

Sunday 18th Oct – Trinity 20 / Creationtide / St Luke

Isaiah 35.3-6 2 Timothy 4.5-17 Luke 10.1-9

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 103.1-5; Isaiah 61.1-6; Colossians 4.7-18

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:

Mon 19 th Oct	7.15am	Monday Prayer– online
Tues 20 th Oct	9.00am	Refresh Parent, Baby & Toddler Group at St Peter's Church
	2.00pm	Bereavement Support Group
Weds 21 st Oct	9.00am	**Morning Prayer – The Chancel St Peter's
Thurs 22 nd Oct		'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
	2.00pm	Lighthouse Café at St Nicholas' Church
	2.30pm	Mothers' Union at St Peter's Church

****** We will gather in person in **The Chancel in St Peter's for Wednesday Morning Prayer**. You would be really welcome to join us for this short time together lasting 20-25 minutes. Please be assured that there will be no pressure to pray out loud.

Sunday 25th Oct – Last After Trinity / Creationtide / Bible Sunday

Deuteronomy 34.1-12 1 Thessalonians 2.1-8 Matthew 22.34-46

9.30am Parish Eucharist at St Nicholas' Church

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

11.30am Parish Eucharist at St Peter's Church

4.00pm All Souls at St Peter's Church



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, Nigel, Jo, Linda, Nigel Selvey

Those who have recently died John Dunkley, Christine Taylor, Robert Donachie, Sam Edwards, Audery Cook

Notices

Sam Edwards

We are very sad to announce that Sam Edwards died on Friday 9th October. Please hold Viola and the family in your prayers. We do not yet have a date for Sam's funeral.

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.

Dates & time for October: 10.15am - 11.45am

Venue: The Port, 3 The Precinct, Bristol BS20 6AH

Wednesday 21st

Or you could contact her on: 01275 840016/07341328682 pastorportishead@outlook.com

Tea and
Toast
served from
9.30

9:45 SPECIAL

Informal service with a spark of
creativity

Date: 18th October 2026

Time: 09:45

Location: St Peters Church
Portishead

9.45 Special - God's Story... Our Story

Sunday 18th October at St Peter's Church

A creative and interactive morning as we explore how God's story and our stories are woven together.

Through stories, conversation, prayer, and activities for all ages, we'll wonder together about where we fit into God's great story of love, hope, and faithfulness. Every life has a story to tell, and every story matters. There will be a simple craft for everyone to enjoy, whether you're young or young at heart.

Tea and toast from 9.30am

Service begins at 9.45am

Come as you are, and bring your family and friends for a warm, welcoming morning as we discover together how God is at work in our everyday lives.



Encounters on the Road

A Quiet Morning with Rob Eastwood Dewing

At St Nicholas' Church, Nore Road, Portishead
10.00 am- 1.00 pm, Saturday 17th October 2026

So many stories in scripture tell 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.



Impero Lounge _ Martha's Kitchen

Volunteers from Martha's Kitchen will be in the Impero Lounge on the following Tuesdays, 8.00–9.30am. Children can stop by on their way to school for a FREE breakfast of cereal and toast, while parents can enjoy an early-morning coffee. Volunteers will also be available to issue foodbank vouchers and lunch bag vouchers.

Dates and Times

Tuesday 20th October

Venue: Impero Lounge, 60 High St, BS20 6EH, Portishead

For more information, contact: Revd Lindsay – 07483932608

Pioneer@portisheadparish.co.uk

All Souls – Sunday 25th October at 4pm – St Peter's Church



All Souls is a Service allows us to remember with thanksgiving to God those whom we have known and who have died.

During the Service, hymns will be sung, prayers will be said and space for silence given as we remember those who have died. Names of the departed will be read out and you will be invited to light a candle in remembrance of them.

Following the service there will be tea and cake available.

Let's Crack This Together: *Help repair St Peter's and make the church fit for our community now and for future generations.*

Thanks to everybody who has given so generously. The final figure for the gift weekend was £51,349 which takes our current total to £116,981. We are now well over a third of the way to our anticipated target and approaching half way. Please keep praying as the team work the professionals on putting a precise plan together for the repairs and work on grant applications.

