

Sunday 25th Oct

Last After Trinity / Creationtide / Bible Sunday

Deuteronomy 34.1-12 1 Thessalonians 2.1-8 Matthew 22.34-46

9.30am Parish Eucharist at St Nicholas' Church

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

<https://youtube.com/live/JEtSAWn8gFY>

11.30am Parish Eucharist at St Peter's Church

4.00pm All Souls at St Peter's Church

REMEMBER THE CLOCKS GO BACK SO AN EXTRA HOUR IN BED!

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 26 th Oct	7.15am	Monday Prayer – online
Tuesday 27 th Oct	10.30am	Lighthouse Carers Group at St Nicholas' Church
Weds 28 th Oct	9.00am	** Morning Prayer – St Peter's Church
Thurs 29 th 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
Saturday 31 st Oct	6.45pm	St Peter's Arms Pop-up Pub and Quiz

****** We will gather in person in **The Chancel in St Peter's for Wednesday Morning Prayer**. You would be really welcome to join us for this short time together lasting 20-25 minutes. Please be assured that there will be no pressure to pray out loud.

Sunday 1st November – All Saints Day

Revelation 7.9-end; 1 John 3.1-3; Matthew 5.1-12

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

Join us online - <https://youtube.com/live/76i6cytm9ik?feature=share>

11.30am Parish Eucharist at St Peter's Church

Dear Friends

Many years ago we had a box of vegetables delivered every week from a Devon-based farm. With the box, we received a card with recipes and a letter from the farm's owner telling us what was happening on the farm that week. I used to enjoy that letter. It was well written, often quite funny and made me feel that I was part of something - even though I was just a customer. If you are reading this, you probably have a closer relationship to Portishead Church of England than I had to that farm in Devon. However, we are going to try to develop the practice of writing a short reflection each week, or at least regularly, to help us all to feel a bit more a part of what God is doing among us in Portishead.

Thanks so much to everybody who has given to support the Let's Crack This Together Appeal. It is brilliant that we have reached £117,000 - thanks to lots of people's generosity and a large legacy we received at the end of last year. I hope that you know that we are hoping to both repair the cracks that have appeared in St Peter's and to redesign the west end of the Church to make it better able to help us to be the people we believe God is calling us to be. These represent two phases of the same project. Phase 1 (the repairs) is likely to cost in the region of £300,000. This needs to be done as a matter of real urgency and we hope will be done during the Summer of 2027. Phase 2 (the redesign) is part of the same project but requires a little more groundwork as we consider exactly what needs doing. We hope to have plans to share with you in the New Year. The current fundraising is to enable us to move forward with Phase 1, but we really hope that applications for grant funding will be successful and will make this whole process less of a mountain to climb. Please keep praying for the process to run smoothly and get involved in whatever way you can.

With God's blessing

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rob' with a stylized flourish.

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, Pam Newton, Pauline Tuckwell, Jo, Linda, Nigel Selvey

Those who have recently died Robert Donachie, Sam Edwards, Audery Cook

**Sam Edwards Thanksgiving Service will be at St Peter's Church
at 2pm on Tuesday 10th November**

Notices

All Souls Service Sunday 25th October 4pm

If you would like a name of a loved one read out during this service, could you either add the name to the signing sheet in church or email the office before 11.30am on Sunday (25th)

All Souls – Sunday 25th October at 4pm – St Peter's Church



All Souls is a Service allows us to remember with thanksgiving to God those whom we have known and who have died.

During the Service, hymns will be sung, prayers will be said and space for silence given as we remember those who have died. Names of the departed will be read out and you will be invited to light a candle in remembrance of them.

Following the service there will be tea and cake available.

We will be blessing the Garden of Remembrance in the Millennium Garden on **Sunday 25th November, at 12.45**. This has been set up by the Royal British Legion. Do join us for this short service if you would like to.

