Sunday 15th November – 2nd Before Advent

Zephaniah 1.7, 12-end; 1 Thessalonians 5.1-11; Matthew 25.14-30

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
5.00pm Evensong 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:

Sunday 15th Nov	3.00pm	Easter in a Box Taster Session
Mon 16th Nov	7.15am	Monday Prayer- online
	9.15am	Café Prayers – Lighthouse Café, St Nicholas'
Tues 17th Nov	9.00am	Refresh Parent, Baby and Toddler Group at St Peter's Church
	7.30pm	Deanerywide Meeting in St Peter's Church – Is the God of the Old Testament different from the God of Jesus Christ?
Wed 18th Nov	9.00am	Morning Prayer in St Peter's Church
	2.00pm	Setting Sail at the Rectory
Thurs 19th Nov		Thought for the Day' available from 8.00am via our website, YouTube and Facebook
	6.45am	Morning Prayer – online
	10.30am	Midweek Communion (MU) at St Peter's Church
	10.40am	Midweek Church Coffee online
	2.00pm	Lighthouse Café at St Nicholas' Church
	2.30pm	Mothers Union – St Peter's Church

Sunday 22nd November – St Nicholas' Patronal Festival
10.30am Patronal Festival Service at St Nicholas' Church
6.00pm Haven at St Nicholas' Church

St Nicholas' Patronal Festival - Sunday 22nd November

We will be marking St Nicholas' Patronal Festival at 10.30am on Sunday 22nd November in St Nicholas' Church. This will be the only service taking place in the Parish on that Sunday morning. Do come and take part. Click here to download the order of service

Thursday Communion - There will be no Thursday Morning Communion on **Thursday 25th November** because Star Trail will be taking place in St Peter's Church. There will be no Communion on Thursday 3rd December because there will be some test drilling being done in the Church.

Dear Friends

I spent Saturday in Wells. I love Wells and Wells on market day is especially vibrant. I also love Wells Cathedral. Even before coming to the Diocese, it ranked as my favourite cathedral. The scissor arches are just glorious.

I was in Wells because three members of the church family were being Confirmed. Bishop Michael has developed the practice of doing one large diocesan Confirmation each year. There were 76 candidates and the church was full of friends and family there in support. It was lovely to have had the privilege of journeying a little with our three candidates, Jessica, Martyn and Jenan, and to be there with them as they made this step of commitment.

The dominant sense in the Cathedral was joy. It was a tremendously joy-filled event. Worshiping together with a lot of other people is often joyful, but here with so many people of all ages making a step and profession of faith in Jesus it was particularly so.

Christianity is often described as a journey (the first Christians were called 'followers of the Way'). It begins with a step and it is also marked by daily steps in following Jesus. Wouldn't it be good if I started each day with the question of what new step I can take today. Would it be good if we all could do that! So, I pray that you can take a new step on your journey with Jesus this week and that your journey may be infused with joy.

With God's blessing



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, Caroline Howe

Those who have recently died Sam Edwards, Simon Ward, Kath Bland

Please remember those being Baptised in November – Maeve, Finley

Notices

09.45 Special at St Peter's Church – Sunday 15th November Step into the story of Daniel and the Lions' Den for a morning full of adventure, creativity, and plenty of roaring! Together, we'll discover how Daniel trusted God, even when he faced some very hungry lions. Expect hands-on lion crafts, interactive storytelling, and plenty of opportunities to join in.

Tea and toast from 9:30am

Service begins at 9:45am

Lion craft for all ages

Stories, fun, and lots of participation

Whether you're young, young at heart, or somewhere in between, come and join the adventure. Bring the family, bring a friend, and bring your biggest roar!

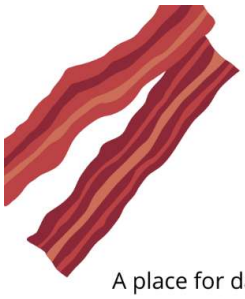
A warm and welcoming morning where we'll explore courage and trust, and discover that God is with us, even in life's wildest moments.

