



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

## Sunday 24th May – Pentecost

Malachi 3:6-12 Psalm 112 2 Corinthians 9:6-15 Matthew 25:14-30

**9.30am Parish Eucharist at St Nicholas' Church**

**9.45am The 9.45 with Communion at St Peter's Church**

Live Stream YouTube <https://youtube.com/live/r3l5XyOQ6DU?feature=share>

**11.30am Parish Eucharist at St Peter's Church**

**6.00pm Haven at St Peter's Church**

*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](http://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](mailto:office@portisheadparish.co.uk)*

### Parish Calendar for the Week Ahead:

<b>Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May</b>	7.15am	Monday Prayer – online <a href="https://ziply.pk/Mon-Mission-prayer">https://ziply.pk/Mon-Mission-prayer</a>
	9.00pm	Evening Prayer - <a href="https://shorturl.at/sCZMh">https://shorturl.at/sCZMh</a>
<b>Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> May</b>	9.00am	Refresh Parent, Baby and Toddler Group at St Peter's Church
	10.30am	Lighthouse Carers' Group at St Nicholas' Church
<b>Weds 27<sup>th</sup> May</b>	9.00am	Morning Prayer – <a href="https://short-url.org/WedMorningPray">https://short-url.org/WedMorningPray</a>
<b>Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> May</b>		'Thought for the Day' available from 8.30am via our website, YouTube and Facebook
	6.45am	Morning Prayer – online <a href="https://short-url.org/1p9X5">https://short-url.org/1p9X5</a>
	10.30am	Midweek Communion (MU) at St Peter's Church Midweek Church Coffee via Zoom
	10.40am	<a href="https://bit.ly/midweekchurchcoffee">https://bit.ly/midweekchurchcoffee</a>
	2.00pm	Lighthouse Café at St Nicholas' Church
	2.30pm	Mothers Union Cream Tea St Peter's Church

**There will be no 8.00am Holy Communion at St Peter's Church on 31<sup>st</sup> May as indicated in the Parish Magazine**

## Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May – Trinity Sunday

**Celebration of 150 Years of the Mothers' Union**

**10.30am United Service at St Nicholas Church**

## 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

**The departed** Marion JUNE White, Sheila Ann Terry

## Notices

**Haven on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May at 6.00pm in St Peter's** will be considering 'Spirit'.  
45 minutes of silence, mindfulness, music and gently guided prayer.  
All welcome.

### **Mark's Sabbatical**

Mark will be taking a three-month sabbatical during June, July and August. Clergy are encouraged to take a sabbatical every ten years of ministry, and this is a wonderful gift and opportunity for rest, reflection and renewal. Mark is hugely thankful to the clergy team and the many volunteers who will ensure that groups and events he is involved in will continue during his absence. Please pray for Mark, that his sabbatical would be a time of refreshment and deepening connection with God.

### **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 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Generosity as Kingdom Living

### **Mothers Union Cream Tea**

You are invited to A CREAM TEA to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the formation of the Worldwide Mother's Union, which will be held at **St. Peter's Church** on **Thursday 28th May at 2.30-4pm.**

No tickets are needed but cash donations will be gratefully received on the day for Mother's Union projects.

### **Mother's Union 150<sup>th</sup> Celebration and United Service – Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May**

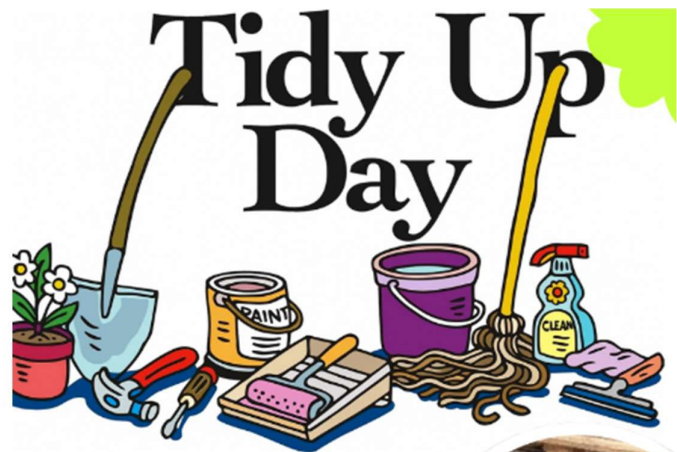
2026 is the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Foundation of the Mother's Union. In the years since the MU has made a meaningful difference in the lives of millions worldwide through its unique, faith-based and community-led approach to tackling poverty, injustice and violence.

On Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May we will be celebrating the work of the MU in our United Service at 10.30 at St Nicholas' Church. Please note this is the only service in the parish on this day.