Pebbles & Youth Church this Sunday 25th October :

The Pebbles group will explore light and discover what it means when Jesus says, *"I am the light of the world. Of course, there will be light-themed crafts, a story, and all this will be happening during the 9.45 service at St Peter's Church this Sunday.*



I am the
LIGHT
OF THE WORLD

John 8:12

Shoebox Time is here again! Fill a box with 'goodies' such as toothpaste and soap, to send as a Christmas gift to Eastern Europe. If you can't manage to get all the items, why not join with a friend?

All the information you need is in the leaflet (in church and in my porch). Boxes preferably to my porch at 55 Woodhill Road, by 22nd October please. (Latest date to drop at church will be 18th October).

If you have a spare shoebox, do pop it in the church porch or in mine- or if you need a box, take one of the spares. (NB shoeboxes with attached lids are fine, and actually not any more difficult to wrap...)

Thank you!
Alison 01275 849775



Community Support & Family Events- October half term.

Free Foodbank Extras for October Half Term
Families with children who receive free school meals can access free Foodbank Extras vouchers during the half-term holiday. For information or support, contact Lindsay on 07483 932608 or makelunchportishead@gmail.com.

Martha's Kitchen 7th Birthday Celebration.
Tuesday 27 October, 10.00am to 12.00pm
Portishead Methodist Church Hall
Free breakfast, birthday cake and a warm welcome for families with children aged 0-11.

MARTHA'S KITCHEN OCTOBER HALF TERM

 27th October
 10:00am - 12:00pm
 Portishead Methodist Church Hall
For more information
 07483 932608



Martha's Kitchen is a friendly space for families. Free breakfast is available, and foodbank vouchers can be provided if needed. If things are feeling stretched or you simply need a warm place to connect, the kettle is on and a warm welcome awaits.

MARTHA'S KITCHEN



OCTOBER HALF TERM SEND STAY AND PLAY

PORTISHEAD YOUTH & COMMUNITY CENTRE

THURSDAY 29TH OCTOBER
9.30 - 11.30
CALL TO BOOK YOUR FREE PLACE
01275 842461



SEND Stay & Play Breakfast

A free, inclusive stay and play session for SEND children and their families, with free breakfast for children and siblings.

