



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

Sunday 19th April – 3rd of Easter

Acts 2.14a , 36–41 1 Peter 1.17–23 Luke 24.13–35

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

11.15 Cafe Church with the URC at St Nicholas' Church

11.30am Parish Eucharist at St Peter's Church

6.00pm Evensong at St Peter's Church

Psalm 23 Isaiah 40.1–11 1 Peter 5.1–11

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:

Monday 20th April	7.15am	Monday Prayer – online
	9.00pm	Evening Prayer – online
Tuesday 21st April	9.00am	Refresh Parent, Baby and Toddler Group at St Peter's Church
Weds 22nd April	9.00am	Morning Prayer – https://short-url.org/WedMorningPray
Thursday 23rd April		'Thought for the Day' available from 8.30am 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 via Zoom https://bit.ly/midweekchurchcoffee
	2.00pm	Lighthouse Café at St Nicholas' Church
	2.30pm	Mothers' Union at St Peter's Church
Saturday 25th April	9.00am	Pioneering Parishes Taster Day for Portishead Deanery in St Peter's Church
	7.00pm	New Piano Concert St Nicholas' Church

Sunday 26th April - 4th of Easter

10.30am United Benefice Communion and Annual Parochial Church

Meeting at St. Peter's Church

6.00pm Haven at St. Peter's Church

There will be no other parish services on Sunday 26th April



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, R. Bennett

The departed Frances Dawe, Hunter Bennett, Irene May Owsley, Madeline Ryan

Notices

Annual Church Meeting (APCM) – 26th April 2026

The annual church meeting this year will be held on a Sunday morning. We hope this will make it easier for more people to attend and enabling it to take place within the context of a worship service.

We will share in a **United Service at 10.30**, featuring a shortened Communion, followed by refreshments at around 11.15. Attendees will have the chance to reflect on the past year, look ahead to future plans, participate in essential church business, including the election of new PCC and Deanery Synod members and have opportunity for questions. The meeting will end by 12.30. Everybody is encouraged to attend.

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Portishead Church of England Annual Meetings Sunday 26th April 2026 at 10.30am, beginning with a United Benefice Communion at St. Peter's Church

ZOOM CODE:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82642204434?pwd=T6GcLeKnVdJQpkk1E1KmQkWBd3lZ0.1>

Meeting ID: 826 4220 4434

Passcode: 502196

Link to access documents

<https://www.portisheadparish.co.uk/portishead-church-of-england-annual-meetings-26-april-2026>

(Please then click link on website to access the documents)

Visit to Portishead by our Archdeacon – Ven Charlie Peer – Sun 19th and Thurs 23rd April

As part of a regular pattern of visiting parishes from the Diocesan Senior Staff we will be welcoming Charlie Peer to our services on **Sun 19th April**. He will be with us again on **Thursday 23rd** to see some of the things that we are doing and to meet Church Officers – including an evening meeting with the PCC.

9.45 Special at St Peter's Church Sunday 19th April

You're warmly invited to join a relaxed, creative service - hands-on fun for all ages, including a craft activity.

Tea and toast from 9:30 am
Service begins at 9:45 am

We'd love to see you there.

St Peter's Church – community Morning Saturday 18th April - 10am–12pm



Saturday 18th April

10 – 12

Cleaning - Gardening
Craft prep - Tidying
Tea coffee cake

ST PETERS CHURCH

Bring Gardening tools- inside cleaning
equipment provided
All ages welcome



Tea and
Toast
served from
9.30

9:45 SPECIAL

Informal service with a spark of
creativity

Date: 19th April 2026

Time: 09:45

Location: St Peters Church
Portishead



Join in a relaxed morning of tidying, crafting, and caring for our shared space. Whether you're sweeping, dusting, cutting out craft shapes, or pulling a few weeds, every bit helps keep St Peter's looking lovely.

And of course, there'll be coffee, cake, and good conversation

Bring your duster, garden tools — and the family too!

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.

Date & time for April:

Wednesday 22nd 10.15am - 11.45am

Wednesday 29th 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

Come and Join our Fantastic Finance Team

We have a wonderful team of people involved in overseeing our church finances. This does not just enable our mission and ministry to take place is a vital part of it. How we manage the resources that God gives us really matters. We are looking for a new Church Treasurer to join this team. We can offer you great support and the satisfaction of being a vital part of what God is doing in the parish. If you have some financial knowledge and experience and could offer us about 4 hours a week (on average) that would be fantastic. Please contact Rob (rector@portisheadparish.co.uk / 01275 846592) , Adi Phillips or one of the Church Wardens if you are interested in finding out more.

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 3rd May	God's Generosity to Us
Sunday 10th May	Giving as Worship and Trust
Sunday 17th May	Generosity as Justice and Compassion
Sunday 24th May	Generosity as Kingdom Living

New Home Group Starting After Easter - 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.

A new group meeting on Tuesday evening twice a month is starting up soon. If that interests you, have a word with Tonya Tel 840016 or Gareth Evans on 07969 774942.

