

Sunday 18th January – Second Sunday of Epiphany

This week's readings are : Isaiah 49.1–7; 1 Corinthians 1.1–9; John 1.29–42

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

11.15am 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 Rachel in the office on 846230 / office@portisheadparish.co.uk

PLEASE NOTE THE LIGHTHOUSE CAFÉ IN ST NICHOLAS IS NOW OPEN

Parish Calendar for the Week Ahead:

Monday 19th January	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 20th January	9.00am	Refresh Parent, Baby and Toddler Group at St Peter's Church
Weds 21st January	9.00am	Morning Prayer via Zoom https://bit.ly/wednesdaymorningprayer
Thurs 22nd January		'Thought for the Day' available from 8.00am via our website, YouTube and Facebook
	6.45am	Midweek Communion (MU) at St Peter's Church
		Church Coffee via Zoom https://bit.ly/midweekchurchcoffee
	10.30am	Mother's Union at St Peter's Church
	10.40am	

Our Prayers



Those in need John Massey, Mary Powell, Judith, Irene Flockhart, Charmaine Cornish, Sam Edwards, Ann Field, Pat Jouxson, Maureen Noakes, Brenda Greenham,

The departed Peter Finch, Rosie Weekes, Brian Jones, Valerie Evans

Notices

Pastoral care

Clergy Team Update

Both Tonya and Rob have been in the wars. Tonya suffered a complicated fracture to her finger when caught her hand in her car door just before Christmas. She has been signed off work and will be off until the end of January.

Rob came off his bike on the ice on Friday 2nd Jan and has a small fracture of his pelvis. He is working but at significantly reduced capacity.

Please bear with us and we would appreciate prayers for healing.

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.

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**

St Peter's Church – Looking to the Future. Sunday 25th January at 10.30am

During the Summer St Peter's Church developed some serious cracks in the Northwest corner. The buildings team is working with professionals to find out just what needs to be done to rectify this, but we do know that it will be a significant piece of work and will not be cheap. We would like to get everybody to think about what possibilities this may present for us – to dream dreams and imagine what God may be inviting us to do with this beautiful building. Perhaps it will not be just to repair it but to make it fit for new generations of explorers and worshipers. On Sunday 25th January we are going to combine the morning services at St Peter's into a single slightly shortened united Communion Service so that we can invite people to ask questions, imagine possibilities and pray. Please make this a priority. We would love all ages and stages of faith and involvement in the church to be there.

Masonry and AV Works at St. Nicholas Church

The masonry works and installation of a new sound system At St Nicholas have now been completed. Thanks to John Neate for all his work overseeing both and to Rosey and Chris Dimond, Sam Rowe and the Tech Team for the work they have put in with the sound system.

St. Peter's church, chore and tidy morning

Come along to help with:

- craft prep (cutting out, organising materials, etc.)
- cleaning around the church
- a bit of gardening

Every small job helps, and just a little time from a few more people makes a big difference.

**Saturday 17th January
10am–12pm
St Peter's Church**

Whether you can cut out craft shapes, sweep a floor, vacuum a carpet, dust a windowsill, pull a few weeds, or sweep paths and pull weeds, your help will make a huge difference.

And of course, it wouldn't be a community morning without good conversation, coffee, and some cake Bring along your duster, garden tools — and the family too!

9.45 Special at St Peter's Church – First Gathering of 2026



9:45 SPECIAL

Informal service with a spark of creativity

Date: 18th January 2026

Time: 09:45

Location: St Peters Church
Portishead

There'll be hands-on fun for all ages, including a creative activity where children can craft something special as we think about our names and what they mean.

**Tea and toast from 9:30 am
Service begins at 9:45 am**

Come as you are. Bring your friends, bring the family — there's a place for you here, and a new story waiting to unfold as we begin the year together.

Unless the Lord Builds the House'. Week of Prayer 10th-18th January

Unless the Lord Builds the House...

Week of Prayer
10th-18th January 2026

Let's join together and ask God for:

- a greater excitement in us as our faith grows and deepens
- a deeper desire to share our faith with those we know
- Setting Sail - our short course for the curious beginning on Thurs 29th Jan
- our outreach to schools and our town
- the financial future of the church
- a solution to the cracks in the walls in St Peter's



Portishead
Church of England
Growing & Going in God's Love

Our week of prayer draws to a close. However please don't stop praying! **Join us for Evensong on Sunday at 5.00pm** where we will have a particular focus on prayer. The prayer stations will remain in the chancel at St Peter's for a few more days, so do make use of them if you would like to.

Let's pray for our life together...

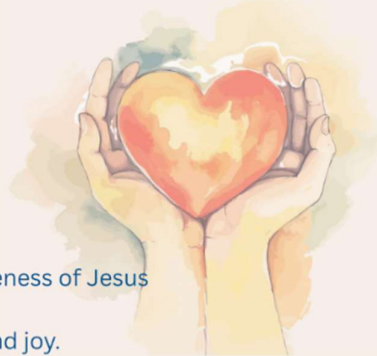
Loving God
You delight in us as your children,
you fill us with your Holy Spirit
and you invite us to be Jesus' friends.

