Sunday 8th November – 3rd Before Advent / Remembrance Sunday

Amos 5.18-24; 1 Thessalonians 4.13-end; Matthew 25.1-13

9.30am Parish Eucharist at St Nicholas' Church

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

Join us online- https://youtube.com/live/qx9UKNgI2Wg?feature=share

11.30am Remembrance Sunday Service at St Peter's Church



2.00pm The Gathering at St Peter's School

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 9th Nov	7.15am	Monday Prayer– online
Tues 10th Nov	9.00am	Refresh Parent, Baby & Toddler Group at St Peter's Church
	2.30pm	Bereavements Support Group, St Nicholas' Church
Weds 11th Nov	9.00am	Morning Prayer in St Peter's Church
	11.00am	Armistice Ceremony – Waitrose Plaza
	2.00pm	Setting Sail at the Rectory
Thurs 12th Nov		'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 – online
	2.00pm	Lighthouse Café at St Nicholas' Church
Saturday 14th Nov	10.30am – 12noon	LLADS St Barnabas

Sunday 15th November – 2nd Before Advent

Zephaniah 1.7, 12-end; 1 Thessalonians 5.1-11; Matthew 25.14-30

8am Holy Communion at St Peter's Church

9.15 for 9.30am Café Church in the Lighthouse at St Nicholas' Church

9.45am The 9.45 Special at St Peter's Church

11.30am Parish Eucharist at St Peter's Church

5.00pm Evensong at St Peter's Church

Dear Friends

This Sunday is Remembrance Sunday. The importance of this day in the life of our society and community seems to have increased in recent years. It is remarkable to see so many adults and children from various groups and organisations participate in the parade and so many others line the pavements to watch. It is so moving to hear the list of the names of those who died in conflict read out, to imagine the impact such loss would have had on the town and to experience the silence of such a large crowd as we pause to honour those who died.

As a church, we have a profound connection with Remembrance Sunday. Portishead is unusual in that the town war memorial is inside the parish church, so many who do not normally come to church join us for Remembrance Sunday. As Chaplain to the Royal British Legion I have the extraordinary privilege of leading three acts of remembrance; at 11.00 in the High Street, at the start of our 11.30 service in St Peter's and at 11.00am on Armistice Day itself in Waitrose Piazza. I also have the chance to preach at the Remembrance Service in St Peter's. This is a rare opportunity to do what might grandly be called 'public theology' - to engage the wider community in a conversation with the Christian message.

Behind all this there is an opportunity for us to both honour those who gave their lives, as Jesus asks us all to be willing to do, and also practise generous hospitality. We have the privilege of welcoming some of the leaders of our community to worship alongside us in church, including our MP and members of the Town Council. What an honour it is for us to do that. Do join us if you can. This is a chance for the church family to express our faith in God who is present and active in our world and to express God's generous hospitality.

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

Please pray for Jessica Cornes, Martyn Wood and Jenan Muscaty who are being confirmed in Wells Cathedral on Saturday 7th at 2.00pm

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

Please remember those being Baptised in November – Maeve, Finley

Sam Edwards Thanksgiving Service will be at St Peter's Church at 2pm on Tuesday10th November
(Viola requests that people do not wear black)

Notices

Remembrance Sunday

Remembrance Sunday this year is on **8th November**. It is a challenging and welcome opportunity for us to remember those who have given their lives in conflict. As always there will be acts of Remembrance in each of our services that day.



Our **11.30 Service in St Peter's** is the Town Remembrance Service when we will be joined by representatives of various civic groups as well as the Town Council and our MP. Huge thanks to the Royal British Legion for their part in organising this. As always our collection at that service will go to the RBL Poppy Appeal.

Do join us for this if you are able.

There will also be an Act of Remembrance on the High Street as part of the Remembrance Parade at 11.00am.

Rob will also be leading an **Act of Remembrance at 10.45am on Wednesday 11th November** in Waitrose Piazza. All are welcome at this.

St Peter's Church Tidy-Up Day
Saturday 7th November | 10am-12 noon

Our church building and grounds could do with a little extra love and care, and we'd love your help!

The outside of the church needs lots of TLC, so if you enjoy gardening, please bring along: Gardening tools

Trowels

Gloves

Anything helpful for weeding and turning over the compost bins

There will be plenty of jobs for all abilities, from clearing and tidying to helping make our outdoor spaces welcoming for everyone.