Thursday 29 October, 9.30am to 11.30am

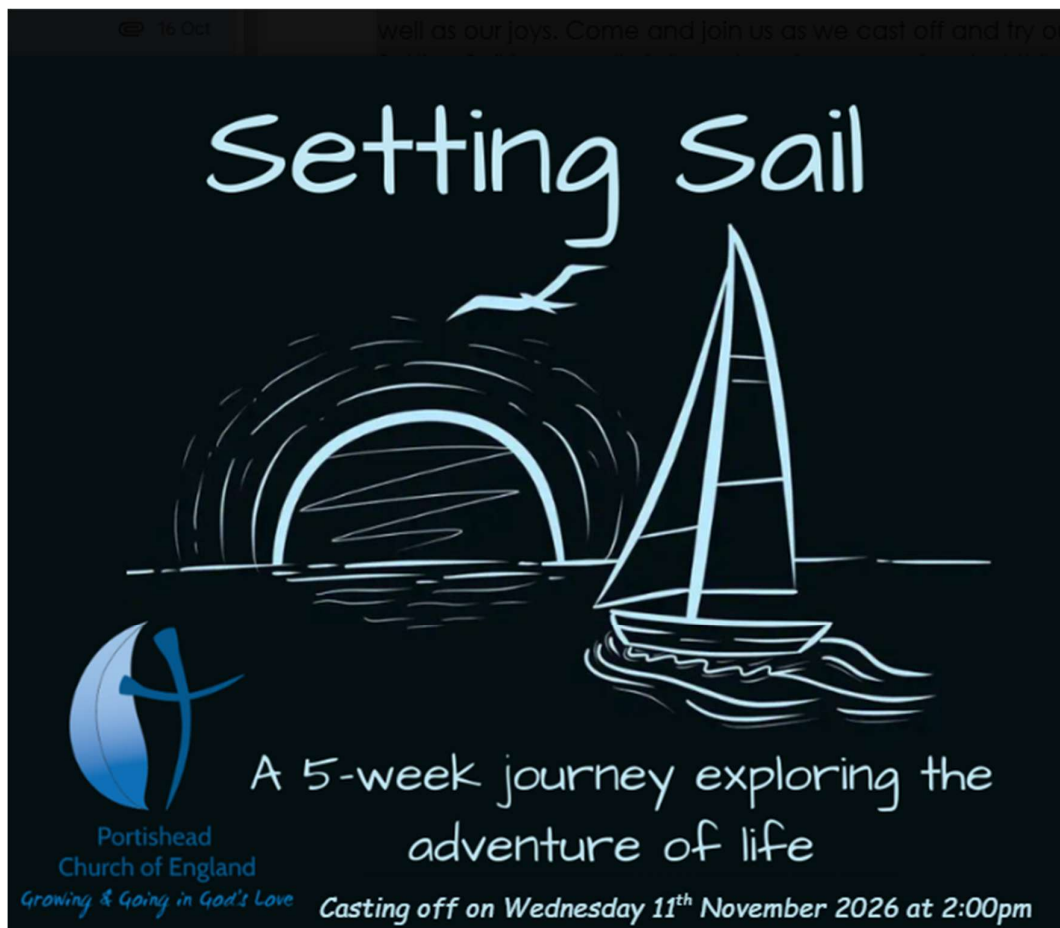
To book a place, call 01275 842461

Setting Sail – 5 weeks on Wednesdays at 2.00pm at The Rectory starting on November 11th

Setting Sail is our very own home-grown course for those exploring faith and how faith might help us better enjoy the adventure of living. It is for people – who have little or no Christian experience or have been going to church for years and have some important questions that they would like to think about more deeply. Setting Sail consists of 5 sessions where we start with our experience of the world we live in and see what the wisdom of Jesus and the Christian tradition may have to say about that. We start from the belief that God is at work in the world and longs for us to bring our questions and uncertainties as well as our joys. Come and join us as we cast off and try out tools to help us navigate this adventure of life.

Setting Sail has usually taken place in an evening, but this autumn we are offering it on a Wednesday afternoon.

Contact Rob on 01275 846592 / rector@portisheadparish.co.uk for more information and to book your place



Let's Crack This Together: *Help repair St Peter's and make the church fit for our community now and for future generations.*

Thanks to everybody who has given so generously. The final figure for the gift weekend was £51,349 which takes our current total to £116,981. We are now well over a third of the way to our anticipated target and approaching half way. Please keep praying as the team work the professionals on putting a precise plan together for the repairs and work on grant applications.

The next event to help us crack this together is:

The St Peter's Arms Pop-up Pub and Quiz - Saturday 31 October

For one night only **St Peter's Church, Portishead** will be transformed into the St Peter's Arms serving beer wine and cider. We are hosting a Pub Quiz to fundraiser for the repair of the cracks in the north west corner of the church.

Doors open 6.45pm - Quiz starts 7.30pm

Tickets £5 per person and teams can be up to five people.

Come as a team (or join a team on the evening.)

Star prize for the winning team.



[Click here](#) to book your place



Portishead Deanery
Deanerywide
Meeting

Is the God of the Old Testament the same as the God of Jesus Christ? with Rev Dr Helen Paynter

Helen's short is answer – yes! But that doesn't mean violent Old Testament texts are easy to understand and easy to reckon with. In our time together Helen will try to provide some tools for reading them which might start to close the perceived gap between OT and NT.

Rev Dr Helen Paynter is a Baptist minister who currently serves as Old Testament tutor at the Bristol Baptist College. She is the founding director of the Centre for the Study of Bible and Violence (csbvbristol.org.uk) and the author of a number of books on the topic.