Cause us to grow together as a church;
may we grow deeper,
grow in mission,
grow younger,
and grow in our care for one another.

By your Spirit,
form us more and more into the likeness of Jesus
and help us to be people of
compassion, courage, generosity and joy.

Help us to use all the good gifts that you have given us
to reach out to all people
with the Good News of Jesus Christ
For we ask it in Jesus' name. Amen

*Why not pause at midday each day and
pray this prayer and the Lord's Prayer?*



Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (18th - 25th January)



There will be two opportunities to pray with members of the other churches in the town during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Tuesday 20th January - Twelve hours of Prayer at the Enjoy Church offices in the Precinct, from 12.00 mid-day to 12.00 midnight.

You can sign up for an hours' time slot on the 24-7 prayer app here: <https://signup.24-7prayer.com/signup/0c99a8> and also through the QR code on the flyer.

There will be a prayer workshop led by Paul Revill on multi-sensory prayer (also focusing on the theme of unity) from 2.00 - 3.00pm.

We are inviting teens to come together on their way home from school to pray for an hour from 4.00 - 5.00pm. This will be supervised by recognised youth specialists from our churches.

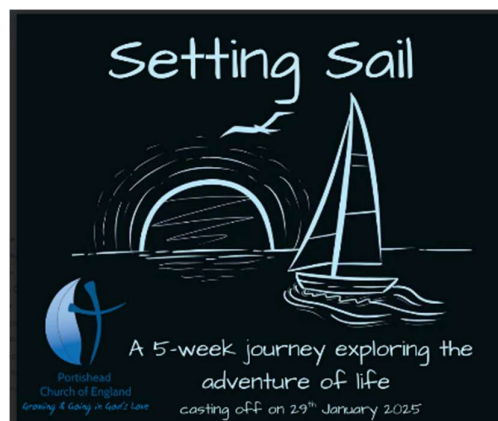
At other times you can simply book in, or turn up, and make use of the prayer stations which will be in the main room.

Wednesday 21st January - An hour of worship and prayer at Avon Way Hall, 7.30 - 8.30pm

Enjoy Church are kindly inviting people from all of Portishead's churches to join this prayer gathering, which they are hosting as part of their January season of prayer.

The meeting will be hosted and led by musicians and leaders from Enjoy Church, and space will be given during the evening for advocates from each of Portishead's church advocates to share their items for thanksgiving and prayer.

Setting Sail Setting Sail is a home-grown opportunity for people to explore how Christian wisdom and the story of Jesus can make sense of our experience and our questions. It is a chance for people to come and share their thoughts and experience while being open to the possibility that the wisdom at the heart of the story of Jesus could help us to be more fully alive. This might be just what you or somebody you know are looking for at the start of the New Year.



Setting Sail will run on **Thursday evenings at 7.30 for 5 weeks from 29th January** at The Rectory.
Contact Rob on 01275 846592

rector@portisheadparish.co.uk for more information or to book your place

Have you ever wondered?

- * whether all the beauty, wonder and goodness in life might point to something bigger
- * where the pain, brokenness and shame fit in
- * whether God might give some pointers to it all
- * whether the ancient wisdom and practices of the Christian faith could help us navigate these questions and learn to be fully alive

Join us in Setting Sail together on a journey of exploration

Over 5 weeks we will look for where our experiences meet Christian understanding, wisdom and practices. We will set our sails and try out tools to help us navigate this adventure of life.

Thursdays 7.30-9.00pm beginning on Thurs 29th January at Portishead Rectory, 2 Brambling Lane, Portishead, BS20 7NN

To find out more or book your space contact
Rob on 01275 846592 / rector@portisheadparish.co.uk

Impero Lounge – January Mornings with Martha's Kitchen

Volunteers from Martha's Kitchen will be in the Impero Lounge every Tuesday morning this January, 8.00–9.30am.

Children can stop by on their way to school for a **FREE** breakfast of cereals and toast. Parents are welcome to enjoy an early morning coffee. Volunteers will also be available to issue foodbank vouchers and lunch bag vouchers.

Dates & Times

- **Tuesday 6th January, 8.00–9.30am**
- **Tuesday 13th January, 8.00–9.30am**
- **Tuesday 20th January, 8.00–9.30am**
- **Tuesday 27th January, 8.00–9.30am**
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Venue: Impero Lounge, 60 High St, BS20 6EH, Portishead

For more information, please contact: Revd Lindsay – 07482 93260 / Pioneer@portisheadparish.co.uk

The Holocaust Memorial Day Event 2026 - "Bridging Generations,"

This will take place at **7:30pm on Saturday 24 January 2026 at Portishead Youth Centre**, Harbour Road, Portishead BS20 7DD.

The keynote speaker will be Tom Leimdorfer, a childhood Holocaust survivor from Budapest who came to England as a teenage refugee 69 years ago; he will reflect on his family's losses, his journey, and the challenges facing the modern world. The event will also feature music from Bristol-based instrumentalist Knud Stuwe, and refreshments will be served.

This is a free, ticket-only event and booking via Eventbrite is essential:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/holocaust-memorial-day-event-at-portishead-youth-centre-tickets-1979602525443?aff=oddtcreator>

For further details, visit www.hmd-north-somerset.com.

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