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Exodus 24.12–end; 2 Peter 1.16–end; Matthew 17.1–9

8.00am Holy Communion at St Peter's Church

9.15am for 9.30am Café Church at St Nicholas' Church

9.45am The 9.45 Special at St Peter's Church

11.15 Café Church with the URC at St Nicholas' Church

11.30am Parish Eucharist at St Peter's Church

5.00pm Evensong 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 16th February	7.15am	Mission Prayer – https://ziplly.pk/Mon-Mission-prayer
Tuesday 17th February	9.00am	Refresh Parent, Baby and Toddler Group at St Peter's Church
Weds 18th February	10.30am	Ash Wednesday Communion – St Peter's Church
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Thursday 19th February		'Thought for the Day' available from 8.00am via our website, YouTube and Facebook
	10.30am	Midweek Communion (MU) 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

Contemplative Prayer

The Zoom morning and evening Contemplative Prayer gatherings will be taking a break over half term but will resume on **Monday 23rd February**.

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, Jenny Ward

The departed Brian Jones, Bernard Farrell, Charmaine Cornish

Notices

Lent

Lent this year begins on **Weds February 18th Ash Wednesday**

We will have 2 opportunities to come together for an **Ash Wednesday Service - 10.30am in St Peter's or 7.30pm in St Nicholas**. Do join us for one of these if you can – it is a powerful way to start this season

Lent Groups - This year we will be using The Plenty! Course developed by Green Christians' Joy in Enough project. Through it we will consider how we as Christians and a church can create a fairer and greener world. You can find out more about the course by watching this video <https://shorturl.at/KzcfY>. Some of the House Groups will be following the course and groups will also be meeting on **Fridays at 3.00pm in St Nicholas' and on Mondays at 7.30pm over Zoom**. If you think that you would like to join the course please email the church office (office@portisheadparish.co.uk). This is essential for those attending by Zoom so that we can let you have the link. For both groups it would be good to gauge interest levels and share some material before the first session.

Draw Near - The Church of England is producing resources for Lent entitled '**Draw Near**' looking at developing life-giving habits. You can find out more from the Church of England website here <https://shorturl.at/75or1>. The Everyday Faith App is a great resource. Why not download it and try using it through Lent?

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.

This weekend **13-16th Feb** why not spend time in your favourite place watching birds—then tell the Birdcount folk about them! In as little as 15 minutes notice the birds around you. Identify them, count them, and submit your counts to help scientists better understand and protect birds around the world. Let's help understand and protect God's wonderful creation. Check out <https://www.birdcount.org/> for more info

Quiet Morning: The House at Bethany

Come and join us on **Saturday 7th March from 10.00-1.00 at St Nicholas' Church** for one of our occasional Quiet Mornings.

Mary, Martha and Lazarus were siblings and were some of Jesus' closest friends. The home they shared in Bethany, just outside Jerusalem, was a haven for him. It was Mary who anointed his feet with a costly perfume, Lazarus who Jesus raised from the dead while Martha showed her care practically. We will unpack some of the lessons we can learn from these 3 intriguing characters as they are introduced to us by the Gospels. There will be some input and some space to pray, think and be creative. Do feel free bring a book or something to do with your hands.

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Unity Service - Come and join us as we worship together at Gordano School. This is our annual Unity Service of the 'Portishead Churches



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