

Sunday 1st February – 4th Sunday of Epiphany

This week's readings are : 1 Kings 17.8–16; 1 Corinthians 1.18–end; John 2.1–11

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

11.15am Morning Worship 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 2nd February	7.15am	Mission Prayer – https://teams.live.com/join/9399632380155?p=x10GS1guFQs7vCocPK
	9.00pm	Evening Prayer - https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84609538552?pwd=kwc9diOCannmaGpBWrVrb304TkIflm.1
Tuesday 3rd February	9.00am	Refresh Parent, Baby and Toddler Group at St Peter's Church
	2.30pm	Bereavement Support Group at St Nicholas' Church
Weds 4th February	9.00am	Morning Prayer via Zoom https://bit.ly/wednesdaymorningprayer
Thursday 5th February		'Thought for the Day' available from 8.00am via our website, YouTube and Facebook
	6.45am	Morning Prayer online https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87438523020?pwd=5fr3fqHcloD5v3sTFv1AbS4KOuhy3E.1
	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
	7.30pm	Setting Sail – 2 Brambling Lane Portishead BS20 7NN

Our Prayers



Those in need John Massey, Mary Powell, Judith, Irene Flockhart, Charmaine Cornish, Sam Edwards, Ann Field, Pat Jouxson, Maureen Noakes, Brenda Greenham, Rev Tonya Nixon, Rev Rob Eastwood Dewing, Wendy Burrell, Tony Peacey, Jenny Ward

The departed Rosie Weekes, Brian Jones, Valerie Evans, Bernard Farrell,

Notices

Rev Lindsay Smith

Lindsay's role will be changing from the beginning of February. Her training curacy (paid for by the Diocese) finishes at the end of January. However, we are delighted that she will be continuing to live and work among us. We have a grant from the Growing Faith Foundation to encourage the formation of faith in children and families at the intersection of church, school and family. Combining that with some money the church had in a fund for a Children and Families worker means that we will be able to employ Lindsay as Community Pioneer for 3 days a week for the next 2 years. She will be working to support children and families within and beyond the church.

She will continue to exercise her ministry among us as an ordained Deacon / Associate Minister but this will be in a self-supporting capacity.

Please pray for her as she settles into this new pattern of life and ministry.

LINDSAY'S LICENSING & CANDLEMAS SERVICE

Monday 2nd February
7.30pm St Peter's Church,



William Holman Hunt 'Light of The World'

Rev Lindsay Smith Lindsay's Licensing & Candlemas Service

Monday 2nd February – 7.30 pm St Peter's Church,
Portishead

Lindsay will be licensed as Associate Minister by Archdeacon Charlie Peer, during the service of Candlemas, where candles are lit and blessed including any you'd like to bring for use at home in 2026.

All are warmly invited.

Chair Movers Required ! To make things easier we are looking to set up the church for Lindsay's Licencing & Candlemas service after the 11.30 service. If people could stay or rejoin us at **12.45 on Sunday 1st February** at St Peter's Church to move chairs that would be really appreciated.

St Peter's Church - Looking to the future - prayer group

Last Sunday's gathering to discuss the growing cracks in the north west corner of St Peter's raised many interesting ideas.

The repairs alone will need much work and inspiration to raise funds. Would you like to join a prayer group specifically looking to discern God's will for the future of the building and to back up the teams working on estimates, faculties and all the rest?

If so, please come to **St Peter's on 2nd February at 10 o'clock.**

Further info Jennie McDuff 07536 103084

St Peter's Church: Dreaming Dreams Meeting

Thanks to everybody who came to the meeting last week about how we respond to the opportunity that the cracks in St Peter's Church may represent. If you would like to see a summary of the feedback received, you can find that here: <https://shorturl.at/4rZ5i>

If you have more thoughts about how we might further develop St Peter's church building, please message Olwyn Kiero Watson on olwyn@RtBear.co.uk

Legacy

We are delighted to let you know that Mabel Chandler made St Peter's Church a beneficiary in her will, leaving us a legacy of £65,000. That is wonderful news at a time when we know that we are going to have to spend a substantial amount on the church building. We are grateful to Mabel for her generosity and to God for his goodness and grace shown in so many ways.

