

Sunday 2nd August – Trinity 9/Prayer 1

Lord, Teach us to Pray

Psalm 63.1-8 Luke 11.1-4

8am Holy Communion (BCP) at St Peter's Church

9.30am Morning Worship at St Nicholas' Church

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

followed by a picnic in the Millennium Garden (or St Peter's if wet)

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 3 rd August	7.15am	Monday Prayer- online
	10.30am	Summer Refresh at St Peter's Church
Weds 5 th August	9.00am	*Morning Prayer at St Peter's Church
Thurs 6 th 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
Saturday 8 th August	10.30am	LLADS at St Barnabas Centre

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

Sunday 9th August - Trinity 10 / Prayer 2

Honesty in Prayer

1 Samuel 1.9-18 Mark 14.32-36

9.30am Parish Eucharist at St Nicholas' Church

10.30 Summer Sunday Worship 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.
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 Janet Skinner, Martin Walsh, Pauline Crane

Notices

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.



**Summer Sunday
Worship**

**EVERY SUNDAY IN AUGUST
10.30AM
ST PETER'S CHURCH, PORTISHEAD**

Bring a picnic and stay for lunch in the Millennium Gardens

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



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

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 August:

Wednesday 5th - 10.15am - 11.45am

Wednesday 12th - 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

St Peter's Crack Repairs and Re-ordering – Update Summary

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 first priority, and we will make sure that we have the finances available to do this work before we turn our attention to further developments. 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.

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.



Coming Up This Week.

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Martha's Kitchen
Open for families with children aged 0-11 who would benefit from a free breakfast and a relaxed, welcoming space.
Date: Tuesday, 4th Aug
Place: Portishead Methodist Church Hall, High Street, Portishead, BS20 6EN
Time: 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Craft table for everyone — simple, fun, creative activities
The session is mainly for primary-school-aged children, but younger and older siblings are very welcome, too.

Summer Refresh
Monday 3rd August
St Peter's Church
10am-11.30am
There will be toys, activities, refreshments and, as always, there will be cake!

SEND Stay and Play.
August 6th
Martha's Kitchen provide a free SEND Play and Stay Breakfast.
9.30 - 11.30 Portishead youth and community centre - to book call 01275 842461

Rev Lindsay can help you with foodbank vouchers and school holiday lunch bag vouchers. 07483932608

Community Picnic at Willow Community Gardens

Sunday, 16th August starts at 12 o'clock

Join us for a community picnic at Willow Community Gardens! There will be plenty of space to spread your picnic blanket and activities for children to enjoy.

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.

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

See you there!

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)



WILLOW GARDENS NEWSLETTER

August Newsletter
Schools Out For Summer

Its time for some fun in the sun, so please join us for a picnic! Our community picnic will take place on **Sunday 16th August from 12 noon**. This is a free event with cake, fruit, drinks and snacks provided for all.

What to Bring:

- Sandwiches/Picnic
- Chair/Blanket

There is space for all to come and enjoy the garden, as well as activities for children. While picnicing you will notice our fruit trees are having a great year and producing fruit that we will soon be able to enjoy. We are excited to share the garden with you all but if the weather is wet we will move to St. Peter's Church.



Willow Gardens had a visit from Judge John Wheatly from the RHS Community Garden Awards. John was impressed with the growth and colour in the garden in spite of the heat waves. Thank you to all our volunteers for keeping our garden looking great, all efforts big or small have a big impact. If you would like to be part of this effort or just enjoy the outside **Contact Lindsay** on **07483932608** or portisheadgarden@outlook.com.



August Dates

Whether you're a seasoned gardener or just want to spend some time outdoors and trying something new, all are welcome.

5th August

12th August

19th August

26th August

Wednesdays from 10am - 12pm



**Growing in the heart
of the community**



**Willow
Community
Gardens**

Urgent Help Need for help at St Nicholas church Tuesday morning 10.00 - 12.30.

Our Lighthouse Carers Group is short of volunteer help on Tuesday. Are you able to help please as a one-off? Could you serve tea, talk to a carer, play skittles ...? We'd love to hear from you. Please ring Jennie McDuff 07936 103084

Cleaning Angels Needed!

"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord." – Colossians 3:23
Our faithful team of church cleaners is diminishing, and we're looking for new helpers to join our rota. Just an hour or two a month keeps St Peter's looking its best for worship, weddings, funerals and visitors.

Could you spare a little time to serve in this simple, meaningful way? Please contact Kathryn Phillips on 07834 097595, or speak to Jennie McDuff or Paul Jeffrey.

Many hands make light work!

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.

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>

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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