



Portishead Church of England
Growing & Going in God's Love

Sunday 10th May – 6th Sunday of Easter

1 Kings 17:8-16 Psalm 116:12-19 Philippians 4:10-20 Mark 12:41-44

9.30am Parish Eucharist at St Nicholas' Church

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

Video link for 9.45 service <https://youtube.com/live/JOFuWRjY2jY>

Pebbles will be meeting as part of this service - No youth church

11.30am Morning Worship 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:

Monday 11th May	7.15am	Monday Prayer – online https://ziply.pk/Mon-Mission-prayer
	9.15am	Café Prayers – Lighthouse at St Nicholas' Church
	10.00am	Prayers – Looking to the Future St Peter's Church
	9.00pm	Evening Prayer - https://shorturl.at/sCZMh
Tuesday 12th May	9.00am	Refresh Parent, Baby and Toddler Group at St Peter's Church
Weds 13th May	9.00am	Morning Prayer – https://short-url.org/WedMorningPray
Thursday 14th May		'Thought for the Day' available from 8.30am via our website, YouTube and Facebook
	6.45am	Morning Prayer – online https://short-url.org/1p9X5
	10.30am	Midweek Communion at St Peter's Church – Millenium Garden weather permitting
	10.40am	Midweek Church Coffee via Zoom https://bit.ly/midweekchurchcoffee
	2.00pm	Lighthouse Café at St Nicholas' Church
Friday 15th May	7.30pm	Ascension Day Service – St Nicholas' Church
	06.45pm	Youth Group – St Nicholas' Church

Sunday 17 May – 7th Sunday of Easter

Isaiah 58:6-11 James 2:14-17 Luke 10:25-37

8am Holy Communion at St Peter's Church

9.15 for 9.30am Café Church in the Lighthouse at St Nicholas' Church

9.45am The 9.45 Special at St Peter's Church

11.30am Parish Eucharist at St Peter's Church

6.00pm Evensong at St Peter's Church

Our Prayers



Those in need John Massey, Mary Powell, Judith, Irene Flockhart, Sam Edwards, Ann Field, Pat Jouxson, Maureen Noakes, Brenda Greenham, Wendy Burrell, Tony Peacey

The departed Doris Madeline Ryan, Frances Dawe

Notices

TONIGHT

Barn Dance Bash – 7.30 – 10pm 8th May
Folk Hall – Tickets on the Door £10.00

Dust off your boots and grab your best twirl-partner — we're throwing a Barn Dance Bash that'll have even the shyest feet tapping. Expect toe-tangling tunes, hearty laughs, and enough do-si-do to count as cardio.

Your finest evening Dress code: Plaid encouraged, enthusiasm required
Warning: Excessive fun may occur

Swing by, swing around, swing in!



This weekend, 15 families from our church community will be heading to Heatree Activity Centre in Devon. It's a special chance to spend time together, share meals, enjoy outdoor activities, and gently explore faith in a relaxed setting. We'd love your prayers for the weekend - that it would be filled with joy, a strengthening of community, safety for everyone, and for meaningful relationships to grow along the way.

May – Generosity Month

This May we are going to have a focus on Generosity – reflecting on what God has given to us and how we can respond to his abundant love, grace and provision. Each week we will have readings reflecting a particular aspect of this theme of Generosity, as well as hearing stories from individuals about what they have received and how they give.

Date	Theme
Sunday 10 th May	Giving as Worship and Trust
Sunday 17 th May	Generosity as Justice and Compassion
Sunday 24 th May	Generosity as Kingdom Living

Dying Matters Awareness Week: Table Talk

Hospice UK's *Dying Matters Awareness Week 2026* takes place from **4th to 10th May**. This year's theme, '*Let's Talk About Death and Dying*', aims to break the stigma around these conversations by encouraging openness - recognising that many people find it difficult to talk about death, even though it affects us all and can be vital for coping with loss. As part of this, May's Table Talk session will offer a safe, supportive space to explore these topics together.

Prayers 10am St Peter's Church Monday 11th May

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, 11 May, for half an hour. All welcome to join us.

Ascension Day

Thursday 14th May is Ascension Day. We will have Communion Services at 10.30am in St Peter's and 7.30pm in St Nicholas.

If the weather is kind in the morning we will have the 10.30 service in the Millennium Garden – so come prepared. Do join us.

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.

Wednesday 13th 10.15am - 11.45am

Wednesday 20th 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

New Home Group

We are looking to have our first meeting on **Tuesday 19th May**. The first date will be an informal meeting to chat about possible interests, aims and hopes for the group.

There is something deeply fulfilling about being with other members of the Church family, and it has a different feel to gathering as part of a Sunday Congregation. A Home Group is somewhere where people can belong, make friends, find support and grow as a disciple of Jesus.

