



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

### **Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> July – Trinity 6**

*Genesis 25.19-end Romans 8.1-11 Matthew 13.1-9, 18-23*

**9.30am Parish Eucharist at St Nicholas' Church**

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

**11.30am Morning Worship at St Peter's Church**

**4.00pm Mothers Union - Songs of Praise - 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](http://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](mailto:office@portisheadparish.co.uk)*

#### **Parish Calendar for the Week Ahead:**

Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> July	7.15am	Monday Prayer- online
	9.00pm	Evening Prayer – online
Tues 14 <sup>th</sup> July	9.00am	Refresh Parent, Baby and Toddler Group at St Peter's Church – Last Refresh of the Term
	2.30pm	Bereavement Support Group at St Nicholas' Church
Weds 15 <sup>th</sup> July	9.00am	Morning Prayer – online
Thurs 16 <sup>th</sup> July		'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

### **Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> July – Trinity 7**

*Genesis 28.10-19 Romans 8.12-25 Matthew 13.24-30, 36-43*

**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**

*Psalm 67 1 Kings 2.10-12; 3.16-end Acts 4.1-22*

Please note that the times of some services will change during the school holidays. At St Peter's Church the 9.45 and 11.30 will be replaced by a single untied service at 10.30am from Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> July until Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> August. This will be followed by a picnic. 8.00am and St Nicholas Services will remain unchanged. 30<sup>th</sup> August is a 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday and so we will have a single United Service at 10.30 at St Nicholas.



## Our Prayers

**Those in need** Mary Powell, Judith, Sam Edwards, Ann Field, Pat Jouxson, Maureen Noakes, Brenda Greenham, Wendy Burrell, Tony Peacey, Viola Edwards, Ray Gullock, Pam Newton, Rodney Wheeler

**Those who have recently died** Janet Skinner, Martin Walsh

## Notices

### "Songs of Praise" will be held at St. Peter's Church on Sunday July 12th at 4pm followed by light refreshments

This forms part of the Mother's Union 150th Anniversary celebrations when Hymns and Readings that have previously been chosen by members will be enjoyed. Please come and join us and make this a special occasion

### 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.

### Date & Time for July:

Wednesday 15th July Revd Tonya **won't be in The Port**

Wednesday 22nd 10.15am – 11.45am

Wednesday 29th 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](mailto:pastorportishead@outlook.com)



*A space to talk , to just be, a space to share memories*

**2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month 2.30pm – 4pm**  
**St. Nicholas Church, Nore Road**

Portishead Church of England

## Pondering the Weeds... and the Bees!



### 9.45 Special at St Peter's Church – Sunday 19th July

Step into a morning where faith meets curiosity and creativity. We'll be exploring the *parable of the weeds* - noticing and celebrating not only the bees but also the weeds that grow in the most unexpected of places,

There'll be **hands-on fun for all ages**, including a simple craft that everyone can join in with — whether you're tiny, tall, or somewhere in between.



Tea & toast from 9:30 am  Service begins at 9:45 am



Tea and Toast served from 9.30

## 9:45 SPECIAL

Informal service with a spark of creativity

**Date:** 19<sup>th</sup> July 2026

**Time:** 09:45

**Location:** St Peters Church Portishead



**DEC Venezuela Earthquake Appeal.** Following the recent tragic earthquake in Venezuela our cash collections and contactless giving on **Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> July** will go to the **DEC Venezuela Earthquake Appeal**. The earthquake has is known to have killed 3500 people with the death toll continuing to rise, 10,500 people have been injured, tens of thousands are missing, 680,000 children are in need of humanitarian assistance and 96,000 buildings are believed to have been damaged or destroyed. The Venezuelan people are in urgent need of our support and prayer. Christian Aid are part of the DEC response; envelopes are available to make your giving tax efficient.



## DEC Venezuela Earthquake Appeal

Donate now and support families in Venezuela who've lost everything.

## **Summary: St Peter's Crack Repairs and Re-ordering**

We are responding to serious cracking in the north-west corner of St Peter's Church. Repairing the structural damage remains the immediate priority, but the situation is also being considered as an opportunity to improve the building for worship, children's and youth provision, community use and future sustainability.

