

Sunday 8th February – 2nd Sunday Before Lent

This week's readings are : Genesis 1.1—23; Romans 8.18–25; Matthew 6.25–end

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 at St Peter's School

Video Link for 9.45 <https://youtube.com/live/QitbToFhNF4>

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 9th February	7.15am	Mission Prayer – https://teams.live.com/join/9399632380155?p=xl0GS1guFQs7vCocPK
	9.00pm	Evening Prayer - https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87037953463?pwd=Wufrrq5NXIJF1NuH7V4OreH4htcWSJ.1
Tuesday 10th February	9.00am	Refresh Parent, Baby and Toddler Group at St Peter's Church
	2.30pm	Bereavement Support Group at St Nicholas' Church
Wednesday 11th February	9.00am	Morning Prayer via Zoom Join from Zoom Workplace app - Zoom
Thursday 12th 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 (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
Saturday 14th February	10.00am	St Peter's Tidy Up
	10.30am	LLaDs at St Barnabas Centre

Our Prayers



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

The departed Rosie Weekes, Brian Jones, Bernard Farrell,

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.

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**

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.

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.

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.

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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.