Sunday 22nd November – St Nicholas' Patronal Festival
10.30am Patronal Festival Service at St Nicholas' Church
6.00pm Haven at St Nicholas' Church

We will be marking **St Nicholas' Patronal Festival at 10.30am on Sunday 22nd November** in St Nicholas' Church. This will be the only service taking place in the Parish on that Sunday morning, and **Pebbles** will be meeting as part of the service. Do come and take part.

Click here to download the order of service

Haven will take in **St Nicholas' Church on Sunday 22nd November**. Do join us at 6.00pm for 45 minutes of mindfulness, silence, music and gently guided prayer on the theme of Gift

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

Please note that St Peter's Church will be hosting Star Trail all week. We'd be grateful if you could avoid entering the church for other purposes during this time. Thank you!

Parish Calendar for the Week Ahead:

Mon 23rd Nov		**Star Trail – St Peter's Church – All Week**
	7.15am	Monday Prayer – online
Tuesday 24th Nov	10.30am	Lighthouse Carers Group – St Nicholas' Church
Thurs 26th Nov		'Thought for the Day' available from 8.00am via our website, YouTube and Facebook
	6.45am	Morning Prayer - online
	10.40am	Midweek Church Coffee – online
	2.00pm	Lighthouse Café at St Nicholas' Church

Thursday Communion - There will be no Thursday Morning Communion on **Thursday 26th November** because Star Trail will be taking place in St Peter's Church. There will be no Communion on **Thursday 3rd December** because there will be some test drilling being done in the Church.

Sunday 29th November – Advent 1

Isaiah 64.1-9; 1 Corinthians 1.3-9; Mark 13.24

9.30am Parish Eucharist at St Nicholas' Church
9.45am The 9.45 with Communion at St Peter's Church

Join online https://youtube.com/live/Y5D_f9plR24

11.30am Parish Eucharist at St Peter's Church
6.00pm Portishead Churches Advent Carol Service at St Nicholas' Church

Dear Friends

Walking up Park Street one evening this week I was reminded how easy it is to find a reason not to be generous to the homeless. Generosity sometimes takes a bit of courage - not just because giving to a homeless person often involves a moment of interaction, but because we fear we may appear foolish to the other warm dry people with homes to live in who see us stop.

This weekend we celebrate St Nicholas' Patronal Festival. The story of St Nicholas' generosity to a poor family whose daughters were about to be sold into prostitution is a wonderful story of courageous generosity. St Nicholas disregarded the possibility of looking foolish. The money he gave was, the story goes, the last of his inheritance, so he also risked his own future poverty. He was a fantastic example to us of how to not be weary of doing good and to allow generosity and courage to be two of our guiding values.

The astute amongst you will know that this weekend is still some time away from the 'actual' feast of St Nicholas. We mark it early to allow the Star Trail team a chance to set up St Peter's for next week's Star Trail. Thanks to everybody involved in that massive undertaking. Please pray for all the children and teachers and families who will come through the doors of St Peter's next week.

Do join us for the St Nicholas' Patronal Festival on Sunday. It is a lovely opportunity to worship together

With God's blessing



Rev Rob Eastwood Dewing



Our Prayers

Those in need Mary Powell, Judith, Ann Field, Pat Jouxson, Maureen Noakes, Brenda Greenham, Wendy Burrell, Tony Peacey, Ray Gullock, Pauline Tuckwell, Jo, Linda, Nigel Selvey, Caroline Howe

Those who have recently died Simon Ward, Kath Bland, Andy Cole, Carole Jenkins, John Cross

Please remember those being Baptised in November – Maeve, Finley

Notices



Start your Advent Journey by following the Magi to the Stable in this multi-sensory experience

Free entry to all. Suitable for all ages. Please allow at least 45 minutes to complete the Star Trail

Public Sessions are available
Wednesday 25th November
6pm - 7.30pm
Saturday 28th November
10am - 11.30am
At St Peter's Church

Portishead Churches Together invite you to an

Advent Carol Service

Sunday 29th November at 6.00pm
St Nicholas' Church, Nore Road, BS20 8EN



Mark the beginning of the season of Advent with carols, readings and prayers as we anticipate the coming of Christ

Followed by refreshments

All Welcome

PORTISHEAD Churches Together

Let's Crack This Together

Help repair St Peter's and make the church fit for our community now and for future generations.

