

Sunday 16th August - Trinity 11 / Prayer 3 Persistence / Waiting on God

Psalm 130 Luke 18:1-8

8am Holy Communion at St Peter's Church
9.15 for 9.30am Café Church in the Lighthouse at St Nicholas' Church
10.30am Summer Sunday Worship with Communion – St Peter's Church
Followed by Picnic at Willow Gardens

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 16th August 12 noon Community Picnic at Willow Gardens

Mon 17th August 7.15am Monday Prayer- online

10.00am Summer Refresh at St Peter's Church

Weds 19th August **9.00am *Morning Prayer at St Peter's Church**

Thurs 20th August Thought for the Day' available from 8.00am via our website, YouTube and Facebook

10.30am Midweek Communion at St Peter's Church

10.40am Midweek Church Coffee online

2.00pm Lighthouse Café at St Nicholas' Church

**Mid-Week Morning Prayer on Wednesday will be replacing the Zoom Service during August*

Sunday 23rd August – Trinity 12 / Prayer 4

Listening Prayer

1 Samuel 3.1-10 John 10.1-5

9.30am Parish Eucharist at St Nicholas' Church
10.30 Summer Sunday Worship at St Peter's Church
 followed by picnic in the millennium gardens

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 **united** service at **10.30am from Sunday 23rd July until Sunday 23rd August.**

Some of these services will be led by the organ and choir and others by the music group. This service will be followed by a picnic.

- 8.00am and St Nicholas Services will remain unchanged.
- 30th August is a 5th Sunday and so we will have a single United Service at 10.30 at St Nicholas.

There will be no evening services during the school holidays.



Our Prayers

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

Those who have recently died Pauline Crane, Maureen Frances Hosking

Notices

COMMUNITY PICNIC

SUNDAY 16TH AUG
12 PM



Don't Forget to Bring:

Your Favorite Picnic Blanket
FREE - Snacks and Treats
Sunscreen and Hats for Sun Protection



Location

Willow Community Gardens
(Behind Portishead Medical
Centre, Portishead BS20
6AQ)



Join us at Willow Community Gardens!

Free Event!

Free Cake, fruit, drinks and snacks (provided for all)

What to Bring:

- Sandwiches/picnic
- Chair, blanket

If the weather is wet, we'll move to St Peter's Church.

See you there!

Prayer in August

During August we will be following a series on Prayer in our services. Each Sunday we will consider a different aspect of the amazing gift of prayer that God has given us. Our Diocese, Bath and Wells has asked churches to make this year a year of particular focus on prayer. To help us do this they have produced some resources which will be available at the back of both churches. Do please take as much as you think you can use or give away.

We are also inviting you to join us each Wednesday morning at 9.00am for half an hour to pray in the chancel at St Peter's. We promise not to put you on the spot but would love to invite you to participate in the joy that is God's people coming together to pray. Please join us.

Join us for Summer Refresh - Starting in August

Every Monday at St Peter's Church, Portishead Starting at 10am - Looking for a warm, welcoming and friendly parent & toddler group?

Enjoy a relaxed atmosphere where parents, grandparents, and carers can chat over great coffee and homemade cake, while children have fun with toys, activities and new friends.

We'd love to see you.



School Holiday FREE food Bags – Summer Holidays

If your child receives free school meals, we're here to help. Foodbank lunch bag vouchers support families throughout the summer. A voucher means you can collect a FREE food pack every two weeks from Portishead Foodbank while your child is home for the holidays. Each lunch bag is full of family essentials — cereals, snacks, simple meals made from tinned foods, and other helpful items to make the holidays a little easier.

Where: Portishead Foodbank

To receive your voucher, contact : Lindsay: 07483 932608

Martha's Kitchen Children's Books wanted.

We're looking for children's books to share with local families over the school holidays — anything from preschool picture books right through to teen reads.

If you have books at home that your children/grandchildren have grown out of, and they're still in good condition, we'd be so grateful. These will go straight to families who would really enjoy them this summer.



A thank you from Sarah and Simon Stevens

We are so grateful to the church family for your love, support and prayers over Anna and Dom's wedding. It was a stupendously joyful day from start to finish and the church service in the place where Anna was baptised, confirmed and played so much music was ever so special. There are too many individuals to mention by name but we appreciate each and every memorable contribution.

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.

Let's Crack this Together – Update and Gift Day

I hope you are aware that the beautiful St Peter's Church needs significant repairs. Recent dry summers have caused subsidence, leading to serious cracking in the north-west corner. We now know what work is needed and roughly what it will cost: probably between £250k and £300k, including VAT. Members of the church family did a fantastic job explaining the need at the Summer Show, and more than 700 people completed a questionnaire showing how much they value the building.

The PCC has allocated £65k from a recent generous legacy. We also hope to raise substantial funds from grant-making trusts and will invite the Portishead community to contribute. Those of us who worship regularly at St Peter's will also want to play our part. This beautiful building is not only a place where we encounter God; it is also a powerful sign of God's love and presence within the local community. Its stones, standing for more than 700 years, hold many rich stories. As today's church members, we know we have a responsibility to pass the building on in good condition to those who come after us.

On the weekend of 12 and 13 September, everyone will have an opportunity to contribute to the Let's Crack this Together appeal fund. Envelopes will be available in both churches for those who would like to give by cash or cheque, and it will also be possible to give by bank transfer or through our contactless devices.

Please look out for the envelopes in church. You can also find more information about giving directly here:

If you have not yet completed our questionnaire, we would be grateful if you could do so. Grant-making trusts will use this as an important measure of how much the community values the church building. It takes less than a minute to complete. Copies are available in St Peter's Church, or you can complete it online here:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/99DPZSW>





Bristol Vue cinemas are showing *David* (PG)

A superb animated film based on 1 Samuel from Fri. 21st August daily at 12.45pm

Many tickets are *under £10** (+£1 cheaper to age 14) *even cheaper online

For the trailer and to book at Cribbs Causeway see:

myvue.com/cinema/bristol-cribbs-causeway/film/david

or for Bristol Longwell Green:

myvue.com/cinema/bristol-longwell-green/film/david

The Office will not be staffed from Friday 14th August to Wednesday 26th August

Mon 24 th August	7.15am	Monday Prayer – online
	10.00am	Summer Refresh at St Peter's Church
Tuesday 25 th August	10.30am	Lighthouse Carers Group – St Nicholas' Church
Weds 26 th August	9.00am	*Morning Prayer at St Peter's Church
Thurs 27 th August		'Thought for the Day' available from 8.00am via our website, YouTube and Facebook
	10.30am	Midweek Communion (MU) at St Peter's Church
	10.40am	Midweek Church Coffee – online
	2.00pm	Lighthouse Café at St Nicholas' Church

Sunday 30th August - Trinity 13 / Prayer 5
Christian Aid Update / Intercessory Prayer
10.30 United Services – St Nicholas' Church

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