Prefer to stay indoors? We've got you covered too! There will be craft, preparation for our children's work, and helping get resources ready for future sessions and e vents.

Whether you can stay for the whole morning or just an hour, every pair of hands makes a difference.

Tea, coffee, and good company provided!



Pebbles & Youth Church - Sunday 8th November

This Sunday, the Pebbles group will be exploring **Remembrance and Peace** as we reflect on Remembrance Sunday together.

Pebbles takes place during the **9.45am service at St Peter's Church**, and everyone is warmly welcome.



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 3rd November 8am – 9.30am
Tuesday 10th November 8am – 9.30am
Tuesday 17th November 8am – 9.30am
Tuesday 24th November 8am – 9.30am

Revd Lindsay 0748293260 - Pioneer@portisheadparish.co.uk

Tuesday 10th Nov



A space to talk , to just be, a space to remember your loved one

2nd Tuesday of each month 2.30pm – 4pm
St. Nicholas Church, Nore Road

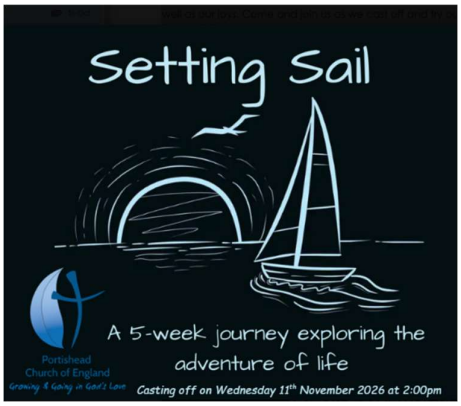
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Setting Sail – 5 weeks on Wednesdays at 2.00pm at The Rectory starting on November 11th

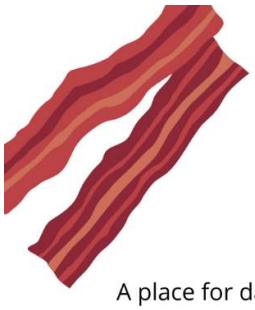
Setting Sail is our very own home-grown course for those exploring faith and how faith might help us better enjoy the adventure of living. It is for people – who have little or no Christian experience or have been going to church for years and have some important questions that they would like to think 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



This Saturday 14th November

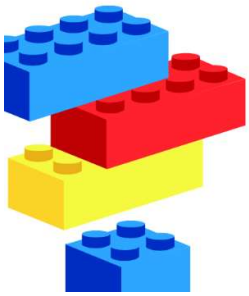


LLaDs

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

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



142 shoeboxes were collected from Portishead (about 20 from St Peter's) and taken to the warehouse for checking and preparing for sending to children and adults

In needy areas in Eastern Europe including Ukraine.

Thank you to everyone who assisted in donating, coordinating, checking, etc the boxes. They will be appreciated by so many who probably won't get any other presents this Christmas.

Thanks!

Alison

09.45 Special at St Peter's Church – Sunday 15th November

Step into the story of Daniel and the Lions' Den for a morning full of adventure, creativity, and plenty of roaring!

Together, we'll discover how Daniel trusted God, even when he faced some very hungry lions. Expect hands-on lion crafts, interactive storytelling, and plenty of opportunities to join in.

Tea and toast from 9:30am

Service begins at 9:45am

Lion craft for all ages

Stories, fun, and lots of participation

Whether you're young, young at heart, or somewhere in between, come and join the adventure. Bring the family, bring a friend, and bring your biggest roar!

A warm and welcoming morning where we'll explore courage and trust, and discover that God is with us, even in life's wildest moments.



Everyone is welcome.

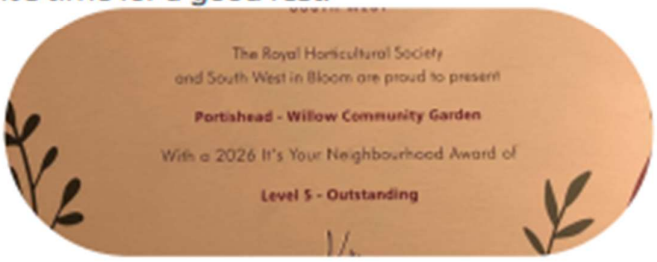
We'd love to see you there.

