

## Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December – Advent 3

*This week's readings are: Isaiah 35.1-10; James 5.7-10; Matthew 11.2-11*

**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**

To join the 9.45am Live Stream,  
 please visit: [The 9:45 with Communion 14th December 2025](https://youtube.com/live/YYj9-WsQ_iQ)  
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*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 Rachel in the office on 846230 / [office@portisheadparish.co.uk](mailto:office@portisheadparish.co.uk)*

### Parish Calendar for the Week Ahead:

<b>Monday 15<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	07.15am	Mission Prayer <a href="#">Link</a>
	6.00pm	Portishead Primary School Carol Service at St Peters Church
	9.00pm	Contemplative Evening Prayer <a href="#">Link</a>
<b>Tues 16<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	9.00am	Refresh Parent, Baby & Toddler Group – St Peter's Church
	10.00am	The Lighthouse Carers Group Christmas Meeting – St Nicholas Church
	5.00pm	Highbown School Carol Service – St Peter's Church
<b>Weds 17<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	9.00am	Morning Prayer via Zoom <a href="#">Link</a>
	12-2pm	Lunchtime Carols – St Peters Church
	6.00pm	Portishead Primary School Carol Service – St Peter's Church
<b>Thurs 18<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	6.45am	Contemplative Morning Prayer <a href="#">Link</a>
	10.30am	Midweek Communion (MU) at St Peter's Church
	10.40am	Midweek Church Coffee via Zoom <a href="#">link</a>
	2.00pm	Lighthouse Café at St Nicholas' Church
	2.30pm	Mothers' Union at St Peter's Church
<b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	9.00am -12 noon	St Peter's School Carol Service – St Peter's Church
	6.30pm	Youth Group film night at St Peter's Church
<b>Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	10-12.00 noon	'Deck the Halls' – Decorating St Peter's Church for Christmas

Next week's services:

## **Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December – Advent 4**

**8.00am Holy Communion at St Peter's Church**

**9.15am for 9.30am Café Church at St Nicholas' Church**

**9.45am The 9.45 Special at St Peter's Church**

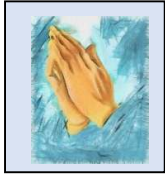
**11.15am Café Church with The URC at St Nicholas' Church**

**11.30am Parish Eucharist at St Peter's Church**

**5.00pm Community Carol Service at St Nicholas' Church**

**6.00pm Traditional Carol Service at St Peter's Church**

### **Our Prayers**



**Those in need** Eva Pickard, John Massey, Peter Finch, Mary Powell, Judith, Irene Flockhart, Charmaine Cornish, Sam Edwards, Ann Field, Pat Jouxson, Maureen Noakes, Brenda Greenham,

**The departed** Trevor Lench

### **Notices**

**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.

**December: 17th - 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)



### **Christmas Collections**

Our collections at Christmas Services this year will go to support the work of our local Christians Against Poverty Debt Centre. This is one of our Mission Partners and does fantastic work with people who are struggling locally. For more information about the work of CAP visit <https://capuk.org>



Christmas flyers! Christmas is such a great opportunity to invite people to what we've got going on. We've got plenty of these flyers in both church buildings advertising our Christmas service. Grab a handful, spread some cheer, and invite your friends and neighbours to join us for a joyful celebration this Christmas!

### Mothers' Union is holding its annual Carols & Readings Service

Thursday, 18 December 2025, at 2.30pm, at **St Peter's Church**. The service is open to everyone and there will be Mince Pies and tea to follow. Please join us, we would love to see you

### Deck the Halls!

Decorate St. Peter's Church for Christmas with creativity, greenery and some creative festive fun



### Saturday 20th December

### Festive florals & greenery:

10:00–12:00

### Family all-age craft session:

11:00–12:00 – Let's Make a Clay Nativity

Please bring greenery and flowers Come along to decorate, to create, and to retell the story of

Christmas—through flowers, crafts, and community  
Everyone welcome—especially the curious, the creative, and the messy-hearted.





## **The 9.45 Nativity Special – 21st December**

Get ready for a **live, action-packed Nativity Special** at St Peter's Church, Portishead.



Come dressed as your favourite character...



Or just come as you are...

Either way, **don't miss out!**



Toast served from 9.30 – fuel up before the fun begins!



The story comes alive at 9.45 sharp.

Bring your sparkle, bring your friends, bring your joy – it's going to be a morning to remember!

### **Volunteer Request: Help Needed for Martha's Kitchen Setup**

Volunteers to assist with moving tables and setting up Martha's Kitchen. This task will involve carrying tables up a set of stairs and some heavy lifting, so we especially welcome anyone who feels able to help with the physical work.

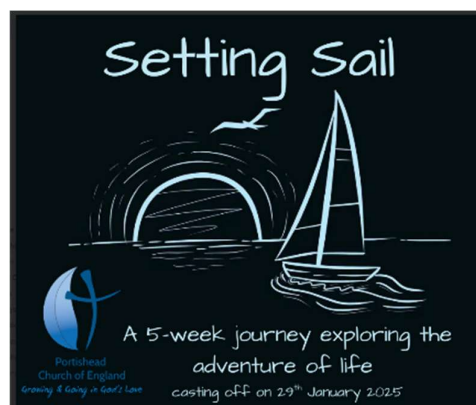
### **Setup: Monday, 29th December 3pm Location: Methodist Hall**

Additionally, we will also need help on Tuesday, **30th December at 12:00 pm** to take the tables back down the stairs and clear the hall.

If you can help, please get in touch with lindsay 07483932608 – [pioneer@portisheadparish.co.uk](mailto:pioneer@portisheadparish.co.uk)

### **Setting Sail**

Setting Sail is a home-grown opportunity for people to explore how Christian wisdom and the story of Jesus can make sense of our experience and our questions. It is a chance for people to come and share their thoughts and experience while being open to the possibility that the wisdom at the heart of the story of Jesus could help us to be more fully alive. This might be just what you or somebody you know are looking for at the start of the New Year.



# Have you ever wondered?

- \* whether all the beauty, wonder and goodness in life might point to something bigger
- \* where the pain, brokenness and shame fit in
- \* whether God might give some pointers to it all
- \* whether the ancient wisdom and practices of the Christian faith could help us navigate these questions and learn to be fully alive

Join us in Setting Sail together on a journey of exploration

Over 5 weeks we will look for where our experiences meet Christian understanding, wisdom and practices. We will set our sails and try out tools to help us navigate this adventure of life.

Thursdays 7.30-9.00pm beginning on Thurs 29<sup>th</sup> January at Portishead Rectory, 2 Brambling Lane, Portishead, BS20 7NN

To find out more or book your space contact  
Rob on 01275 846592 / [rector@portisheadparish.co.uk](mailto:rector@portisheadparish.co.uk)

Setting Sail will run on **Thursday evenings at 7.30 for 5 weeks from 29<sup>th</sup> January** at The Rectory. Contact Rob on 01275 846592 / [rector@portisheadparish.co.uk](mailto:rector@portisheadparish.co.uk) for more information or to book your place

## Heatree Weekend 8th – 10th May 2026

We're excited to be planning another fun and relaxed weekend away in 2026 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 (cooking and washing up!), gentle spiritual rhythms, and Messy Church-style worship.

No pressure, just community and fun! The cost is £64 per adult, £44 per child with under 4s free.

For further details you download the letter from our website: [link](#) weekend-2026  
contact Mark for more information

## Jess Cornes Church Administrator

The office opening hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 9.00-12.30.

Phone messages and emails will be picked up and responded to on Wednesdays

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