

Sunday 4th Oct – Harvest Festival / Creationtide

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

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 5 th Oct	7.15am	Monday Prayer– online
Tues 6 th Oct	9.00am	Refresh Parent, Baby & Toddler Group at St Peter's Church
Weds 7 th Oct	9.00am	**Morning Prayer – The Chancel St Peter's
	2.30pm	Craft and Prayer Afternoon, St. Peters Church (ends 4.30pm)
Thurs 8 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 at St Peter's Church
	10.40am	Midweek Church Coffee
	2.00pm	Lighthouse Café at St Nicholas' Church
Saturday 10 th Oct	10.00am	St Peter's Church Tidy Up
	10.30 –	LLADS St Barnabas
	12noon	
	07.00pm	Climate Emergency Film – St Peter's Church

****Starting this week 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 11th Oct – Trinity 19 / Creationtide

Exodus 32.1-14 Philippians 4.1-9 Matthew 22.1-14

9.30am Parish Eucharist at St Nicholas' Church

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

11.30am Morning Worship at St Peter's Church

2.00pm The Gathering at St Peter's School



Our Prayers

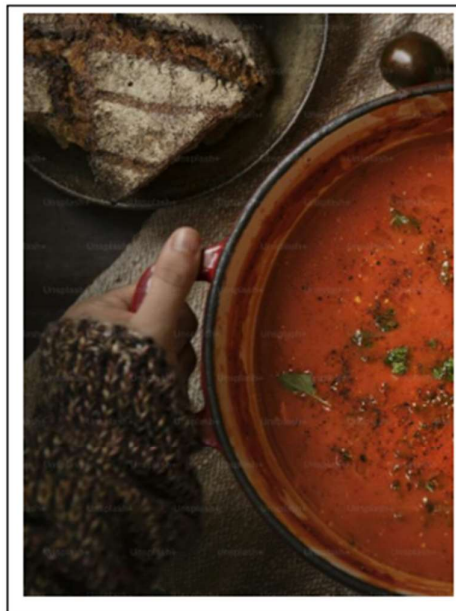
Those in need Mary Powell, Judith, Sam Edwards, Ann Field, Pat Jouxson, Maureen Noakes, Brenda Greenham, Wendy Burrell, Tony Peacey, Ray Gullock, Pam Newton, Pauline Tuckwell, Nigel, Jo, Linda, Nigel Selvey

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

Notices

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*

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.

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.

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>

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.

Dates & time for October: 10.15am - 11.45am

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

Wednesday 7th

Wednesday 14th

Wednesday 21st

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

Treasurer.

At the PCC meeting on 23rd October King Wai Wong was officially appointed as PCC Treasurer. Emails to treasurer@portisheadparish.co.uk will now go directly to him. Thanks to King Wai for picking up this vital role and to Tony Stubbs who has served as interim treasurer.

9.45 Collection

The PCC has reviewed the effect of an experiment to suspend passing the collection plate at The 9.45 Service. It has been agreed to resume the collection.

St Peter's Church - Looking to the Future - Prayer

Our prayer group specifically looking to discern God's will for the future of St Peter's Church building and to back up the teams working on estimates, faculties, vision and all the rest will next meet at **St Peter's at 10 o'clock on Monday morning, 5 October**, for half an hour. All are welcome to join us.

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





An Afternoon of Craft & Prayer

Enjoy being creative?

In need of a little peace this autumn...

*An afternoon together to bring along any craft that you
enjoy doing.*

*Whilst listening to a little of the Bible, then praying and
chatting*

*together. Linger over a cuppa...now doesn't that sound
nice?*

When

Wednesday 7th October 2026

Time

2.30pm – 4.00pm

Where

St. Peters Church

PCC Review of Pattern of Worship

On **Wednesday 14th October**, the PCC will be taking some time to review our pattern of worship across the church. We'll be listening to experiences and reflecting on what is life-giving, what we value, and what God may be inviting us to explore. It is important that PCC regularly gives space to prayerfully consider how our worship reflects the church God is calling us to be: a church always striving to grow deeper with God, in love and care for one another, in strengthening relationships across the generations, and in joining with God's mission in the world. If there is anything that you would like to feed into this conversation please speak to a member of the PCC (which includes the Church Wardens and the Clergy) or send an email to pccsecretary@portisheadparish.co.uk

We would love to hear the voices of our children and young people as part of this conversation. Parents and carers, please consider having a conversation with your children about these three questions and let us know any responses:

- What helps you get to know God and feel close to him when we worship?
- What helps you feel welcomed, cared for and part of our church family?
- What helps children, young people and adults worship and learn together?
- Has anything we have done in church made a difference to the rest of your week?
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Please pray for the PCC and for this important conversation.



Encounters on the Road

A Quiet Morning with Rob Eastwood Dewing

At St Nicholas' Church, Nore Road, Portishead

10.00 am- 1.00 pm, Saturday 17th October 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.



Knitwear for Refugees - Many thanks from RAFT and the recipients of the lovingly made knitted goods. Every item will be so, so useful.

As to the future, most of knitwear is now going to the Ukraine. I know many knitters are working to a pattern but I wonder if you might be prepared to move to doing children's jumpers, ideally for age 4-9. They will never reject anything for babies but gloves, hats, jumpers, scarves and blankets would be even more valuable.

Any questions etc., feel free to get in touch.

Simon Stevens

WILLOW GARDENS NEWSLETTER

October Newsletter Harvest Moon

Autumn is the time to gather and collect, savoring the growth and effort of the garden. At Willow Gardens, we have had a bumper harvest of apples, plums, and soon pumpkins will be ready to pick. The fruit that is now ready to harvest contains all the sweetness and energy of the plant for us to enjoy. Typically, we would be in full harvest mode, but the long dry summer followed by a good few weeks of rain has brought a second wave of growth, with the trees and lawn looking lush. Harvesting, gathering, and foraging is a rewarding time of year; it also means we can invite others in our community to enjoy the abundance nature provides for us.