WILLOW GARDENS NEWSLETTER

November Newsletter
Reap what you sow



Working hard or hardly working? Our time in the garden each week is full of joy and togetherness, but between the cups of tea and friendly chats, there is lots of hard work going on to make sure the garden is thriving. This month, all the wonderful dedication and hard work of our volunteers and community was officially recognized as the garden received an Outstanding Community Garden Award, awarded by the Royal Horticultural Society. A huge thank you to all our volunteers whose time, effort, and dedication to the garden have helped make this amazing achievement possible. The hard work doesn't stop, though; in November we will begin getting the garden ready for winter, and then it's time for a good rest.



A date for your diaries, Willow Gardens will be participating in Portishead in Bloom Open Gardens Weekend on the 5th-6th June 2027. There will be lots of effort in the build-up to this, but as always, lots and lots of joy through nature and people.
To find out more, contact **Lindsay** at **07483932608** or **portisheadgarden@outlook.com**

November Dates

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

4th November
11th November
18th November
25th November

Wednesdays from 10am - 12pm



Growing in the heart of the community

Willow Community Gardens

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 £122,132



Would you like to help with future fundraising events?

We would like to hear from anyone who would like to be involved in future fundraising events for the 'Let's Crack This Together' Appeal.

As we try and Crack This Together, there are various events planned for the New Year (further details to follow!) and volunteers would be really welcome.

Please send a quick email to the office at office@portisheadparish.co.uk and maybe indicate areas where you'd enjoy helping e.g. catering, room arrangement, decorations, ticket selling, serving drinks, clearing up etc





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.



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

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



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

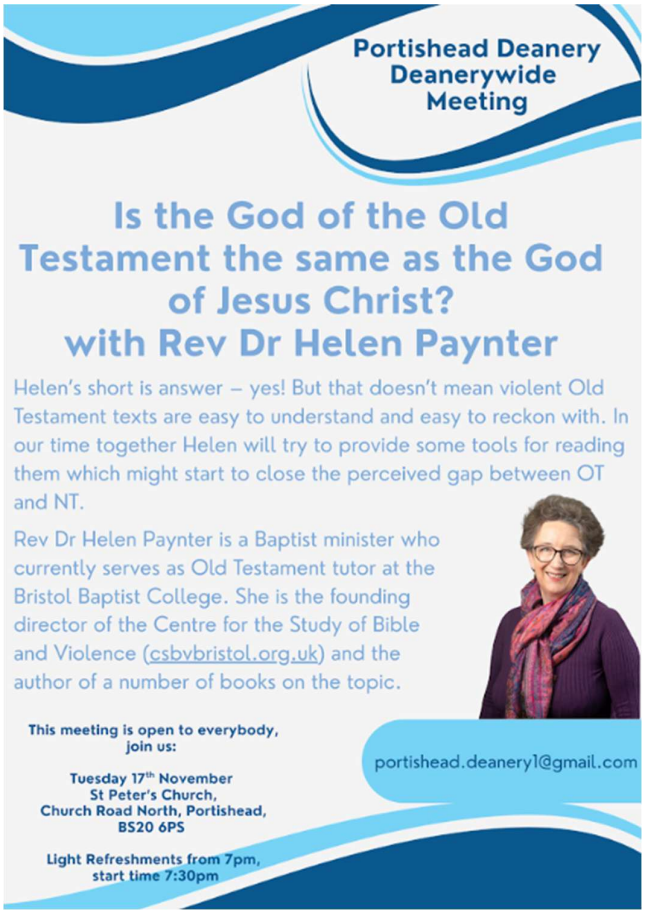
All Welcome

PORTISHEAD Churches Together

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



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

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10.40 Thursday - Midweek Church Coffee – online – Click for Link

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Church Office opening times Mon – Fri 9.30am – 12.30pm Tel: 01275 846230 Email: office@portisheadparish.co.uk The office is not open on Wednesdays	To make a donation to the church please use:
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We are a charity which supports North Somerset residents by providing low-cost 1:1 counselling and mental health support. Our charity was started by Christian doctors and local clergy. We help people from all walks of life who are struggling and need someone to turn to.

We are offering a special deal of two people for £70 - first come first served. People need to call Claire on 07545 376956 to take advantage of this offer.

