 o'clock on Monday morning, 2 November**, for half an hour. All are welcome to join us.

Setting Sail – 5 weeks on Wednesdays at 2.00pm at The Rectory starting on November 11th

Setting Sail is our very own home-grown course for those exploring faith and how faith might help us better enjoy the adventure of living. It is for people – who have little or no Christian experience or have been going to church for years and have some important questions that they would like to think about more deeply. Setting Sail consists of 5 sessions where we start with our experience of the world we live in and see what the wisdom of Jesus and the Christian tradition may have to say about that. We start from the belief that God is at work in the world and longs for us to bring our questions and uncertainties as well as our joys. Come and join us as we cast off and try out tools to help us navigate this adventure of life.

Setting Sail has usually taken place in an evening, but this autumn we are offering it on a Wednesday afternoon.

Contact Rob on 01275 846592 / rector@portisheadparish.co.uk for more information and to book your place



Pastoral Care

Revd Tonya will be loitering most weeks in a café in Portishead. Should you have something pastoral you'd like to discuss or just to say hello, why not drop by.

Dates & time for November & December:

Wednesday 4th 10.15am - 11.45am

Wednesday 25th 10.15am - 11.45am

Wednesday 1st (Dec) 10.15am - 11.45am

Venue: The Port, 3 The Precinct, Bristol BS20 6AH

Or you could contact her on: 01275 840016/07341328682

pastorportishead@outlook.com

St Peter's Church Tidy-Up Day



Saturday 7th November | 10am-12 noon

Our church building and grounds could do with a little extra love and care, and we'd love your help!

The outside of the church needs lots of TLC, so if you enjoy gardening, please

bring along:  Gardening tools



Trowels



Gloves



Anything helpful for weeding and turning over the compost bins
There will be plenty of jobs for all abilities, from clearing and tidying to helping make our outdoor spaces welcoming for everyone.

Prefer to stay indoors? We've got you

covered too!  There will be craft, preparation for our children's work, and helping get resources ready for future sessions and events.

Whether you can stay for the whole morning or just an hour, every pair of hands makes a difference.



Tea, coffee, and good company provided!



Tidy Up Day

Saturday 7th November
10 – 12

Cleaning - Gardening
Craft prep - Tidying
Tea coffee cake

ST PETERS CHURCH

Bring Gardening tools- inside cleaning equipment provided
All ages welcome



Let's Crack This Together

Help repair St Peter's and make the church fit for our community now and for future generations.

The total raised to date is £122,132



Would you like to help with future fundraising events?

We would like to hear from anyone who would like to be involved in future fundraising events for the 'Let's Crack This Together' Appeal.

As we try and Crack This Together, there are various events planned for the New Year (further details to follow!) and volunteers would be really welcome.

Please send a quick email to the office at office@portisheadparish.co.uk and maybe indicate areas where you'd enjoy helping e.g. catering, room arrangement, decorations, ticket selling, serving drinks, clearing up etc



Portishead Deanery
Deanerywide
Meeting

**Is the God of the Old
Testament the same as the God
of Jesus Christ?
with Rev Dr Helen Paynter**

Helen's short is answer – yes! But that doesn't mean violent Old Testament texts are easy to understand and easy to reckon with. In our time together Helen will try to provide some tools for reading them which might start to close the perceived gap between OT and NT.

Rev Dr Helen Paynter is a Baptist minister who currently serves as Old Testament tutor at the Bristol Baptist College. She is the founding director of the Centre for the Study of Bible and Violence (csbvbristol.org.uk) and the author of a number of books on the topic.



This meeting is open to everybody,
join us:

Tuesday 17th November
St Peter's Church,
Church Road North, Portishead,
BS20 6PS

Light Refreshments from 7pm,
start time 7:30pm

portishead.deanery1@gmail.com

Is the God of the Old Testament the same as the God of Jesus Christ?

On **Tuesday 17th November at 7.30pm St Peter's** will be hosting the next of Portishead Deanery's Deanerywide Meetings. Helen Paynter will be speaking on this often-asked question. Helen is a Baptist minister who currently serves as Old Testament tutor at the Bristol Baptist College. She is the founding director of the Centre for the Study of Bible and Violence (csbvbristol.org.uk) and the author of a number of books on the topic.

