



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

## 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**

*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:

<b>Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May</b>	7.15am	Monday Prayer – online <a href="https://ziply.pk/Mon-Mission-prayer">https://ziply.pk/Mon-Mission-prayer</a>
	9.00pm	Evening Prayer - <a href="https://shorturl.at/sCZMh">https://shorturl.at/sCZMh</a>
<b>Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May</b>	9.00am	Refresh Parent, Baby and Toddler Group at St Peter's Church
<b>Weds 20<sup>th</sup> May</b>	9.00am	Morning Prayer – <a href="https://short-url.org/WedMorningPray">https://short-url.org/WedMorningPray</a>
<b>Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May</b>		'Thought for the Day' available from 8.30am via our website, YouTube and Facebook
	6.45am	Morning Prayer – online <a href="https://short-url.org/1p9X5">https://short-url.org/1p9X5</a>
	10.30am	Midweek Communion (MU) at St Peter's Church Midweek Church Coffee via Zoom
	10.40am	<a href="https://bit.ly/midweekchurchcoffee">https://bit.ly/midweekchurchcoffee</a>
	2.00pm	Lighthouse Café at St Nicholas' Church
<b>Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May</b>	10.00am	St Peter's Church Tidy Up
	2.00pm	Plant Sale St Peter's Church

## Sunday 24th May – Pentecost

Malachi 3:6-12 Psalm 112 2 Corinthians 9:6-15 Matthew 25:14-30

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

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

Live Stream YouTube <https://youtube.com/live/r3l5XyOQ6DU?feature=share>

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

**6.00pm Haven 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, Shirley Doohan

**The departed** Frances Dawe, Marion JUNE White

## Notices

### Heatree Weekend

Last weekend, 52 of us went to Heatree Activity Centre in Devon and had an amazing time. A group of 23 children and 29 adults came together to cook, play games, pray, sing, and toast marshmallows around the fire. We explored the beautiful Dartmoor surroundings, and even squeezed in some archery tag and an assault course. It was a weekend full of joy, connection, and community. While the activities were fantastic, when one attendee was asked their favourite part, they simply said: 'the people'. What a gift it was to spend time with such a warm and welcoming group.

### 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 17 <sup>th</sup> May	Generosity as Justice and Compassion
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Generosity as Kingdom Living

### 09.45 special - Sunday 17th May

Informal creative service hands-on fun for all ages!

Includes an interactive craft activity for everyone to enjoy.

Tea and toast served from 9:30 am

Service begins at 9:45 am

Bring your friends, bring the family – there's a place for you here. 🌿



Tea and Toast served from 9.30

## 9:45 SPECIAL

Informal service with a spark of creativity

**Date:** 17<sup>th</sup> May 2026

**Time:** 09:45

**Location:** St Peters Church  
Portishead

## 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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**

**FREE ENTRY**

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

No plants to swap? Donations are welcome – everyone is invited to join in.

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.

## **Mothers Union Cream Tea**

You are invited to A CREAM TEA to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the formation of the Worldwide Mother's Union, which will be held at **St. Peter's Church** on **Thursday 28th May at 2.30-4pm.**

No tickets are needed but cash donations will be gratefully received on the day for Mother's Union projects.

## **St Nicholas' Church**

Have you sat in a service, and thought you would like to read one of the passages of scripture? If so, do please have a word with me, and I will put you on the list and suggest some dates for you. Pearl.

## **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.

## Portishead Deanery Deanerywide Meeting

# "What are Church of England Schools For?"

Dr Gary Lewis, Chief Executive of the Lighthouse Schools Partnership and Churchwarden at St John's Clevedon, explores the identity and impact of Church of England schools, which currently educate over one million children and represent 20% of all state-funded provision in England.

Grounded in the vision of "Deeply Christian, Serving the Common Good," these schools are committed to providing "life in all its fullness" for every child, regardless of their background. The talk will reflect on the place of church schools in a secular and multi-faith society.



**This meeting is open to everybody,  
join us:**

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June  
St George's Church Hall,  
Priory Road, Easton-in-Gordano,  
BS20 0PA**

[portishead.deanery1@gmail.com](mailto:portishead.deanery1@gmail.com)

**Light Refreshments from 7pm,  
start time 7:30pm**

### **Quiet Morning: Encounters on the Road**

On **Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June at St Nicholas' Church from 10.00am to 1.00pm** Rob will be leading a Quiet Morning entitled Encounters on the Road. So many stories in scripture tells us of people having profound encounters with God and others while they were on the way somewhere. We will look at a few of those stories and see what lessons they hold for us today. Rob will offer some reflections and there will be time to be quiet and pray. If the weather is kind the Glade in Chaplain's Wood is a lovely place to sit and be still. Do bring a book or something else to do if you would like to.

## 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.

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:office@portisheadparish.co.uk)

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

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