There is still room for a few more and we would like to invite people who may be interested to come along for an informal chat over tea and cake. It's an open invitation, so if that interests you, have a word with Tonya Tel 840016 or Gareth Evans on 07969 774942.



9:45 SPECIAL

Informal service with a spark of creativity

Date: 17th May 2026

Time: 09:45

Location: St Peters Church
Portishead



St Peters church tidy up day
Save the date for a bright, busy community morning at St Peter's Church:

Chore & Tidy Morning
Saturday 23rd May 10am-12pm
St Peter's Church

Drop in to lend a hand — from cutting craft shapes to sweeping, vacuuming, dusting, or tackling a few weeds. Every bit of help makes a real difference. And yes, there'll be coffee, conversation, and cake to keep us fuelled



Saturday 23rd May

10 – 12

Cleaning - Gardening
Craft prep - Tidying
Tea coffee cake

ST PETERS CHURCH

Bring Gardening tools- inside cleaning equipment provided
All ages welcome





SPRING PLANT SWAP

Saturday 23rd May 2026

2.00pm - 4.00pm

St Peters church – Portishead

FREE ENTRY

**Bring along your spare seedlings,
houseplants, veg plugs or seeds and swap
them for something new!**

**No plants to swap? Donations welcome
everyone's invited to join in.**



Plant & Seedling Swap Afternoon

Saturday 23rd May 2026

2.00 pm – 4.00pm

St Peter's Church, Portishead

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Bring along your spare seedlings,
houseplants, veg plants or seeds and swap
them for something new.

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We are also looking for offers of help with:

- Serving tea and coffee
- Providing cakes
- Helping with simple set-up and tidy-up

If you can help in any way, please let us
know.

A lovely community afternoon for all ages.

Lighthouse Café

The Lighthouse Café, which is open weekly at St. Nicholas Church from 2pm-4pm is looking for some help. We would like to recruit some more drivers so we can offer lifts to people who would otherwise not be able to get to the café.

Also we are looking for some willing volunteers to help welcome folk to the café and assist with serving the coffee, tea and homemade cakes that are on offer.

Please contact Pearl on 01275 817765 or Gill on 01275 845970 if you would like to find out more or come along and visit us one Thursday afternoon for tea and cake.

We look forward to seeing you.

Confirmation

Would you be interested in being confirmed into the Church of England. It provides a wonderful opportunity to explore faith further and to take a step of commitment. There will be a confirmation service in **Wells Cathedral on Saturday 7th November at 7.00pm**. We would love to take a group of people from Portishead. Please speak to one of the clergy if you would be interested in exploring this further.

Adlington House, Slade Road, Portishead

Open Days Tuesday 12th May 11.00am – 3.00pm & Wednesday 13th May 10.00am – 12.00 noon

Adlington House will be holding Open Days on 12th and 13th May, offering a lovely opportunity to look around the building and view some of the apartments currently available. Visitors are invited to enjoy a cup of tea or coffee in the Lounge, where residents will be on hand to share their experiences of life at Adlington House and answer any questions.

You may even spot some familiar faces who'll be glad to tell you why they think it's such a great place to live as the years go by.

Come and Join our Fantastic Finance Team

We are blessed with a dedicated team who oversee our church finances. Their work doesn't just *support* our mission and ministry — it is an essential part of it. How we steward the resources God gives us truly matters.

We are now looking for a new **Church Treasurer** to join this team. You'll receive strong support and have the satisfaction of playing a vital role in what God is doing in our parish. If you have some financial knowledge and experience, and could offer around four hours a week on average, we would love to hear from you.

To find out more, please contact Rob at rector@portisheadparish.co.uk or 01275 846592, Adi Phillips, or one of the Church Wardens.

Submitting Expenses and Invoices

Please ensure that all **expenses** are sent to the office email: office@portisheadparish.co.uk.

Any **invoices requiring payment** must also be emailed to the office. These will be uploaded to the accounts system and prepared for bank authorisation.

When submitting an invoice, please include **all related authorisation emails** so that we can confirm the invoice is correct and ready for payment.

The Office Administrator will contact the finance team **once a week** to request authorisation and payment of submitted invoices. All payments will be made **within two weeks of receipt**.

Please send everything to: office@portisheadparish.co.uk

Donations for Logs

There are logs available at St Nicholas Church. This is soft wood so will burn quickly. We are looking for donations to the Church Funds, if anyone wishes to take any.

Some have already been taken, so if you would like to donate to the Church for these, please contact the office on 01275 846230 or email office@portisheadparish.co.uk

There will be no 8.00am Holy Communion at St Peter's Church on 31st May as indicated in the Parish Magazine

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