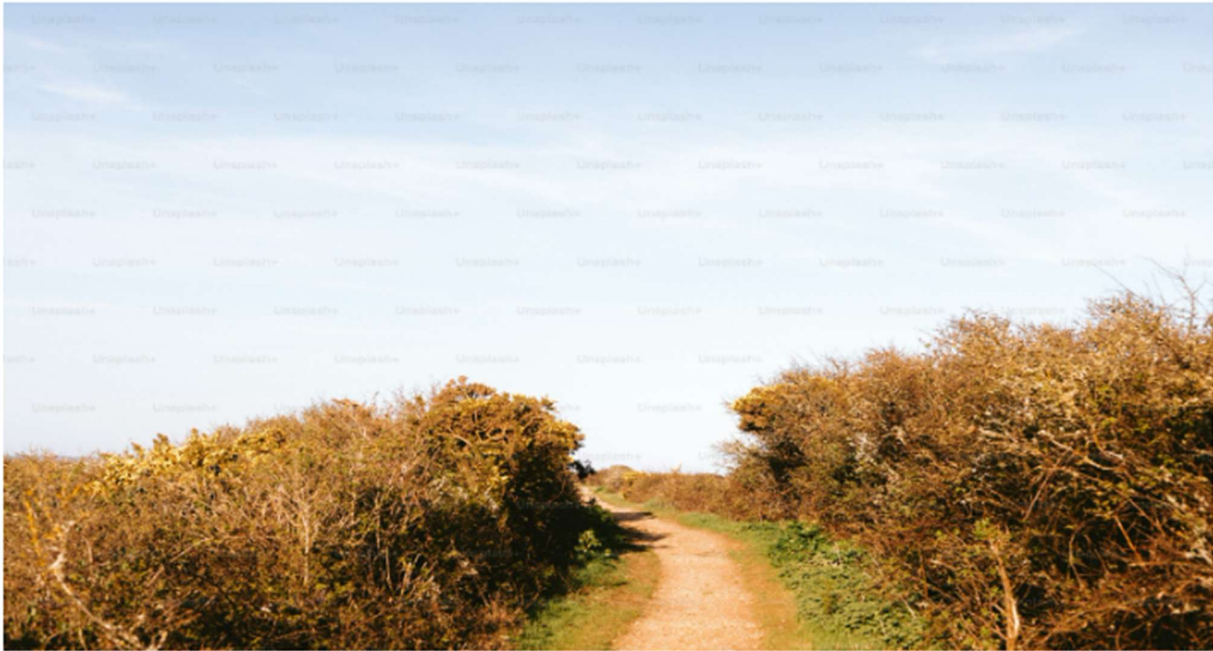
Good progress is being made by the action groups working on repairs, fundraising and possible development of the church. The structural report has been submitted to the Diocese as part of the faculty application. The PCC has also commissioned outline designs for potential re-ordering, which will be shared more widely and subject to proper consultation and faculty approval.

Members of the DAC visited St Peter's on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> June and met with members of the Buildings Sub-Group and our architect and structural engineer. The DAC representatives supported the proposed structural approach, which involves installing piles inside the church to underpin the unstable corner. External work was considered impracticable because of limited space near the burial plots. Further investigation, including deeper boreholes, will be required before detailed design and tendering. The repair process is expected to include external shoring scaffolding, floor excavation, piling, a concrete slab, internal steelwork, masonry stitching, making good, and an archaeological watching brief. Surface water drainage, and possibly groundwater drainage, will also need improvement to reflect climate change.

The DAC was also supportive of a draft proposal for developing the West end of the church to create space for children and youth and meetings. However, it is recognised that the repair work must remain the critical focus. Temporary netting over affected walls will take place shortly and is considered a sensible way to allow reuse of the fenced-off area.

The work is likely to take place next summer and is currently estimated at £200,000–£250,000 plus VAT. Raising this money will clearly require grant funding and wider fundraising. Inclusion on Historic England's At Risk Register has been applied for and may support this.

