



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

Sunday 3rd May – 5th Sunday of Easter

Psalm 103:1-13 2 Corinthians 8:1-9 Luke 12:22-34

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

9.45am The 9.45 at St Peter's Church

9.45 video link <https://youtube.com/live/91DnwMckf4o?feature=share>

10.30am Joint Service with the URC at St Nicholas' Church

11.30am Parish Eucharist 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 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:

Monday 4th May		May Bank Holiday
	7.15am	Monday Prayer – online https://ziply.pk/Mon-Mission-prayer
Tuesday 5th May	9.00am	Refresh Parent, Baby and Toddler Group at St Peter's Church
Weds 6th May	9.00am	Morning Prayer – https://short-url.org/WedMorningPray
Thursday 7th May		'Thought for the Day' available from 8.30am via our website, YouTube and Facebook
	6.45am	Morning Prayer – online https://short-url.org/1p9X5
	10.30am	Midweek Communion at St Peter's Church
	10.40am	Midweek Church Coffee via Zoom https://bit.ly/midweekchurchcoffee
	2.00pm	Lighthouse Café at St Nicholas' Church
Friday 8th May	7.30pm	Barn Dance at The Folk Hall Portishead
Saturday 9th May	10.30am	LLADS at St Barnabas Centre

Sunday 10th May – 6th Sunday of Easter

1 Kings 17:8-16 Psalm 116:12-19 Philipians 4:10-20 Mark 12:41-44

9.30am Parish Eucharist at St Nicholas' Church

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

Video link for 9.45 service <https://youtube.com/live/JOFuwrjY2jY>

Pebbles will be meeting as part of this service - No youth church

11.30am Morning Worship at St Peter's 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 Doris Madeline Ryan, Frances Dawe

Notices

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 3 rd May	God's Generosity to Us
Sunday 10 th May	Giving as Worship and Trust
Sunday 17 th May	Generosity as Justice and Compassion
Sunday 24 th May	Generosity as Kingdom Living

Joint Service at St Nicholas

On **Sunday 3rd May** there will be a Joint Service with our friends from the United Reform Church. The service begins at 10.30 and will be led jointly by Rob and Rev Dougie Burnett with folk from both the church congregations. The theme will be 'God's Generosity to Us'. Do join us if you are able.

Pastoral care - Revd Tonya will be loitering:

Wednesday 6th May 10.15 – 11.45am

Venue - The Port, 3 The Precinct, Bristol BS20 6AH

Or you could contact her on: 01275 840016/07341328682 pastorportishead@outlook.com

Dying Matters Awareness Week: Table Talk

Hospice UK's *Dying Matters Awareness Week 2026* takes place from **4th to 10th May**. This year's theme, '*Let's Talk About Death and Dying*', aims to break the stigma around these conversations by encouraging openness - recognising that many people find it difficult to talk about death, even though it affects us all and can be vital for coping with loss.

As part of this, May's Table Talk session will offer a safe, supportive space to explore these topics together.

Join us from 10:30am on Friday 1st May in the Community Room at Portishead Library.

Throughout the week, the library will also have a range of resources available for those who would like to learn more.

Ascension Day

Thursday 14th May is Ascension Day. We will have Communion Services at 10.30am in St Peter's and 7.30pm in St Nicholas.

If the weather is kind in the morning we will have the 10.30 service in the Millennium Garden – so come prepared. Do join us.

Barn Dance

£10.00 per ticket - Friday 8th May

The Folk Hall

Help to raise funds towards essential building works for St Peter's Church along with our Charity Partner's Schools in Kenya

Click on the QR Code to purchase tickets or email Tony – tonygbrc@gmail.com



COMMUNITY BARN DANCE

Raising funds for climate change related essential building work for St Peter's Church, Portishead and our charity partner's schools in Kenya.

Event run by Gordano Rotary

Beginners welcome as caller talks us through the steps, dancing to a live band. Even more fun if you have never been to one before.

The Folk Hall

95 High Street, Portishead, BS20 6PR

Friday 8th May 2026

7.30pm until 10.30pm

Tickets £10

Licensed bar and light refreshments available.

<https://gordanorotaryportishead.com/events/barn-dance-8may>

Email- tonygbrc@gmail.com

In person at SoleLution (Shoe Shop)

62 High Street, Portishead, BS20 6EH

(cash only please if purchasing at SoleLution)



Tea and Toast served from 9.30

9:45 SPECIAL

Informal service with a spark of creativity

Date: 17th May 2026

Time: 09:45

Location: St Peters Church Portishead



09.45 special - Sunday 17th May

Informal creative service hands-on fun for all ages!

Includes an interactive craft activity for everyone to enjoy.

Tea and toast served from 9:30 am
Service begins at 9:45 am

Bring your friends, bring the family – there's a place for you here. 🌱

Tidy Up 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 23rd 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.



Donations for Logs

On Tuesday May 5 the tree surgeons are taking down the Scott's Pine tree by St Nicholas. They are going to cut the trunk into short sections and leave in the car park. These will be available for people to take for log burners (after splitting/drying) for a donation to Church funds.

The Concert at St Nicholas last Saturday was a lovely occasion, and a donation of £350 will be going into church funds.

Thank you to all who attended, and for all the hard work put in by those taking part, and those who looked after the refreshment side of things. A momentous occasion. Helen's rendering of Chopin's Fantaisie-impromptu will stay with us for a long time.

The Annual Parochial Church Meetings were held on Sunday 26th April and the following were appointed:

Church Wardens - Kathryn Phillips and John Knightbridge

Deputy Wardens - Olwyn Kiero-Watson, Jennie McDuff, Diane Yeoman

Assistant Wardens - Sue Giles and Chris Harries

PCC members - Graham Fiddler, Andrew Halestrap, Sarah Stevens, Pearl Walker

Deanery Synod Members - Olwyn Kiero-Watson, Sylvia Knightbridge, Tony Stubbs

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.

New Home Group Starting After Easter

There is something deeply fulfilling about being with other members of the Church family, and it has a different feel to gathering as part of a Sunday Congregation. A Home Group is somewhere where people can belong, make friends, find support and grow as a disciple of Jesus.

A new group meeting on Tuesday evening twice a month is starting up soon. If that interests you, have a word with Tonya Tel 840016 or Gareth Evans on 07969 774942.

Come and Join our Fantastic Finance Team

We are blessed with a dedicated team who oversee our church finances. Their work doesn't just *support* our mission and ministry — it is an essential part of it. How we steward the resources God gives us truly matters.

We are now looking for a new **Church Treasurer** to join this team. You'll receive strong support and have the satisfaction of playing a vital role in what God is doing in our parish. If you have some financial knowledge and experience, and could offer around four hours a week on average, we would love to hear from you.

To find out more, please contact Rob at rector@portisheadparish.co.uk or 01275 846592, Adi Phillips, or one of the Church Wardens.

Submitting Expenses and Invoices

Please ensure that all **expenses** are sent to the office email: 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

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