Church Treasurer – We are really sad that Claire Aston has decided that she does not have capacity to continue with the role of Church Treasurer. We are so grateful to her for giving it a good shot, helping us to look at and improve some of our processes and for being honest and recognising that it is too much. Thank you, Claire. She will continue until the APCM in April.

Please be praying for the right person to step forward and take on this role. If you would like more information about what it involves, please speak to Rob or Kathryn and John, the Churchwardens.

Rosie Weekes, Secretary of the United Reformed Church for many years, one of the leaders of the Lighthouse Café and friend of many in the parish, sadly died over Christmas. Her Thanksgiving Service will be in **St Nicholas' Church on Tuesday 10th February at 1.00pm**

Palm Crosses - Every year we use last year's palm crosses from the previous year's Palm Sunday to make the ashes for our Ash Wednesday Service. If you can bring your palm cross back to church in the next couple of weeks that would be wonderful.

Community Morning – church tidy up

Saturday 14th February

10 – 12

Cleaning – Gardening
Craft prep – Tidying
Tea coffee cake

ST PETERS CHURCH

Bring Gardening tools- inside cleaning
equipment provided
All ages welcome

We are celebrating love, faith, and fellowship in the most practical, heart-warming way — by caring for our shared spaces and spending time together as one church family.

Saturday 14th February
10am–12pm

St Peter's Church

In the spirit of service and togetherness, everyone is welcome. Whether you can cut out craft shapes, sweep floors, vacuum carpets, dust windowsills, pull weeds, or tidy up the paths, every pair of hands helps us care for the place where we gather, worship, and grow. Bring your duster, your garden tools — and bring the whole family.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY!

25th April - Saturday evening concert to welcome our new electronic piano to St Nicholas.

Guest Appearance by Helen Reid

All proceeds will go towards church funds. Further details will be announced shortly or contact Pearl Walker and Pauline Cooper.

Expenses We're working to make the expenses process easier for everyone, so we've put together a simple form for volunteers to use whenever you need to claim expenses, i.e. vergers or material costs incurred.

Once we receive your completed form, payments will be issued on the second Friday that follows.

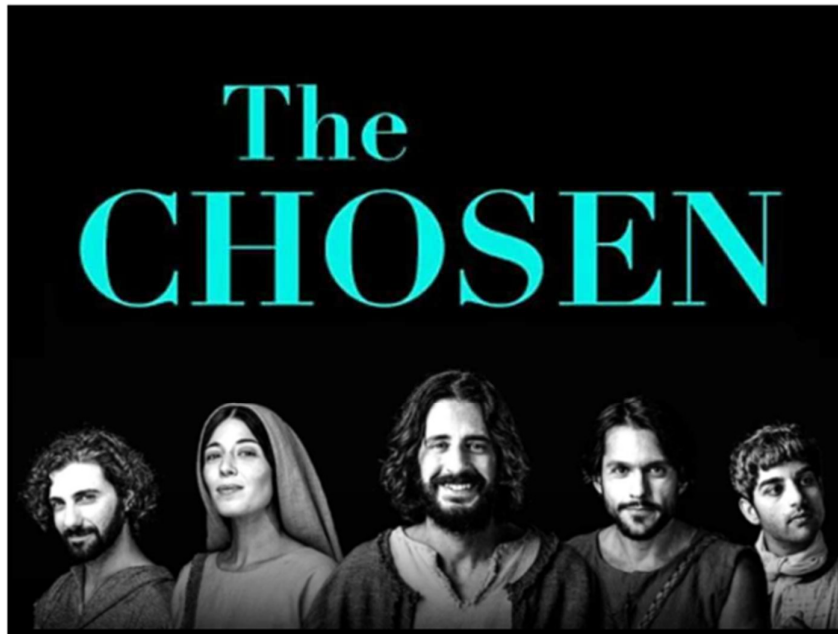
If you'd like a copy of the form or need any help with it, please feel free to call or email the office.