Do join us for refreshments from 7.00pm

Reverse Advent Calendar for the Foodbank - 1st November – 24th November

Take part in the Foodbank's Reverse Advent Calendar this year by donating an item each day during November to help create Christmas hamper bags for local families and individuals in our community.

Every donation, large or small, will help make Christmas a little brighter for someone. Donations can be left at the Foodbank collection point in St Peter's Church porch.

Mince Pie Donations - We would be especially grateful for donations of mince pies, preferably with a best-before date after 25th December, so they can be included in the Christmas hampers.

 Clevedon District Foodbank Together with Trussell				Reverse Advent Calendar 1 st – 24 th of November		Please check our website for Christmas opening times, and to see what we may be running short of. Thank you! www.clevedondistrict.foodbank.org.uk	
1 Tinned Tuna	2 Christmas Puddings small, medium, and large	3 Cranberry Sauce	4 Stuffing Mix	5 Iced Christmas Cakes small, medium and large	6 Large Biscuits		
7 Large Sweets	8 Small Sweets	9 Aldi Voucher	10 Selection Box	11 Pringles	12 Savory Biscuits		
13 Tea Bags size 40 80, 120, 240	14 Christmas Chocolate	15 Coffee	16 Trifle Mix	17 Long Life Squirry Cream	18 Chutney		
19 Small Panettone	20 Tinned Fruit	21 Toiletry Sets	22 Tinned Custard	23 Christmas Biscuits	24 Mince Pies dated after the 25 th of December		

Portishead Churches Together invite you to an

Advent Carol Service

Sunday 29th November at 6.00pm

St Nicholas' Church, Nore Road, BS20 8EN



Mark the beginning of the season of Advent with carols, readings and prayers as we anticipate the coming of Christ

Followed by refreshments

All Welcome

PORTISHEAD
Churches Together

Easter in a Box 2027

Taster Session



Sunday 15th November

3pm to 4.30pm

St Peter's Church

Easter in a Box: The Movie has helped the churches in Portishead share the Easter story with 100s of school children. Next year we are taking it into even more schools and we need to grow the team.

This **taster session** is an opportunity to find out more, see what's involved, and see how you could be part of it.

Please contact Mark at pilgrim@portisheadparish.co.uk if you can come or would like more info.

Heatree Weekend 7th-9th May 2027

We're excited to be planning another fun and relaxed weekend away in 2027 to Heatree Activity Centre.

Heatree is a Christian outdoor residential centre based in the beautiful surroundings of Dartmoor National Park in Devon. Expect a welcoming atmosphere, time to connect, optional outdoor activities, shared meals (and cooking and washing up!), gentle spiritual rhythms, and Messy Church-style worship. No pressure, just community and fun! You can find more info, along with a letter to download, detailing how to book here:

<https://www.portisheadparish.co.uk/my-post>.



Bristol Port Mission Thank you to everyone who has prayed for the injured seafarer over recent months. He is making progress, although he remains in a coma, and is being repatriated to the Philippines this week for ongoing care. His family are deeply grateful for all the prayers and donations received.

We have also been overwhelmed by the response to our recent appeal. Donations are helping us furnish a new seafarers' centre in Avonmouth, which we hope will open soon.

As Christmas approaches, we are collecting gifts for seafarers. Toiletries, small gifts, local souvenirs, pocket Bibles, hot chocolate sachets and wrapped chocolate bars are especially welcome. Individual items are just as helpful as complete boxes.

Please bring donations by 27 November if possible, and no later than 7 December.
Thank you for your continued support.

Revd Lucy Blows
Bristol Port Mission

Links for Online Meetings

7.15am Monday - Monday Prayer – online – [Click for Link](https://teams.live.com/join/9399632380155?p=x10GS1guFQs7vCocPK)
<https://teams.live.com/join/9399632380155?p=x10GS1guFQs7vCocPK>

06.45am Thursday - Morning Prayer – online – [Click for Link](#)

<https://www.google.com/url?q=https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84019088287?pwd%3DZGdlbVV0YWwwdEp5dXhweHRrTGgyZz09&sa=D&source=calendar&usd=2&usg=AOvVaw1VEfkOPUuLFY-Z9ZpyWvdA>

10.40 Thursday - Midweek Church Coffee – online – [Click for Link](#)

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