**St Peters church tidy up day**  
Save the date for a bright, busy community morning at St Peter's Church:

**Chore & Tidy Morning**  
**Saturday 23rd May 10am-12pm**  
**St Peter's Church**

Drop in to lend a hand — from cutting craft shapes to sweeping, vacuuming, dusting, or tackling a few weeds. Every bit of help makes a real difference. And yes, there'll be coffee, conversation, and cake to keep us fuelled



**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May**  
**10 - 12**

**Cleaning - Gardening**  
**Craft prep - Tidying**  
**Tea coffee cake**

**ST PETERS CHURCH**

Bring Gardening tools- inside cleaning equipment provided  
All ages welcome



## **SPRING PLANT SWAP**

**Saturday 23rd May 2026**  
**2.00pm - 4.00pm**

**St Peters church - Portishead**  
**FREE ENTRY**

**Bring along your spare seedlings, houseplants, veg plugs or seeds and swap them for something new!**

**No plants to swap? Donations welcome everyone's invited to join in.**



**Plant & Seedling Swap Afternoon Saturday**  
**23rd May 2026**  
**2.00 pm - 4.00pm - St Peter's Church,**  
**Portishead**

**FREE ENTRY!**

Bring along your spare seedlings, houseplants, veg plants or seeds and swap them for something new.

No plants to swap? Donations are welcome - everyone is invited to join in.

We are also looking for offers of help with:

- Serving tea and coffee
- Providing cakes
- Helping with simple set-up and tidy-up

If you can help in any way, please let us know.

A lovely community afternoon for all ages.



# Encounters on the Road

A Quiet Morning with Rob Eastwood Dewing

At St Nicholas' Church, Nore Road, Portishead  
10.00am -1.00pm Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> Jun 2026

So many stories in scripture tell us of people having profound encounters with God and others while they were on the way somewhere. We will look at a few of those stories and see what lessons they hold for us today. Rob will offer some reflections and there will be time to be quiet and pray. If the weather is kind The Glade in Chaplain's Wood is a lovely place to sit and be still. Do bring a book or something else to do if you would like to.



## Quiet Morning: Encounters on the Road

On **Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June at St Nicholas' Church from 10.00am to 1.00pm** Rob will be leading a Quiet Morning entitled Encounters on the Road. So many stories in scripture tells us of people having profound encounters with God and others while they were on the way somewhere. We will look at a few of those stories and see what lessons they hold for us today. Rob will offer some reflections and there will be time to be quiet and pray. If the weather is kind the Glade in Chaplain's Wood is a lovely place to sit and be still. Do bring a book or something else to do if you would like to

## Volunteer Request: Help Needed for Martha's Kitchen Setup

Will involve carrying tables up a set of stairs and some heavy lifting, so we especially welcome anyone who feels able to help with the physical work.

**Date & Time (Setup): Monday, 25th May @ 5pm Location: Methodist Hall**

Task: Moving tables upstairs and setting up Martha's Kitchen

Additionally, we will also need help on **Tuesday, 26th May at 11.45 am** to take the tables back down the stairs and clear the hall.

If you can help, please get in touch with Lindsay 07483932608 – [pioneer@portisheadparish.co.uk](mailto:pioneer@portisheadparish.co.uk)

## No Table Talk until September

Table Talk will be taking a break while Mark is on sabbatical. It will start again on Friday 4th September, 10.30am-12pm at the Portishead Library.

## 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 June:

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> @ 10.15am - 11.45am**

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> @ 10.15am - 11.45am**

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> @ 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

## Portishead Deanery Deanerywide Meeting

# "What are Church of England Schools For?"

Dr Gary Lewis, Chief Executive of the Lighthouse Schools Partnership and Churchwarden at St John's Clevedon, explores the identity and impact of Church of England schools, which currently educate over one million children and represent 20% of all state-funded provision in England.

Grounded in the vision of "Deeply Christian, Serving the Common Good," these schools are committed to providing "life in all its fullness" for every child, regardless of their background. The talk will reflect on the place of church schools in a secular and multi-faith society.



**This meeting is open to everybody,  
join us:**

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June  
St George's Church Hall,  
Priory Road, Easton-in-Gordano,  
BS20 0PA**

[portishead.deanery1@gmail.com](mailto:portishead.deanery1@gmail.com)

**Light Refreshments from 7pm,  
start time 7:30pm**

## 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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.

## St Nicholas' Church

Have you sat in a service, and thought you would like to read one of the passages of scripture? If so, do please have a word with me, and I will put you on the list and suggest some dates for you. Pearl.

## Submitting Expenses and Invoices

Please ensure that all **expenses** are sent to the office email: **[office@portisheadparish.co.uk](mailto:office@portisheadparish.co.uk)**. Any **invoices requiring payment** must also be emailed to the office. 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](mailto:office@portisheadparish.co.uk)**

## Lighthouse Café

The Lighthouse Café, which is open weekly at St. Nicholas Church from 2pm-4pm is looking for some help. We would like to recruit some more drivers so we can offer lifts to people who would otherwise not be able to get to the café.

Also we are looking for some willing volunteers to help welcome folk to the café and assist with serving the coffee, tea and homemade cakes that are on offer.

Please contact Pearl on 01275 817765 or Gill on 01275 845970 if you would like to find out more or come along and visit us one Thursday afternoon for tea and cake.

We look forward to seeing you.

## Donations for Logs

There are logs available at St Nicholas Church. This is soft wood so will burn quickly. We are looking for donations to the Church Funds, if anyone wishes to take any.

Some have already been taken, so if you would like to donate to the Church for these, please contact the office on 01275 846230 or email [office@portisheadparish.co.uk](mailto:office@portisheadparish.co.uk)

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