Church Office opening times Mon – Fri 9.00am – 12.30.00pm Tel: 01275 846230 Email: office@portisheadparish.co.uk Revd Rob Eastwood Dewing 01275 846592 rector@portisheadparish.co.uk Revd Tonya Nixon 01275 840016 pastorportishead@outlook.com Revd Mark Fuller 07766310509 pilgrim@portisheadparish.co.uk Revd Lindsay Smith 07483932608 pioneer@portisheadparish.co.uk Parish Magazine Editors portisheadparishmageditors@gmail.com	To make a donation to the church please use: 
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Salt House Church will be screening the TV series 'The Chosen' on Wednesday nights at 7.00pm at Roath Road Chapel, starting this coming week.

The series is highly acclaimed and suitable for anyone over the age of 12. It's a great introduction to the life of Jesus for those who might be interested to know about him, and gives a lot of the Old Testament background to the coming of Jesus as Messiah.

The first session is a double-length episode, so will be shown in two parts with a break. The other episodes are shorter and will afford time for discussion afterwards.




The CHOSEN

Salt House Baptist Church invites you to a screening
of the acclaimed TV series about the life of Jesus

Roath Road Chapel BS20 6AW
Wednesday evenings at 7.30pm
Starting on 4th February for 8 weeks

For more information find us on facebook
@ Salt House Church
or contact Paul on revpaulrevill@gmail.com
or Lindsay on lindsay.caplen@webnetwork.org.uk





The Parish Giving Scheme (PGS) is a simple and secure way for churches to receive gifts by Direct Debit, Credit and Debit Cards, Apple and Google Pay methods. We are committed to easing the administrative burden for churches, while empowering all generations to give with confidence and to feel valued.

GIVING

Supporting the Work of St Peter's and St Nicholas'

Our churches are in good heart, and we're deeply grateful for the generosity that sustains our ministry and our service to the whole community of Portishead. Giving is part of our discipleship – a way of joining in with God's work and helping us all to grow and go in God's love.

Below are the ways you can support the life of our parish.

Parish Giving Scheme (Our Preferred Way to Give)

The simplest, most secure way to support our



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The **Parish Giving Scheme (PGS)** enables you to give regularly by **Direct Debit**, with optional **Gift Aid** and the choice to include an annual **inflation-linked increase**. Your full donation goes directly to St Peter's and St Nicholas', and PGS handles all administration at no cost to the parish.

PGS helps us plan responsibly, reduces admin, and ensures your gift has the greatest possible impact.

Give through the Parish Giving Scheme →
<https://www.parishgiving.org.uk/donate>

Other Ways to Give

Standing Order

A good option if you prefer to manage your giving through your bank. You can set this up via online banking or by sending a Standing Order form to your bank or the Church Office.

Account name: Portishead PCC **Sort code:** 54 30 06 **Account number:** 03063410

Cheques and Cash

Gifts can be placed in the collection at most Sunday services or posted to: **Church Office, St Barnabas Centre, West Hill, Portishead, BS20 6LN** Please make cheques payable to **Portishead PCC**.

Planned Giving Envelopes

Weekly envelopes are available for those who prefer to give by cash or cheque.

Gift Aid

If you are a UK taxpayer, we can reclaim an additional 25% on your gift. If you give through PGS, Gift Aid is handled automatically. For other methods, please complete a paper Gift Aid declaration and return it to the Church Office.

How Your Giving Helps

We take stewardship seriously. The PCC monitors our finances carefully and works within agreed budgets. Your generosity enables worship, pastoral care, children's ministry, community support, and the upkeep of our historic buildings.

If you would like to offer your time or talents as well as financial support, we would love to hear from you.