This meeting is open to everybody,
join us:

Tuesday 17th November
St Peter's Church,
Church Road North, Portishead,
BS20 6PS

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

portishead.deanery1@gmail.com

Is the God of the Old Testament the same as the God of Jesus Christ?

On **Tuesday 17th November at 7.30pm St Peter's** will be hosting the next of Portishead Deanery's Deanerywide Meetings. Helen Paynter will be speaking on this often-asked question. Helen is a Baptist minister who currently serves as Old Testament tutor at the Bristol Baptist College. She is the founding director of the Centre for the Study of Bible and Violence (csbvbristol.org.uk) and the author of a number of books on the topic.

Do join us for refreshments from 7.00pm

Reverse Advent Calendar for the Foodbank - 1st November – 24th November

Take part in the Foodbank's Reverse Advent Calendar this year by donating an item each day during November to help create Christmas hamper bags for local families and individuals in our community.

Every donation, large or small, will help make Christmas a little brighter for someone. Donations can be left at the Foodbank collection point in St Peter's Church porch.

Mince Pie Donations - We would be especially grateful for donations of mince pies, preferably with a best-before date after 25th December, so they can be included in the Christmas hampers.



Reverse Advent Calendar 1st – 24th of November

Please check our website for Christmas opening times, and to see what we may be running short of. Thank you!
www.clevedondistrict.foodbank.org.uk

1 Tinned Tuna	2 Christmas Puddings small, medium, and large	3 Cranberry Sauce	4 Stuffing Mix	5 Iced Christmas Cakes small, medium and large	6 Large Biscuits
7 Large Sweets	8 Small Sweets	9 Aldi Voucher	10 Selection Box	11 Pringles	12 Savory Biscuits
13 Tea Bags size 40 80, 120, 240	14 Christmas Chocolate	15 Coffee	16 Trifle Mix	17 Long Life Squirry Cream	18 Chutney
19 Small Panettone	20 Tinned Fruit	21 Toiletry Sets	22 Tinned Custard	23 Christmas Biscuits	24 Mince Pies dated after the 25 th of December

info@clevedondistrict.foodbank.org.uk

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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>.



Easter in a Box 2027

Taster Session



Sunday 15th November

3pm to 4.30pm

St Peter's Church

Easter in a Box: The Movie has helped the churches in Portishead share the Easter story with 100s of school children. Next year we are taking it into even more schools and we need to grow the team.

This **taster session** is an opportunity to find out more, see what's involved, and see how you could be part of it.

Please contact Mark at pilgrim@portisheadparish.co.uk if you can come or would like more info.

Bristol Port Mission

Thank you to everyone who has prayed for the injured seafarer over recent months. He is making progress, although he remains in a coma, and is being repatriated to the Philippines this week for ongoing care. His family are deeply grateful for all the prayers and donations received.

We have also been overwhelmed by the response to our recent appeal. Donations are helping us furnish a new seafarers' centre in Avonmouth, which we hope will open soon.

As Christmas approaches, we are collecting gifts for seafarers. Toiletries, small gifts, local souvenirs, pocket Bibles, hot chocolate sachets and wrapped chocolate bars are especially welcome. Individual items are just as helpful as complete boxes.

Please bring donations by 27 November if possible, and no later than 7 December. Thank you for your continued support.

Rev'd Lucy Blows
Bristol Port Mission

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

Links for Online Meetings

7.15am Monday - Monday Prayer- online – [Click for Link](https://teams.live.com/join/9399632380155?p=x10GS1guFQs7vCocPK)
<https://teams.live.com/join/9399632380155?p=x10GS1guFQs7vCocPK>

06.45am Thursday - Morning Prayer – online – [Click for Link](#)

<https://www.google.com/url?q=https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84019088287?pwd%3DVGdlbVY0YVwwdEp5dXhweHRrTGgyZz09&sa=D&source=calendar&usd=2&usg=AOvVaw1VEfkOPUuLFY-Z9ZpyWvdA>

10.40 Thursday - Midweek Church Coffee – online – [Click for Link](#)

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