Fundraising has already begun. Separate fundraising programmes are likely to be developed for different projects, recognising that each may attract support from different sources. Initiatives may include community events, grant applications and wider engagement across the town, so that everyone who values St Peter's can contribute. The formation of The Friends of St Peter's has been approved, and existing church funds, including legacies, are also being considered. A prayer group meets on the first Monday of each month at 10:00 to pray for the projects.



## Silent Prayer Walk

Revd Tonya will be undertaking a gentle silent prayer walk around the marina.

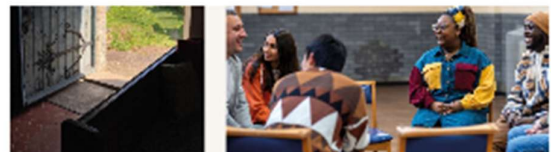
### Why don't you join her?

When: Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July  
Time: 10am  
Start point: Outside Hall & Woodhouse  
Length of walk: 40-50 minute with pauses

*Followed by optional Coffee at H&W*

Rev Tina Hodget, who many will remember as Team Pilgrim here until 2017, has co-written a book. Since she left Portishead she has continued her passion for pioneering and has sought to encourage pioneer ministry across the church. This is the subject of the book, which is called *Into Every Parish: Pioneering Practices for Every Local Church*.

Details of the book and a launch event in Bristol on Thursday 23rd July can be found here: [New book helps churches go Into All the Parish - Church Mission Society \(CMS\)](#)



**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> July  
Volunteers Needed**

Please could you spare an hour to help on the church stand at the Portishead Summer Show on 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> July?

There will be a large cardboard model of the church that we can 'repair' as we centre our theme around mending the crack and making it whole again by working together. We need folk to help with the craft which is mainly colouring and glueing. We also need folk who are happy to hand out a questionnaire and talk about the crack in the church. So whether you are 'crafty' or 'chatty' – or maybe even both! – please consider joining the 'Crack Team' for an hour. To volunteer your time or to ask any questions phone Claire : 07910 770422 or email [letscrackthistogether@portisheadparish.co.uk](mailto:letscrackthistogether@portisheadparish.co.uk)



St. Peter's Church has stood at the heart of this town for over 700 years, underpinning the life of the community. Now St Peter's needs underpinning! The North West corner has suffered movement that has caused substantial fractures to the walls. Previous generations provided this wonderful building, rebuilt it, repaired it and added to it. Now it's our turn to make sure it remains standing and fit for purpose for the community of Portishead now and for future generations. Please can you help us gather data for our application for grants by circling your responses to the questionnaire overleaf. If you take this away to complete, please drop your responses in the box in the library, the entrance porch of St Peter's or email a photo of your completed sheet to: [letscrackthistogether@portisheadparish.co.uk](mailto:letscrackthistogether@portisheadparish.co.uk)



**Martha's Kitchen – Help Needed This Summer** - Martha's Kitchen runs every Tuesday during the school holidays, opening its hatches to families across Portishead. It's a joyful piece of community work — but it's also a big weekly task.

In previous years, we've been able to move everything we need into the Methodist Hall for the full six weeks. It's heavy work, but it only had to be done once.

This year, the hall is booked for other events, which means we need to move all our equipment in and out every single week. That's a lot of lifting, loading, and unloading — usually filling at least two cars.

To make this possible, we're asking for help with setting up on Monday evenings and setting down on Tuesdays at midday. Even if you can do one date it will really help.

If you can help on any of the dates below, please contact Lindsay – 07483932608

– [pioneer@portisheadparish.co.uk](mailto:pioneer@portisheadparish.co.uk)

Set-up dates (Mondays at 8pm)

- 27th July
- 3rd August
- 11th August
- 18th August
- 25th August
- 31st August

Set-down dates (Tuesdays at midday )

- 28th July
- 4th August
- 11th August
- 18th August
- 25th August
- 1st September

**Shirley Doohan's** funeral will be at High Street Methodist Church at midday on **Monday 20th July** and followed by a cream tea and sandwich wake at The Beacon Hub. All are welcome.

