

Sunday 20th Sept – Trinity 16

Exodus 16.2-15 Philippians 1.21-30 Matthew 20.1-16

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

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

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 21 st Sept	7.15am	Monday Prayer – online
	9.15am	Café Prayers at Lighthouse Café St Nicholas' Church
Tues 22 nd Sept	9.00am	Refresh Parent, Baby and Toddler Group at St Peter's Church
Weds 23 rd Sept	9.00am	Morning Prayer – online
Thurs 24 th Sept		'Thought for the Day' available from 8.00am via our website, YouTube and Facebook
	6.45am	Morning Prayer - online
	10.30am	Midweek Communion (MU) at St Peter's Church
	10.40am	Midweek Church Coffee – online
	2.00pm	Lighthouse Café at St Nicholas' Church
	2.30PM	Mothers' Union at St Peter's Church

4th Sunday

Sunday 27th Sept – Trinity 17

Exodus 17.1-7 Philippians 2.1-13 Matthew 21.23-32

9.30am Parish Eucharist at St Nicholas' Church
9.45am The 9.45 with Communion at St Peter's Church
Pebbles and youth church will be meeting during this service.
11.30am Parish Eucharist at St Peter's Church
6.00pm Haven at St Peter's Church



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, Pauline Tuckwell, Jo

Those who have recently died Terence Hancock, John Dunkley, Christine Taylor

We are sad to announce that Christine Taylor, wife of former Rector, Alan Taylor, died on Friday 11th September after a long battle with cancer. Please remember Alan and the family in your prayers

Notices

Welcome

New to St Peters or St Nicholas Church?

Come along for a Newcomers' Afternoon

*Meet new people, hear more about our church,
ask any questions you may have.
Enjoy tea, coffee and cake in a
relaxed and friendly setting*

Date: Saturday 19th September 2026
Time: 2.30pm ~ 4pm
Venue: St. Peters Church

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

Newcomers' Welcome Afternoon

St. Peter's church, on Saturday 19th September, 2.30 – 4pm.

Come along for a relaxed time of tea and cake, an opportunity to meet some people from the church, and a chance to ask any questions you may have.

It would be lovely to see you there and hope you can come along.

Best wishes,
Revd Tonya

Mother's Union - We resume meetings after the summer break on Thursday 24th September at St. Peter's Church at 2.30pm when we will be reading Harvest poems, so please bring along your favourite to share. There will also be time for tea and chat. As always visitors are welcome to join us.

Bring your favorite Teddy Bear

9:45 SPECIAL

Informal service with a spark of creativity

Date: 20th september 2026

Time: 09:45

Location: St Peters Church Portishead

Tea and Toast served from 9.30

9.45 Special at St Peter's Church – Sunday 20th September

Tea, Toast & Teddy Bears (tea and toast from 9.30). Bring your favourite bear or cuddly friend — every single bear will receive a blessing. An informal, creative, relaxed service with space to breathe, make, doodle, wonder, or simply be.

There'll be hands-on fun for all ages, including a craft activity that welcomes tiny fingers, grown-up hands, and everyone in between.

Prayer Stations in St Peter's 19-28 September

In 2026 Bath and Wells Diocese is have a year of special focus on prayer. A prayer box is visiting churches in the Diocese with various stations to help us to pray. This will be n St Peter's Church in the week beginning 20th Sept. Please come when the church is open and take some time to use the resources and pray.

Volunteers Needed – Saturday 3rd October



As part of our preparing the church for Harvest morning, we're looking for a few adult volunteers to help with the children's craft activity on Saturday 3rd October, from 11 am–12 noon at St Peter's.

All activities and materials will be provided — we simply need people to run the craft area: help with setting up at 10.30 am, supporting the children as they create, and tidying away from 12 noon. It's a gentle, joyful way to encourage our younger church members as they celebrate God's creation with colour, imagination, and lots of enthusiasm.

If you can spare an hour, please contact Lindsay at pioneer@portisheadparish.co.uk or 07483932608; we'd be so grateful. It's relaxed, friendly, and a true all-age team effort.

Let's Crack this Together – Update and Gift Day. Thanks to everybody who contributed to our gift weekend on 12th and 13th September to raise money to fix the crack in St Peter's Church and to help make a church for the future. With money still waiting to be counted we have received more than £20,000.

Thank you. That takes our total to £88,000.

The repair work is likely to cost between £250,000 and £300,000.

We will close the Gift Weekend on 12th October. You can still give to the Let's Crack this Together appeal fund if you would like to Envelopes are available in both churches if you would like to give by cash or cheque. You can also give by bank transfer or through our contactless devices. If giving via a contactless machine including details of the amount given on a slip of paper inside so that we can claim the tax back.