The next event to help us crack this together is:

The St Peter's Arms Pop-up Pub and Quiz - Saturday 31 October

For one night only **St Peter's Church, Portishead** will be transformed into the St Peter's Arms serving beer wine and cider. We are hosting a Pub Quiz to fundraiser for the repair of the cracks in the north west corner of the church.

Doors open 6.45pm - Quiz starts 7.30pm

Tickets £5 per person and teams can be up to five people.

Come as a team (or join a team on the evening.)

Star prize for the winning team.



[Click here](#) to book your place



**Portishead Deanery
Deanerywide
Meeting**

**Is the God of the Old
Testament the same as the God
of Jesus Christ?
with Rev Dr Helen Paynter**

Helen's short is answer – yes! But that doesn't mean violent Old Testament texts are easy to understand and easy to reckon with. In our time together Helen will try to provide some tools for reading them which might start to close the perceived gap between OT and NT.

Rev Dr Helen Paynter 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.



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

**Tuesday 17th November
St Peter's Church,
Church Road North, Portishead,
BS20 6PS**

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

portishead.deanery1@gmail.com

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

Parish of Portishead Eco Group



"The Lord God took the human and put them in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it."

Genesis 2:15

From our own gardens and hedgerows to the wildlife that lives within the boundaries of our church grounds, from the food we eat and places we travel, God's creation is a gift entrusted to our care. As a church, we are called not only to appreciate its beauty but also to protect and nurture it and live out God's calling care for earth.

We are looking for people who would like to be part of the parish Eco Group.

This isn't a major commitment or another busy committee.

Instead, we're hoping to gather a small team of people passionate about creation and eager to explore how we can weave care for the environment into our worship, prayer, and community life.

Whether your passion is gardening, wildlife, climate justice, sustainable living, outdoor worship, community projects, or simply delighting in the wonder of God's world, you would be really welcome.

Past projects have included showing the emergency climate film and sustainable

flowers in our churches, dawn chorus walk, owl boxes and Earth Day prayers.



Interested? Please speak to Lindsay pioneer@portisheadparish.co.uk - -07483932608

Shoobox Time is here again! Fill a box with 'goodies' such as toothpaste and soap, to send as a Christmas gift to Eastern Europe. If you can't manage to get all the items, why not join with a friend?

All the information you need is in the leaflet (in church and in my porch). Boxes preferably to my porch at 55 Woodhill Road, by 22nd October please. (Latest date to drop at church will be 18th October).

If you have a spare shoebox, do pop it in the church porch or in mine- or if you need a box, take one of the spares. (NB shoeboxes with attached lids are fine, and actually not any more difficult to wrap...)

Thank you!
Alison 01275 849775



Easter in a Box 2027

Taster Session



Sunday 15th November

3pm to 4.30pm

St Peter's Church

Easter in a Box: The Movie has helped the churches in Portishead share the Easter story with 100s of school children. Next year we are taking it into even more schools and we need to grow the team.

This **taster session** is an opportunity to find out more, see what's involved, and see how you could be part of it.

Please contact Mark at pilgrim@portisheadparish.co.uk if you can come or would like more info.

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>.



**PLEASE NOTE CHURCH ROAD SOUTH WILL BE CLOSED DUE TO GAS REPAIRS
FROM 1ST SEPTEMBER TO 26TH OCTOBER**

Links for Online Meetings

7.15am Monday - Monday Prayer- online – [Click for Link](https://teams.live.com/join/9399632380155?p=x10GS1guFQs7vCocPK)
<https://teams.live.com/join/9399632380155?p=x10GS1guFQs7vCocPK>

06.45am Thursday - Morning Prayer – online – [Click for Link](#)

<https://www.google.com/url?q=https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84019088287?pwd%3DVGdlbVY0YWwwdEp5dXhweHRrTGgyZz09&sa=D&source=calendar&usd=2&usg=AOvVaw1VEfkOPUuLFY-Z9ZpyWvdA>

10.40 Thursday - Midweek Church Coffee – online – [Click for Link](#)

<https://www.google.com/url?q=https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84562565696?pwd%3Da2gvMEdwcdVBVTFnUUtaQUp1ZXZTZz09&sa=D&source=calendar&usd=2&usg=AOvVaw1HZ7ru3pFUNm9jEbfvHLN1>

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