



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

Sunday 19th July – Trinity 7

Genesis 28.10-19 Romans 8.12-25 Matthew 13.24-30, 36-43

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

Psalms 67 1 Kings 2.10-12; 3.16-end Acts 4.1-22

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 20 th July	7.15am	Monday Prayer- online
	9.00pm	Evening Prayer – online
Tues 21 st July		
Weds 22 nd July	9.00am	Morning Prayer – online
Thurs 23 rd July		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
Sat 25 th July	7.00pm	An Abba Candlelight Concert at St Nicholas' Church
	9.00pm	

Sunday 26th July - Trinity 8

Genesis 29.15-28 Romans 8.26-end Matthew 13.31-33, 44-52

9.30am Parish Eucharist at St Nicholas' Church

10.30 Summer Sunday Worship with Communion at St Peter's Church

11.00 Flower Show Songs of Praise

6.00pm Haven at St Peter's Church

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 untied service at 10.30am from Sunday 23rd July until Sunday 23rd August. This 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.



Our Prayers

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

Those who have recently died Janet Skinner, Martin Walsh

Notices

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 July:

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

Pondering the Weeds... and the Bees!



9.45 Special at St Peter's Church – Sunday 19th July

Step into a morning where faith meets curiosity and creativity. We'll be exploring the *parable of the weeds* - noticing and celebrating not only the bees but also the weeds that grow in the most unexpected of places,

There'll be **hands-on fun for all ages**, including a simple craft that everyone can join in with — whether you're tiny, tall, or somewhere in between.



Tea & toast from 9:30 am  **Service begins at 9:45 am**



9:45 SPECIAL

Informal service with a spark of creativity

Date: 19th July 2026

Time: 09:45

Location: St Peters Church
Portishead



Summary: St Peter's Crack Repairs and Re-ordering

We are responding to serious cracking in the north-west corner of St Peter's Church. Repairing the structural damage remains the immediate priority, but the situation is also being considered as an opportunity to improve the building for worship, children's and youth provision, community use and future sustainability.

Good progress is being made by the action groups working on repairs, fundraising and possible development of the church. The structural report has been submitted to the Diocese as part of the faculty application. The PCC has also commissioned outline designs for potential re-ordering, which will be shared more widely and subject to proper consultation and faculty approval.

Members of the DAC visited St Peter's on Tuesday 30th June and met with members of the Buildings Sub-Group and our architect and structural engineer. The DAC representatives supported the proposed structural approach, which involves installing piles inside the church to underpin the unstable corner. External work was considered impracticable because of limited space near the burial plots. Further investigation, including deeper boreholes, will be required before detailed design and tendering. The repair process is expected to include external shoring scaffolding, floor excavation, piling, a concrete slab, internal steelwork, masonry stitching, making good, and an archaeological watching brief. Surface water drainage, and possibly groundwater drainage, will also need improvement to reflect climate change.

The DAC was also supportive of a draft proposal for developing the West end of the church to create space for children and youth and meetings. However, it is recognised that the repair work must remain the critical focus. Temporary netting over affected walls will take place shortly and is considered a sensible way to allow reuse of the fenced-off area.

The work is likely to take place next summer and is currently estimated at £200,000–£250,000 plus VAT. Raising this money will clearly require grant funding and wider fundraising. Inclusion on Historic England's At Risk Register has been applied for and may support this.

Fundraising has already begun. Separate fundraising programmes are likely to be developed for different projects, recognising that each may attract support from different sources. Initiatives may include community events, grant applications and wider engagement across the town, so that everyone who values St Peter's can contribute. The formation of The Friends of St Peter's has been approved, and existing church funds, including legacies, are also being considered. A prayer group meets on the first Monday of each month at 10:00 to pray for the projects.

Saturday 25th and Sunday 26th July
Volunteers Needed

Please could you spare an hour to help on the church stand at the Portishead Summer Show on 25th and 26th July?

There will be a large cardboard model of the church that we can 'repair' as we centre our theme around mending the crack and making it whole again by working together. We need folk to help with the craft which is mainly colouring and glueing. We also need folk who are happy to hand out a questionnaire and talk about the crack in the church. So whether you are 'crafty' or 'chatty' – or maybe even both! – please consider joining the 'Crack Team' for an hour. To volunteer your time or to ask any questions phone Claire : 07910 770422 or email letscrackthistogether@portisheadparish.co.uk



St. Peter's Church has stood at the heart of this town for over 700 years, underpinning the life of the community. Now St Peter's needs underpinning! The North West corner has suffered movement that has caused substantial fractures to the walls. Previous generations provided this wonderful building, rebuilt it, repaired it and added to it. Now it's our turn to make sure it remains standing and fit for purpose for the community of Portishead now and for future generations. Please can you help us gather data for our application for grants by circling your responses to the questionnaire overleaf. If you take this away to complete, please drop your responses in the box in the library, the entrance porch of St Peter's or email a photo of your completed sheet to: letscrackthistogether@portisheadparish.co.uk





Silent Prayer Walk

Rev'd Tonya will be undertaking a gentle silent prayer walk around the marina.