Please make any cheques out to Portishead PCC

You can also give by Direct Bank Transfer (BACS)

Account name: **Portishead Parochial Church Council**

General Account

Bank: **NatWest Bank PLC**

Sort code: **54-30-06**

Account: **03063410**

Please include the reference 'Crack'

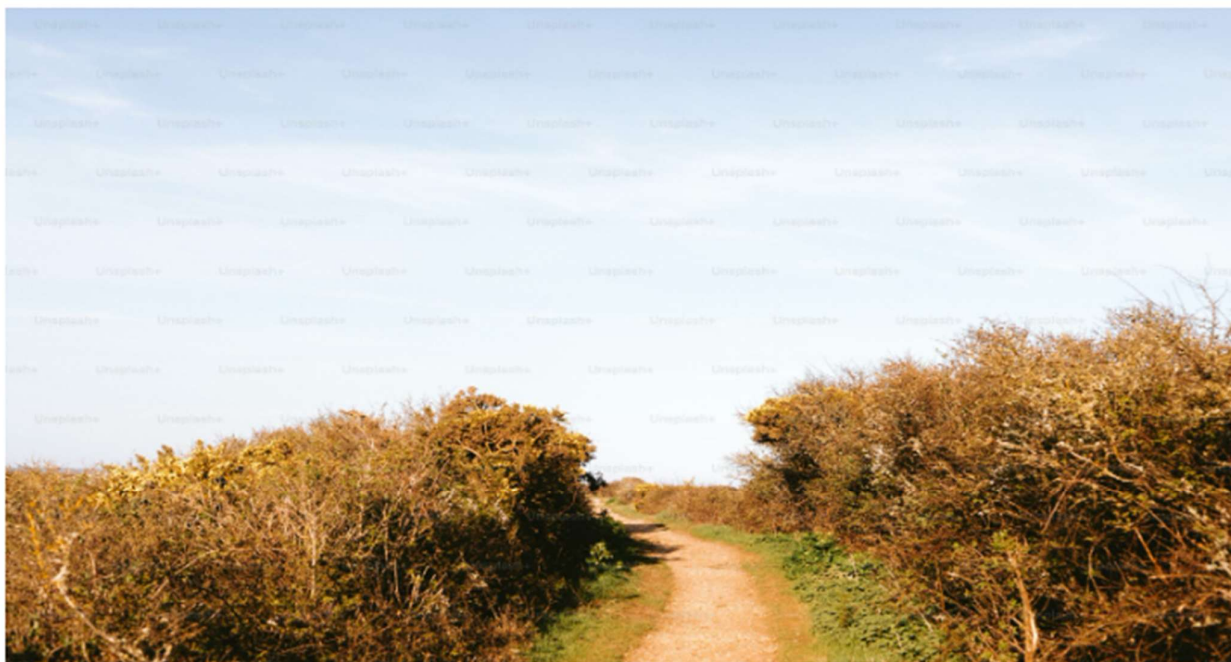


JustGiving™

Or you can give via Just Giving by clicking on the QR Code.

Any questions? Contact the Finance team via office@portisheadparish.co.uk





Silent Prayer Walk

Revd Tonya will be undertaking a gentle silent prayer walk around the marina.

Why don't you join her?

When: Wednesday 23rd September

Time: 10am

Start point: Outside Hall & Woodhouse

Length of walk: 40-50 minute with pauses

Followed by optional Coffee at H&W



Hello St Nicholas Congregation

We are having a Clean Up Day on **10th October from 10-12am.**
Tea, Coffee and Biscuits provided.

Also we are in need of at least one person to join the cleaning team.
Please can you spare 1 hour per month to help?
Please contact Diane Yeoman (07891 401723) who will be very pleased to speak to you about either!!

Portishead to Bristol Railway Information Presentation for the Over 55's

**At Portishead Youth and Community Centre
On Wednesday 23rd September at 1:30pm**

The Portishead Railway project team would like to invite the people of Portishead who are over 55 years to an information session on the latest progress of the station and railway build.

This session will be run by the project & principal contractor; Morgan Sindall Infrastructure and you will have the opportunity to hear about:

- Project progress and where we are now
- Upcoming works and next steps.
- How to stay informed throughout project build

A question-and-answer session with the project team

We look forward to meeting you, answering your questions, and sharing more about this important project for Portishead.



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.

Creating places to belong...

We believe that the most significant ministry happens in those simple moments when people feel known, welcomed and valued. A bacon butty and a coffee. A game with a child. A conversation about life with a young person. A space where someone can ask questions about faith. What might seem like small things, can have a huge impact. That's why we're looking to grow our teams serving children, young people and families.

LLaDs (Lads, Lasses and Dads) is a place where dads and their children can simply come as they are. Once a month on a Saturday morning at the Children's Centre, dads can meet in a relaxed space and chat over bacon butties and good coffee, while the children enjoy toys, games and activities. But it's about more than breakfast and activities. It's about building relationships and creating a welcoming community where people know they belong. We're looking for some new volunteers to help make that happen: to help set up, serve refreshments, chat with the dads, or simply help create an environment that feels warm, friendly and welcoming.



Youth Church is about giving young people a place to belong, to ask questions and to explore what it means to follow Jesus. Meeting two Sundays a month for young people in Year 6 and above, we spend time exploring the Bible, playing games, talking about life and praying together. At its heart, Youth Church is about relationships - helping young people know that they are seen, valued and not alone as they navigate life and faith. There are lots of ways to get involved. You could help during sessions, lead or plan activities, or simply be there to listen, encourage and get to know our young people.

