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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.

Christianity and Protest

When and How Should Christians Protest?
with Rev Sue Parfitt

7.30pm, Thursday 12th March 2026

St Nicholas' Church, Nore Road, Portishead

Refreshments available from 7.10pm



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Christianity and Protest: When and How Should Christians Protest?

On Thursday 12th March at 7.30pm in St Nicholas' Church we'll be joined by Rev Sue Parfitt to explore the challenging question of when and how our faith should lead us to protest against injustice. Sue is an [Anglican priest](#) and retired psychotherapist. One of the first women ordained in 1994, she is now a [prominent activist](#) for climate and other justice issues.

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



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, 16th February. 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, 16th February 3.30 pm

Location: Methodist Hall

Task: Moving tables upstairs and setting up Martha's Kitchen

Additionally, we will also need help on Tuesday, 17th Feb at 11.45 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

St Peter's Church: Dreaming Dreams Meeting

Thanks to everybody who came to the meeting, 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

Situations Vacant

You will have seen that we are in need of a PCC Treasurer to help the PCC (Church Council) oversee the church's finances. We are also in need of a new PCC Secretary to facilitate the smooth running of PCC meetings Gill Colston has been filling this role for 30 years and is going to stop in the Spring.

If you think you might be interested in either role, or know somebody who might be, please have a word with one of the Clergy or Kathryn / John – the Churchwardens.

Please pray for the right people to fill these important roles.

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.

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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.

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Other Ways to Give

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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.

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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.

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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.