Everyone is welcome.

We'd love to see you there.



This Saturday 14th November



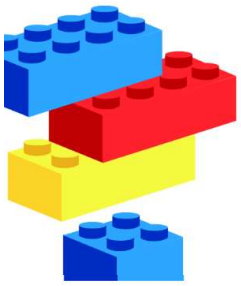
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Lads, Lasses and Dads

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

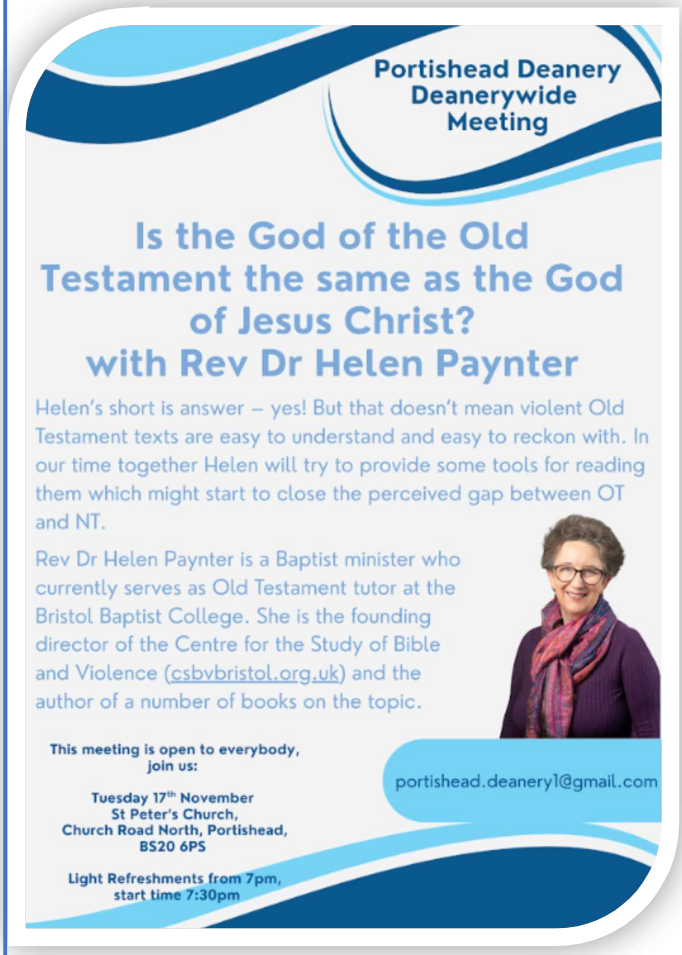
A place for dads and their children (aged 0-7 years) to hang out. We offer bacon butties & good coffee for the dads plus fruit, juice and exciting activities for the children.

Join us at the Children's Centre on the second Saturday of each month from 10.30am to 12pm



We welcome donations of £2 per adult and £1 per child





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.

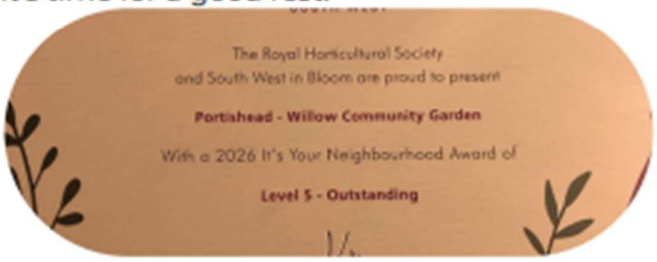
Do join us for refreshments from 7.00pm

WILLOW GARDENS NEWSLETTER

November Newsletter
Reap what you sow



Working hard or hardly working? Our time in the garden each week is full of joy and togetherness, but between the cups of tea and friendly chats, there is lots of hard work going on to make sure the garden is thriving. This month, all the wonderful dedication and hard work of our volunteers and community was officially recognized as the garden received an Outstanding Community Garden Award, awarded by the Royal Horticultural Society. A huge thank you to all our volunteers whose time, effort, and dedication to the garden have helped make this amazing achievement possible. The hard work doesn't stop, though; in November we will begin getting the garden ready for winter, and then it's time for a good rest.