Could you be part of it...

You don't have to have all the answers. You just need to be willing to show up, make time and invest in people. Whether you could help regularly or just want to find out a little more about what's involved, we'd love to hear from you.

Please get in touch with Mark if you'd like to know more about volunteering with LLaDs or Youth Church. All our volunteers will go through our safer recruitment process and receive appropriate safeguarding training for their role. We'd love to talk with you about what getting involved might look like.

Email - pilgrim@portisheadparish.co.uk Tel : 077663 10509

Caring for Creation @ St Peters church

Saturday 3rd October, from 10am: Decorate St Peter's church with seasonal, home-grown flowers and foliage. Please bring flowers or foliage from your garden or allotment if you can. Tea, coffee, and cake provided.

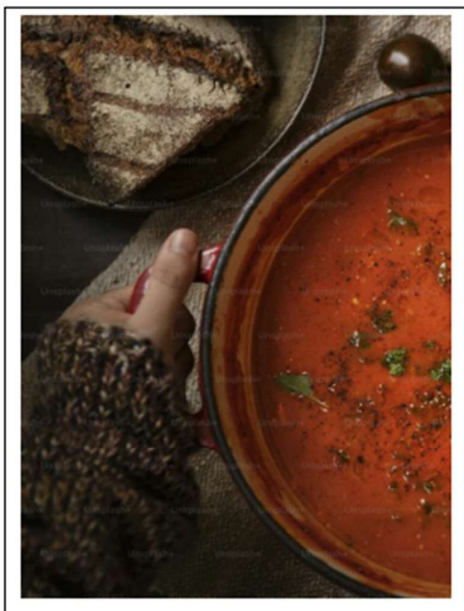
Children's Craft Activity

11am–12 noon: Creation-themed craft for younger church members.



Harvest Lunch

Saturday 3rd October 12.45pm



Where: St. Peters Church

What: A simple of lunch of warming soup and nourishing bread

Cost: Donations to the Harvest Appeal, supporting the charity Ripple Effect

*Come & be waited upon by the parishes
pastoral assistants in the beautiful surroundings
of St. Peters Church*

Harvest Appeal & Weekend 2026

Portishead Church of England is supporting the charity Ripple Effect



Be part of a story of growth and resilience, not hunger

Ripple Effect supports families in rural Africa to fight hunger & the climate crisis through sustainable farming training. Each farmer shares what they learn with their neighbours & communities so many more families benefit too, thus creating a ripple effect.

rippleeffect.org (previously known as Send a Cow)

Harvest Church Decorating followed by lunch at St. Peters ~ Saturday 3rd October Harvest Festival ~ Sunday 4th October

For information about Harvest, services & activities visit:

the website, notice sheet or parish magazine.

Website address: <http://www.portisheadparish.co.uk>



People's Emergency Briefing



On the climate and nature crisis

10th Oct 2026
St Peter's Church
Portishead

Doors open at 7pm
Film starts at 7:30pm

Free Film screening and
discussion



SCAN ME

**"THE EARTH IS THE
LORD'S, AND
EVERYTHING IN IT."
PSALM 24:1**

A special community screening: The People's Emergency Briefing

What's happening with climate and nature, and what does it mean for everyday life in the UK? A FREE screening of the acclaimed documentary The People's Emergency Briefing - an eye-opening film bringing together nine leading UK scientists and experts with the latest evidence and why it matters.

Stay afterwards for a short informal discussion with others who care about the future of our communities and countryside.

1st September - Avon Way Hall

10th October - St Peter's Church

Reserve your free tickets:

www.helpourplanet.earth

Please share with friends, family and neighbours - everyone is welcome

Portishead Carnival is celebrating its 125th anniversary on Saturday 12th June 2027. Would you like to help create a Portishead Churches float? Please let Rob know if you are interested.



**PLEASE NOTE THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED FROM
MONDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER TO MONDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER**

Mon 28 th Sept	7.15am	Monday Prayer – online
Tuesday 29 th Sept	9.00am	Refresh Parent, Baby and Toddler Group at St Peter's Church
Weds 30 th Sept	9.00am	Morning Prayer – online
Thurs 1 st Oct		'Thought for the Day' available from 8.00am via our website, YouTube and Facebook
	6.45am	Morning Prayer - online
	10.30am	Midweek Communion (MU) at St Peter's Church
	10.40am	Midweek Church Coffee – online
	2.00pm	Lighthouse Café at St Nicholas' Church
Friday 2 nd Oct	10.30am	Table Talk at Portishead Library
Saturday 3 rd Oct	10.00am	Decorate St Peter's for Harvest Festival

1st Sunday

Sunday 4th Oct – Harvest Festival / Let's Crack This Together

Deuteronomy 8.7-18 2 Corinthians 9.6-15 Matthew 25.14-30

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

9.30am Morning Worship at St Nicholas' Church

9.45am The 9.45 at St Peter's Church

To attend via link - https://youtube.com/live/o9_mhrY-S5g?feature=share

11.30am Parish Eucharist at St Peter's Church

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