Pioneering Parishes is a fantastic resource to help our parishes become more outward-looking and to develop a culture of mission. Tina Hodgett and Greg Bakker are running a free taster day for Portishead Deanery. Come along and share this with others you know who might be interested in this. **Saturday 25th April 9.30am – 3.30pm in St Peter's Church Portishead.** Talk to Rob or Mark for more details

Please book via the QR Code on the flyer or here <https://short-url.org/pioneer>



St. Nicholas' church, Portishead
Saturday 25th April at 7.00pm

GRAND
CONCERT

showcasing our new digital piano
with
Paul and Rosemary Reid and friends
concert pianist **Helen Reid**
and soprano soloist Willow Baines



Enjoy instrumental and vocal solos, choral items from our two vocal ensembles, and join in our popular sing-a-long to round off a great evening

£10 at the door, including interval refreshments,
for church funds



Saturday 25th April Grand Concert @7.00pm St Nicholas' Church

Saturday evening concert to welcome our new electronic piano to St Nicholas.

Guest Appearance by Helen Reid. All proceeds will go towards church funds. Further details will be announced shortly or contact Pearl Walker and Pauline Cooper.

Ticket price £10.00 which includes refreshments

Contemporary Ethics Forum: Monday, 27th April 7:30 - 9:30 pm St. Peter's Church

Topic: Human Genetic Manipulation - The Good, The Bad and The Ugly.

We are delighted to welcome Professor Keith Fox as our speaker for the next Ethics Forum. Keith is Emeritus Professor of Biochemistry, Southampton University and former Associate Director and then Director of The Faraday Institute for Science and Religion in Cambridge (2015-2021).

All are welcome. No tickets needed. Admission is free, but donations are welcome (*Suggested donation £5*). We also plan to livestream the forum to the church's YouTube channel:

<https://youtube.com/live/RkjuSPBH85Y>

Contact: David on 01275 840 245 or david.tyers@gmail.com for further information

COMMUNITY BARN DANCE

Raising funds for climate change related essential building work for St Peter's Church, Portishead and our charity partner's schools in Kenya.

Event run by Gordano Rotary

Beginners welcome as caller talks us through the steps, dancing to a live band. Even more fun if you have never been to one before.

The FolkHall

95 High Street, Portishead, BS20 6PR

Friday 8th May 2026

7.30pm until 10.30pm

Tickets £10

Licensed bar and light refreshments available.

[https://gordanorotaryportishead.com/
events/barn-dance-8may](https://gordanorotaryportishead.com/events/barn-dance-8may)

Email: tonygbr@gmail.com

In person at SoleLution (Shoe Shop)

62 High Street, Portishead, BS20 6EH

(cash only please if purchasing at SoleLution)



Barn Dance

£10.00 per ticket - Friday 8th May

The Folk Hall

Help to raise funds towards essential building works for St Peter's Church along with our Charity Partner's Schools in Kenya

Church Office opening times Mon – Fri 9.30am – 12.30pm Tel: 01275 846230 Email: office@portisheadparish.co.uk The office is not open on Wednesdays	To make a donation to the church please use:
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How to Avoid Scams – We have noticed that a few of us have been receiving scams lately, below is a poster that may help you to think twice

Spot the Warning Signs Unexpected requests for money: Scammers may pretend to be your bank, HMRC, NHS, or even a family member.

- Urgent pressure: Words like “immediately”, “final notice”, or “your account will be closed” are red flags.
- Requests for personal details: No real organisation will ask for your password, PIN, or full bank details by email or text.
- Too-good-to-be-true offers: Surprise prizes, investment schemes, or “free gifts” that require payment.

Report Suspicious Messages
Reporting scams helps shut them down and protects others.

- Suspicious text messages: Forward them for free to 7726 (7726 spells SPAM on your keypad)
- Suspicious emails: Forward them to report@phishing.gov.uk No explanation needed - just forward the message.

Simple Ways to Protect Yourself

- Pause before clicking: If something feels off, don't click links. Visit the official website instead.
- Use strong passwords: A short phrase with numbers or symbols is safer and easier to remember.
- Turn on two-step verification: A code sent to your phone adds an extra layer of protection.
- Keep your device updated: Updates fix security issues that

If it seems too good to be true... it is usually a scam!

If You Think You've Been Targeted

- Stop and take a breath - scammers rely on panic.
- Don't reply or click anything.
- Speak to someone you trust.
- Contact your bank using the number on the back of your card. You are never wasting anyone's time by asking for help.

Common Scams to Watch For

- “Grandparent” scams: Someone pretends to be a relative in trouble. Hang up and call your family directly.
- Fake delivery messages: Claims you owe a small fee for a parcel. Check your real delivery accounts instead.
- Tech support scams: Pop-ups or callers saying your computer has a virus. Real companies don't contact you unexpectedly.
- Romance scams: Someone online builds trust, then asks for money. Be cautious if you've never met them.