

## Sunday 22nd February – 1st Sunday of Lent

Genesis 2.15–17; 3.1–7; Romans 5.12–19; Matthew 4.1–11

**9.30am Parish Eucharist at St Nicholas' Church**

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

**11.30am Parish Eucharist at St Peter's Church**

**6.00pm Haven at St Peter's Church**

To join the livestream of the 9.45 at St Peter's Church

<https://youtube.com/live/aDcS-IO0Vuk?feature=share>

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](http://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](mailto:office@portisheadparish.co.uk)

### Parish Calendar for the Week Ahead:

<b>Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February</b>	7.15am	Mission Prayer – <a href="https://zipty.pk/Mon-Mission-prayer">https://zipty.pk/Mon-Mission-prayer</a>
	7.30pm	Lent Course – Plenty (contact office to attend)
	9.00pm	Evening Prayer – <a href="https://short-url.org/1p9WC">https://short-url.org/1p9WC</a>
<b>Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February</b>	9.00am	Refresh Parent, Baby and Toddler Group at St Peter's Church
	10.30am	Lighthouse Carers' Group at St Nicholas' Church
<b>Weds 25<sup>th</sup> February</b>	9.00am	Morning Prayer – <a href="https://2cm.es/1oJ6p">https://2cm.es/1oJ6p</a>
<b>Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> February</b>		'Thought for the Day' available from 8.30am via our website, YouTube and Facebook
	6.45am	Morning Prayer - <a href="https://short-url.org/1p9X5">https://short-url.org/1p9X5</a>
	10.30am	Midweek Communion at St Peter's Church
	10.40am	Midweek Church Coffee via Zoom <a href="https://bit.ly/midweekchurchcoffee">https://bit.ly/midweekchurchcoffee</a>
	2.00pm	Lighthouse Café at St Nicholas' Church
	2.30pm	Mothers' Union at St Peter's Church
<b>Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February</b>	7.30pm	Setting Sail – 2 Brambling Lane Portishead BS20 7NN
	3.00pm	Lent Course St Nicholas'

## 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** Charmaine Cornish, Hunter Bennett

## Notices

### Lent

There still time to join the courses below which start on **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February at 7.30pm** over Zoom – please email the office if you are interested

**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](mailto: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.

### Quiet Morning: The House at Bethany

Come and join us on **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> 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.

## The House in Bethany: Jesus at the Home of Martha, Mary and Lazarus A Quiet Morning

10.00am - 1.00pm Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March at St Nicholas' Church, Portishead



Mary, Martha and Lazarus were some of Jesus' closest friends. Their home in Bethany was a haven for him. At least three of the stories from the Gospels are set there.

We will unpack some of the lessons we can learn from these 3 siblings as they are introduced to us by the Gospel writers.

There will be some input and some space to pray, think and be creative. Tea and coffee will be on tap. Do feel free bring a book or something to do with your hands.



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## Unity Service - Portishead Churches Together Unity Service

Every year the churches of Portishead join together on one Sunday morning to worship together. This year this service will be on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March. We will be hosted by Gordano Valley Church in the Gordano School Hall. There will be refreshments from 10.30am and the service will begin at 11.00, lasting for an hour. There will be separate activities for children (Pebbles Age) while the Young People will be part of the main worship. The focus of the service will be some of the exciting things that are happening at Gordano School. Please join us if you are able.



The only service in our churches that morning will be 8.00am Communion in St Peter's Church

## Christianity and Protest

When and How Should Christians Protest?  
with Rev Sue Parfitt

7.30pm, Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2026  
St Nicholas' Church, Nore Road, Portishead  
Refreshments available from 7.10pm



Rev Sue Parfitt 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.



**Christianity and Protest: When and How Should Christians Protest?**

**On Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Haven** - The theme of Haven on **Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March** will be Forgiveness. Do join us at 6.00pm in St Peter's Church for 45 minutes of Silence, mindfulness, music and gently guided prayer.

**"Open the Book" at Mother's Union** - Non-members are invited to join the Mother's Union on **Thursday 26th February at St. Peter's Church at 2.30pm** to hear about the work of "Open the Book". The project aims to connect church and school communities giving children opportunities to hear Bible stories in an interactive format. Visitors are always welcome at our meetings.

### **Could you spare a little time to support Martha's Kitchen behind the scenes?**

Martha's Kitchen runs during the school holidays to offer families a warm, welcoming space with food, activities, and community. To keep everything running smoothly, we're looking for volunteers who can help with some of the quieter but essential tasks that make the sessions feel organised and supportive. This might include preparing simple resources, helping plan craft activities, or assisting with the background organisation that helps families feel relaxed and cared for when they walk through the door. You don't need any special skills — just a bit of time, a willingness to learn, and a heart for helping families feel connected and supported. Full guidance will be given, and all materials will be provided. It's not difficult work, but it really does make a big difference.

If this sounds like something you'd enjoy, please get in touch with Lindsay:  
[pioneer@portisheadparish.co.uk](mailto:pioneer@portisheadparish.co.uk) 07483 932608

**St Nicholas flower bed** - Phil Margerison has kindly tidied up this bed, and it would be good if we could now plant some flowers in it. Hopefully clumps that will just keep flowering, things like ox-eyed daisies, hellebores, alstroemeria, chrysanthemums, Japanese anemones, agapanthus or some bulbs. Plants that we could cut to use in the church for flower arranging would be especially welcome. It may be that you could dig up something in your garden you want to split, or donate a plant? If so, could you let Pearl know.

### **St Nicholas Lost Property**

Several Coats, hats, gloves and umbrellas have been left at the church. If you are attending church over the next month, can you check if you think it might be yours or someone you know please. Anything left after this date will be taken to St Peters Hospice Charity shop. If you attend St Peter's and think something might be yours, please contact Diane Yeoman, who has access to St Nicholas on 07891 401723 – Many thanks.

**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.

### **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.

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