### **Treasurer**

We are thrilled that King Wai Wong has agreed to offer himself and has been appointed as our new Treasurer. Thanks so much to King Wai. He will initially work alongside Tony Stubbs, our Interim Treasurer. If you need to communicate with either of them please use the Treasurers' email address: [treasurer@portisheadparish.co.uk](mailto:treasurer@portisheadparish.co.uk)

### **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 7<sup>th</sup> 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.

# LUMOS

## An ABBA Candlelight Experience

an unforgettable evening of music in an enchanting  
indoor setting

St Nicholas' Church, Nore Rd,  
Portishead, Bristol BS20 8EN

Saturday 25th July

1st Sitting: 7-8pm | 2nd Sitting: 9-10pm



Book tickets now!  
[www.lumos-experiences.com](http://www.lumos-experiences.com)

We have hired St Nicholas Church out for a Candlelight Concert on 25 July and we've also arranged some discounted tickets (although these are limited, so please be quick!):

- Code: WELCOME15 (use on checkout)
- This will apply 15% off gold tickets

Here is the ticket link:

<https://www.lumos-experiences.com/event/an-abba-candlelight-experience-in-potishead-saturday-25th-july/>

## 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.

## St Nicholas' Church Door

We have just had the door of St Nicholas painted and it looks absolutely lovely. Please can we ask that notices should **not** be stuck on the front door with either blue tack or cello tape etc and that people use the stand alone notice board in the vestibule

## Situations Vacant

We need to add to our wonderful tech team who help those in church and on the livestream to be able to see, hear and participate in the worship at the 9.45 Service.

It would be brilliant to have a couple more people who could help one week a month. No great technical knowhow is required and full support and training offered. This is scope for a young person to do this in conjunction with a parent or carer. Please speak to one of the tech team or clergy if you are interested or contact Jess in the office

[office@portisheadparish.co.uk](mailto:office@portisheadparish.co.uk) / 01275 846230)

## Ethics Forum and Discipleship

For nearly 15 years the Ethics Forum has presented a wonderful opportunity to engage with varied knotty issues and to create a space for the wider community to do that with us. David Tyers has chaired the group organising these twice-yearly gatherings for a number of those years. He has decided that the time has come to step down. Thanks to him for leading this team so well. We have agreed that the Ethics Forum will take a break while we reflect on its future and how that fits within the wider topic of encouraging and deepening our Christian discipleship. If you have any thoughts on this, please let Simon Stevens know on

[reteach92@hotmail.com](mailto:reteach92@hotmail.com).

## Generosity Letter

Over the past month, we have been writing to members of Portishead Church and reflecting in our services on God's generosity to us, and His call for us to be generous people.

The letter had two main purposes:

- To invite those who do not yet give regularly to consider starting.
- For those who already give, to consider switching to the [Parish Giving Scheme](#), which simplifies our financial administration and is more tax-efficient for the Church than our previous system.

If you have not received a copy of the letter, printed versions are available at the back of both churches.

The following will be required to complete this form:

**Parish name:** Portishead St Peter

**Parish code:** 010601388

You can also find our parish page here: <https://www.parishgiving.org.uk/donors/find-your-parish/portishead-st-peter-bristol>

## Submitting Expenses and Invoices

Please ensure that all **expenses and invoices** are sent to the office email: [office@portisheadparish.co.uk](mailto:office@portisheadparish.co.uk).

Any **invoices requiring payment** must also be emailed to the office first, 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](mailto:office@portisheadparish.co.uk)

**Mark is on Sabbatical** through June, July and August. Please continue to pray for him. Please take anything you would have spoken to Mark about to one of the other clergy.



### FREE support to help you cycle locally

For adults who are beginners, improving, or returning to cycling

- Learn to ride and build confidence
- Join short rides and explore local routes
- Pick up maintenance tips and repair skills
- Get bike checks and safety advice

Improve your wellbeing and save money  
Come along, meet new people, bring a friend

#### Next event:


8th July 1-5 pm: Free DrBike Session  
15th July 1-5 pm: Free Bike Maintenance Course  
Location: Portishead Youth & Community Centre  
Sign in on Eventbrite or drop-in

#### Delivered locally by:



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