A date for your diaries, Willow Gardens will be participating in Portishead in Bloom Open Gardens Weekend on the 5th-6th June 2027. There will be lots of effort in the build-up to this, but as always, lots and lots of joy through nature and people.
To find out more, contact **Lindsay** at **07483932608** or **portisheadgarden@outlook.com**

November Dates

Whether you're a seasoned gardener or just want to spend some time outdoors and trying something new, all are welcome.

4th November
11th November
18th November
25th November

Wednesdays from 10am - 12pm



Growing in the heart of the community

Willow Community Gardens

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 £124,547





We are looking to hold some **Coffee Concerts at St Nicholas** with the first one taking place on **Wednesday 20th January**. If there are any volunteers who would like to help with cake making or tidying up please let the office or Pearl know.

For 15.11.26 (Gospel – Matthew's a/c of the Talents)

As you listen to the Gospel on Sunday morning, do bear in mind that *'Talents Time'* is coming in early 2027.

#letscrack this together #talentstime #tt27



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.

St Peter's Church

Church Road South, BS20 6PS

Sunday 6th December

Christingle 3pm & 5pm

Sunday 20th December

The 9.45am Special Nativity

Traditional Carol Service 6pm

Christmas Eve

Crib Service* 2pm & 4pm

Midnight Mass 11.15pm

Christmas Day

Holy Communion 8am

Christmas Communion 10.30am

St Nicholas' Church

Nore Road, BS20 8EN

Sunday 20th December

Community Carol Service 5pm

Christmas Eve

Crib Service* 3pm & 5pm

Christmas Day

Christmas Communion 9.30am



Start your Advent Journey by following the Magi to the Stable in this multi-sensory experience

Free entry to all. Suitable for all ages. Please allow at least 45 minutes to complete the Star Trail

Public Sessions are available

Wednesday 25th November

6pm - 7.30pm

Saturday 28th November

10am - 11.30am

At St Peter's Church



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

Volunteers from Martha's Kitchen will be in the Impero Lounge on the following Tuesdays. Children can stop by on their way to school for a FREE breakfast of cereal and toast, while parents can enjoy early-morning coffee.

They will also be available to issue foodbank vouchers and lunch bag Vouchers.

Tuesday 17th November 8am – 9.30am
Tuesday 24th November 8am – 9.30am

Revd Lindsay 0748293260 - Pioneer@portisheadparish.co.uk



Posset Singers

A Very Posset Christmas



A festive concert of traditional and contemporary Christmas music, in aid of Portishead Christmas Lights

Saturday 12th December
St Peter's Church
7:30pm

Tickets £10/£5 for sale on website.
Seasonal refreshments available

http://www.possetsingers.co.uk

PORTISHEAD LIGHTS

Links for Online Meetings

7.15am Monday - Monday Prayer– online – Click for Link
https://teams.live.com/meet/9399632380155?p=xl0GS1guFQs7vCocPK

06.45am Thursday - Morning Prayer – online – Click for Link

https://www.google.com/url?q=https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84019088287?pwd%3DTGdlbVV0YWwwdEp5dXhweHRrTGgyZz09&sa=D&source=calendar&usd=2&usg=AOvVaw1VEfkOPUuLFY-Z9ZpyWvdA

10.40 Thursday - Midweek Church Coffee – online – Click for Link

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We are a charity which supports North Somerset residents by providing low-cost 1:1 counselling and mental health support. Our charity was started by Christian doctors and local clergy. We help people from all walks of life who are struggling and need someone to turn to.

We are offering a special deal of two people for £70 - first come first served. People need to call Claire on 07545 376956 to take advantage of this offer.