A reminder of the upcoming People's Emergency Briefing that is taking place on; **10th October - St. Peter's Church**
Free Tickets can be booked here:
<https://www.helpourplanet.earth>
We would love to share the gardens harvest gifts with you, please get in touch to find out more **Contact Lindsay** on **07483932608** or portisheadgarden@outlook.com

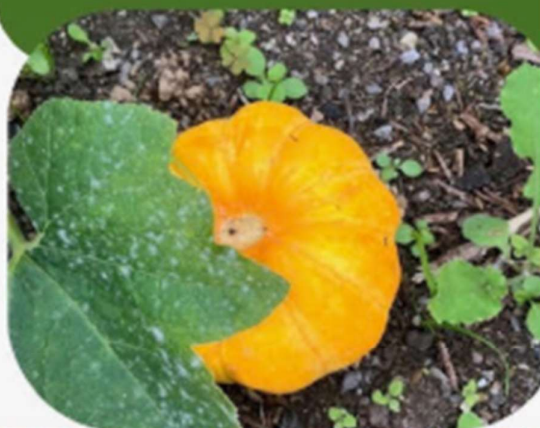


October Dates

Whether you're a seasoned gardener or just want to spend some time outdoors and trying something new, all are welcome.

7th October
14th October
21st October
28th October

Wednesdays from 10am - 12pm



Growing in the heart of the community



Willow
Community
Gardens

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

People's
Emergency
Briefing



On the climate and nature crisis

10th Oct 2026

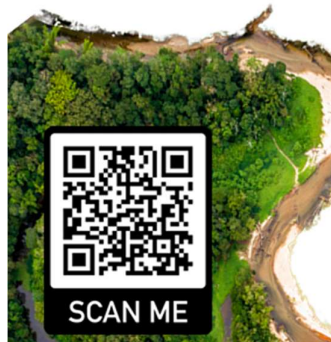
St Peter's Church

Portishead

Doors open at 7pm

Film starts at 7:30pm

Free Film screening and
discussion



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



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!!

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 £30,000.

Thank you. That takes our total to nearly £95,000

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





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.

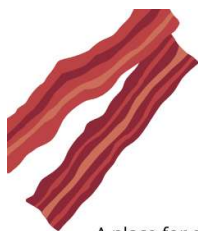
Youth Church is about giving young people a place to belong, to ask questions and to explore what it means to follow Jesus. Meeting two Sundays a month for young people in Year 6 and above, we spend time exploring the Bible, playing games, talking about life and praying together. At its heart, Youth 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



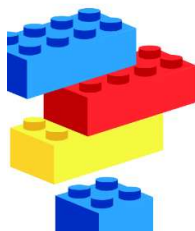
LLaDs



Lads, Lasses and Dads

A place for dads and their children (aged 0-7 years) to hang out. We offer bacon butties & good coffee for the dads plus fruit, juice and exciting activities for the children.

**Join us at the Children's Centre on
the second Saturday of each month
from 10.30am to 12pm**



We welcome donations of £2 per adult and £1 per child



**LLADS Saturday 10th October
10.30 – 12noon – St Barnabas Centre**



Saturday 10th October

10 – 12

Cleaning - Gardening

Craft prep - Tidying

Tea coffee cake



ST PETERS CHURCH

Bring Gardening tools- inside cleaning
equipment provided
All ages welcome



St Peter's Church Tidy-Up Day

Saturday 10th October, 10am-12 noon

The church garden needs a lot of work - If you are able, please bring gardening tools, gloves, and trowels to help with weeding and turning over the compost bins.

For those who would prefer indoor tasks, there will be craft preparation for our children's activities.

Refreshments will be available, and all help, whether for a short time or the whole morning, will be greatly appreciated. Everyone is welcome.

Impero Lounge _ Martha's Kitchen

Volunteers from Martha's Kitchen will be in the Impero Lounge on the following Tuesdays, 8.00–9.30am. Children can stop by on their way to school for a FREE breakfast of cereal and toast, while parents can enjoy an early-morning coffee. Volunteers will also be available to issue foodbank vouchers and lunch bag vouchers.

Dates and Times

Tuesday 6th October

Tuesday 13th October

Tuesday 20th October

Venue: Impero Lounge, 60 High St, BS20 6EH, Portishead

For more information, contact: Revd Lindsay – 07483932608 |

Pioneer@portisheadparish.co.uk

Mission to Seafarers.

A message from Rev Lucy Blows, Mission to Seafarers Chaplain in Royal Portbury Dock.

Recently, three Seafarers were attacked in Avonmouth and one remains in a critical condition in hospital. As a result, plans to create a smaller Seafarer centre in Avonmouth port for those Seafarers that don't feel safe enough to leave the port, are in place. We hope to have this up and running by 31st October and any support you feel able to give will be much appreciated.

We are looking for financial donations for coffee machine, games, Karaoke machine, table football! or the following items for a new centre: tea, coffee, sugar, biscuits, toiletries, kettle, crockery, cutlery.

There is also a link for the just giving fund for the injured Seafarer [Fundraiser by St Andrew's Church](https://www.gofundme.com/f/support-the-filipino-seafarer-attacked-in-avonmouth-bristol) : <https://www.gofundme.com/f/support-the-filipino-seafarer-attacked-in-avonmouth-bristol>

The Christian Aid Collection from our United Service on Sunday 30th August raised £601.77.

Thank you so much to everybody who gave so generously

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

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