

Sunday 7th December – Advent 2

This week's readings are:

Isaiah 11.1-10; Romans 15.4-13, Matthew 3.1-12

8.00am Holy Communion at St Peter's Church

9.30am Morning Worship at St Nicholas' Church

9.45am The 9.45 at St Peter's Church

11.30am Parish Eucharist at St Peter's Church

To join the 9.45am Live Stream,
please click this [link](#) visit

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 Rachel in the office on 846230 / office@portisheadparish.co.uk

Parish Calendar for the Week Ahead:

Monday 8th Dec	07.15am	Mission Prayer Link
	9.00pm	Contemplative Evening Prayer Link
Tues 9th Dec	9.00am	Refresh Parent, Baby & Toddler Group – St Peter's Church
	2.30pm	Bereavement Support Group – St Nicholas Church
	5.30pm	Advent Peace – St Peters Church
Weds 10th Dec	9.00am	Morning Prayer via Zoom Link
	3.30pm	Portishead (Brampton) Preschool Nativity – St Peters Church
Thurs 11th Dec	6.45am	Contemplative Morning Prayer Link
	10.30am	Midweek Communion at St Peter's Church
	10.40am	Midweek Church Coffee via Zoom link
	2.00pm	Lighthouse Café at St Nicholas' Church
Friday 12th Dec	7.30pm	Choir Practice at St Peter's Church
Saturday 13th Dec	09.30	St Peters Church & Garden Tidy Up
	10.30am	LLADS at St Barnabas
	5.30pm	Posset Singers Concert – St Nicholas

Next week's services:

Sunday 14th December – Advent 3

Isaiah 35.1-10; James 5.7-10; Matthew 11.2-11

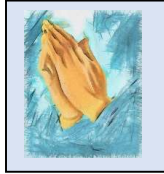
9.30am Parish Eucharist at St Nicholas' Church

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

Our Prayers



Those in need Eva Pickard, John Massey, Peter Finch, Mary Powell, Judith, Irene Flockhart, Charmaine Cornish, Sam Edwards, Ann Field, Pat Jouxson, Maureen Noakes, Brenda Greenham,

The departed Margaret Carey, Audrey Savory, Trevor Lench

Notices

Pastoral Care Rev'd 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.

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

Or you could contact her on 01275
840016 / 07341328682

Dates & Time for December:

Weds 10th December – 10.15 – 10.30am

Weds 17th December All 10.15am – 11.45am

Christmas flyers! Christmas is such a great opportunity to invite people to what we've got going on. We've got plenty of these flyers in both church buildings advertising our Christmas service. Grab a handful, spread some cheer, and invite your friends and neighbours to join us for a joyful celebration this Christmas!

You are warmly invited to come and celebrate Christmas
Services marked with a **smiley face** are particularly suitable for children

St Peter's <i>Church Road South, BS20 6PS</i>	St Nicholas' <i>Nore Road, BS20 8EN</i>
Sunday 30th November ☺ Christingle 3pm & 5pm	Sunday 30 November ☺ Christingle 4pm
Sunday 21st December ☺ The 9.45am Special Nativity Traditional Carol Service 6pm	Sunday 21st December ☺ Community Carol Service 5pm
Christmas Eve ☺ Crib Service* 2pm & 4pm Midnight Mass 11.15pm	Christmas Eve ☺ Crib Service* 3pm & 5pm
Christmas Day Holy Communion 8am ☺ Christmas Communion 10.30am	Christmas Day ☺ Christmas Communion 9.30am

Contact the church office on 01275 846230 or visit www.portisheadparish.co.uk for more info

*If you would like to bring a gift please consider an unwrapped present or a voucher for a major store



Advent Peace

Join us for quiet reflection

30 minutes of quiet, in a candle lit church

No service, no hymns, no sermon, just peace

A time to be

Tuesday 9th December

St Peters 6.00-6.30pm



Carols at Lunchtime



Wednesday 17th December 12pm – 2pm St Peter's Church

Take a break in the middle of the day and enjoy carols in a relaxed setting. ✨ Sing along or simply listen and soak up the festive atmosphere.

Bring lunch to enjoy during the break—tea and coffee will be available.

Carols begin at 12:15pm, followed by a pause for lunch. The second session starts at 1:15pm.

Come and share in the music, the joy, and the spirit of Christmas.



Deck the Halls!

Decorate St. Peter's Church for Christmas with creativity, greenery, and some creative festive fun

Saturday 20th December

Festive florals & greenery: 10:00–12:00

Family all-age craft session: 11:00–12:00

Please bring greenery and flowers Come along to decorate, to create, and to retell the story of Christmas—through flowers, crafts, and community Everyone welcome—especially the curious, the creative, and the messy-hearted.

Mothers' Union is holding its annual Carols & Readings Service

Thursday, **18 December 2025, at 2.30pm**, at **St Peter's Church**. The service is open to everyone and there will be Mince Pies and tea to follow. Please join us, we would love to see you

Church Work Morning St Peter's for a festive tidy-up and craft prep.

Saturday 13th December 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM Bring your garden tools, your enthusiasm— and the kids too! We'll be cleaning, tidying, and also prepping crafts for the Christmas services.

Everyone welcome—every bit of help makes a difference!

Volunteer Request: Help Needed for Martha's Kitchen Setup

Volunteers to assist with moving tables and setting up Martha's Kitchen at the Methodist Hall on Monday, 29th December. This task 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, 29th December 3pm Location: Methodist Hall Task: Moving tables upstairs and setting up Martha's Kitchen Additionally, we will also need help on Tuesday, 30th December at 12:00 pm 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

Masonry Works, St Nicholas church

starting Jan 5th 2026

We are undertaking masonry repairs at St Nicholas church in the first two weeks of January (and they may run into a third week). The main works are in the Lighthouse and the choir vestry.

The Lighthouse and kitchen will be out of action during this time. But we plan to keep our Sunday services as usual in the nave. There may have to be changes to how you enter the building and access the toilets.

Our administrator/clergy will contact groups affected and we will keep you up to date of changes in the weekly Notice Sheet and on the day at the church



Posset Singers are delighted to be returning to St Nicholas church for our Christmas concert, on **Saturday Dec 13th**, when we shall be raising funds for our nominated charity Portishead Christmas Lights

This year, we shall premiere the Wishbone Carol composed by our musical director

Heatree Weekend 8th – 10th May 2026

We're excited to be planning another fun and relaxed weekend away in 2026 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 (cooking and washing up!), gentle spiritual rhythms, and Messy Church-style worship.

No pressure, just community and fun! The cost is £64 per adult, £44 per child with under 4s free.

For further details you download the letter from our website: [link](#) weekend-2026
contact Mark for more information

The office opening hours will now be: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 9.00-12.30. Phone messages and emails will be picked up and responded to on Wednesdays

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