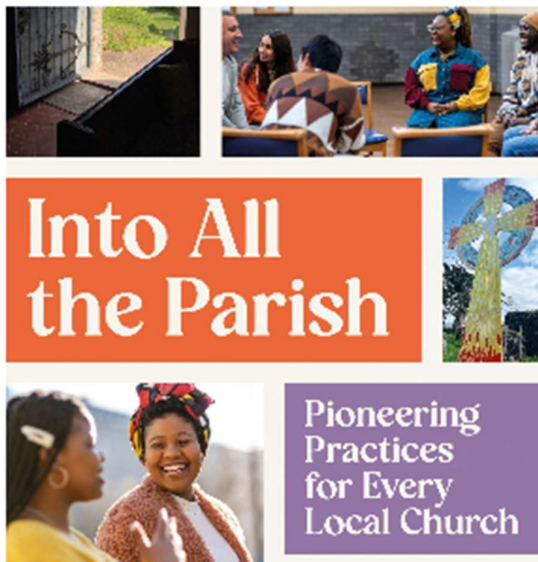
Why don't you join her?

When: Monday 20th July
Time: 10am
Start point: Outside Hall & Woodhouse
Length of walk: 40-50 minute with pauses

Followed by optional Coffee at H&W

Rev Tina Hodget, who many will remember as Team Pilgrim here until 2017, has co-written a book. Since she left Portishead she has continued her passion for pioneering and has sought to encourage pioneer ministry across the church. This is the subject of the book, which is called *Into Every Parish: Pioneering Practices for Every Local Church*.

Details of the book and a launch event in Bristol on Thursday 23rd July can be found here: [New book helps churches go Into All the Parish - Church Mission Society \(CMS\)](#)



Martha's Kitchen – Help Needed This Summer - Martha's Kitchen runs every Tuesday during the school holidays, opening its hatches to families across Portishead. It's a joyful piece of community work — but it's also a big weekly task.

In previous years, we've been able to move everything we need into the Methodist Hall for the full six weeks. It's heavy work, but it only had to be done once.

This year, the hall is booked for other events, which means we need to move all our equipment in and out every single week. That's a lot of lifting, loading, and unloading — usually filling at least two cars.

To make this possible, we're asking for help with setting up on Monday evenings and setting down on Tuesdays at midday. Even if you can do one date it will really help.

If you can help on any of the dates below, please contact Lindsay – 07483932608

– pioneer@portisheadparish.co.uk

Set-up dates (Mondays at 8pm)

- 27th July
- 3rd August
- 11th August
- 18th August
- 25th August
- 31st August

Set-down dates (Tuesdays at midday)

- 28th July
- 4th August
- 11th August
- 18th August
- 25th August
- 1st September

Sarah Bennett is leaving her role as Youth Worker at GVC after 14 years. Many of us will have benefited from her ministry and friendship over that time. On **Sunday 9 August at 11.30 GVC** will be holding a special 'Thank You Sarah' bring-and-share picnic at St Joseph's School instead of their usual morning service. They are extending an invitation to everybody to attend. More details here <https://gordanovalley.churchsuite.com/events/ptheup71>

Shirley Doohan's funeral will be at High Street Methodist Church at midday on **Monday 20th July** and followed by a cream tea and sandwich wake at The Beacon Hub. All are welcome.

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.

Situations Vacant

We need to add to our wonderful tech team who help those in church and on the livestream to be able to see, hear and participate in the worship at the 9.45 Service.

It would be brilliant to have a couple more people who could help one week a month. No great technical knowhow is required and full support and training offered. This is scope for a young person to do this in conjunction with a parent or carer. Please speak to one of the tech team or clergy if you are interested or contact Jess in the office

office@portisheadparish.co.uk / 01275 846230)

Submitting Expenses and Invoices

Please ensure that all **expenses and invoices** are sent to the office email: office@portisheadparish.co.uk.

Any **invoices requiring payment** must also be emailed to the office first, 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

Mark is on Sabbatical through June, July and August. Please continue to pray for him. Please take anything you would have spoken to Mark about to one of the other clergy.

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