The total raised to date is £126,262





We are looking to hold some **Coffee Concerts at St Nicholas** with the first one taking place on **Wednesday 20th January**. If there are any volunteers who would like to help with cake making or tidying up please let the office or Pearl know.

Volunteers from Martha's Kitchen will be in the Impero Lounge on the following Tuesdays. Children can stop by on their way to school for a FREE breakfast of cereal and toast, while parents can enjoy early-morning coffee.

They will also be available to issue foodbank vouchers and lunch bag Vouchers.

Tuesday 17th November 8am – 9.30am
Tuesday 24th November 8am – 9.30am

Revd Lindsay 0748293260 - Pioneer@portisheadparish.co.uk



St Peter's Church

Church Road South, BS20 6PS

Sunday 6th December

Christingle 3pm & 5pm

Sunday 20th December

The 9.45am Special Nativity

Traditional Carol Service 6pm

Christmas Eve

Crib Service* 2pm & 4pm

Midnight Mass 11.15pm

Christmas Day

Holy Communion 8am

Christmas Communion 10.30am



CAROLS AT LUNCHTIME



Wednesday 16th December
12pm until 2pm
St Peter's Church Portishead

Take a break at lunchtime and join us for carols
Sing with us or just enjoy listening
Bring your lunch to enjoy with us, tea and coffee will be available
Carols will start at 12.15pm with a break for lunch
The second session will start at 1.15pm
Feel free to stay for all, or part of the time, we would love to see you there!





St Nicholas' Church

Nore Road, BS20 8EN

Sunday 20th December

Community Carol Service 5pm

Christmas Eve

Crib Service* 3pm & 5pm

Christmas Day

Christmas Communion 9.30am



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.

LEE ABBEY PARISH WEEKEND - 25-27 JUNE 2027

Lee Abbey is hosted by an international Christian community who enjoy welcoming guests to this comfortable and relaxing setting on the North Devon coast. The weekend will include not only times of worship and teaching but also plenty of time to enjoy the lovely scenery of the local area. There be will also be opportunities for us to meet as a parish group and to get to know each other in a deeper way than perhaps there is time for in our busy everyday lives. We have been allocated 25 places so do book as soon as you can to make sure you don't miss out, using the attached booking form.



Contact Valerie Lowe (vlowe132@gmail.com) for more information).
Click Here for 2027 Booking Form

Posset Singers

A Very Posset Christmas



A festive concert of traditional and contemporary Christmas music, in aid of Portishead Christmas Lights

Saturday 12th December
St Peter's Church
7:30pm

Tickets £10/£5 for sale on website.
Seasonal refreshments available

http://www.possetsingers.co.uk

PORTISHEAD LIGHTS


PORTISHEAD YOUTH
Choirs
Christmas Concert
Friday 18th December
7.30pm
St Peter's Church,
Portishead
Musical Director: Katherine Everett
Accompanist: Lu Shephard
portisheadyouthchoirs@gmail.com
Free Entry
Retiring collection in aid of the
"Let's Crack This Together" campaign.

Links for Online Meetings

7.15am Monday - Monday Prayer– online – Click for Link
https://teams.live.com/meet/9399632380155?p=xl0GS1guFQs7vCocPK

06.45am Thursday - Morning Prayer – online – Click for Link

https://www.google.com/url?q=https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84019088287?pwd%3DTGdlbVV0YWwwdEp5dXhweHRrTGgyZz09&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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