

Sunday 25th January – 3rd Sunday of Epiphany

This week's readings are : Isaiah 9.1–4; 1 Corinthians 1.10–18; Matthew 4.12–23

9.30am Parish Eucharist at St Nicholas' Church

10.30am St Peter's United Communion at St Peter's Church

with Youth Church and Pebbles

followed by St Peter's Church: **Looking to the Future meeting**

11.15 Morning Worship with The URC at St Nicholas' Church

6.00pm Haven 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

Parish Calendar for the Week Ahead:

Monday 26th 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 27th January	9.00am	Refresh Parent, Baby and Toddler Group at St Peter's Church
	10.30am	Lighthouse Carers Group at St Nicholas' Church
Weds 28th January	9.00am	Morning Prayer via Zoom https://bit.ly/wednesdaymorningprayer
	12.45	Martha's Kitchen – Lighthouse at St Nicholas'
Thursday 29th January		'Thought for the Day' available from 8.00am via our website, YouTube and Facebook
	10.30am	Midweek Communion 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

Our Prayers



Those in need John Massey, Mary Powell, Judith, Irene Flockhart, Charmaine Cornish, Sam Edwards, Ann Field, Pat Jouxson, Maureen Noakes, Brenda Greenham, Rev Tonya Nixon, Rev Rob Eastwood Dewing

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

Notices

Clergy Team Update

Tonya and Rob are both healing. Thank you for your prayers and good wishes. Tonya will be easing back into work this week. Please bear with us if things take a little longer than usual.

Rev Lindsay Smith

Lindsay's role will be changing from the beginning of February. Her training curacy (paid for by the Diocese) finishes at the end of January. However, we are delighted that she will be continuing to live and work among us. We have a grant from the Growing Faith Foundation to encourage the formation of faith in children and families at the intersection of church, school and family. Combining that with some money the church had in a fund for a Children and Families worker means that we will be able to employ Lindsay as Community Pioneer for 3 days a week for the next 2 years. She will be working to support children and families within and beyond the church.

She will continue to exercise her ministry among us as an ordained Deacon / Associate Minister but this will be in a self-supporting capacity.

Please pray for her as she settles into this new pattern of life and ministry.

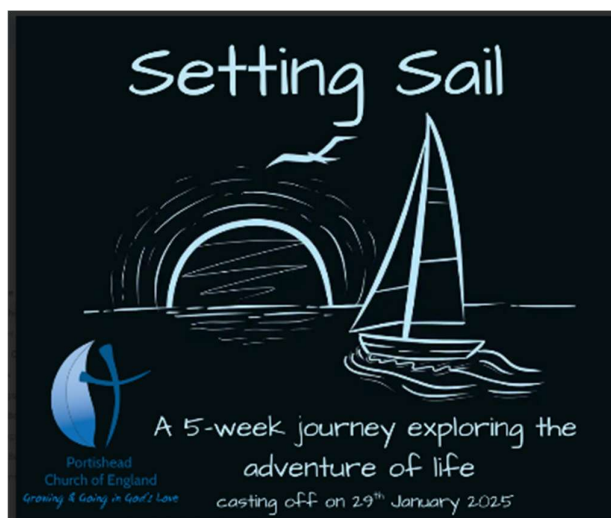
St Peter's Church - Haven. Sunday 25th January at 6pm

Haven on Sunday evening will be on the theme of 'One'. In this Week of Prayer for Christian Unity we will be reflecting on Jesus's prayer in John 17.21, that we may be one'. Join us at 6.00pm on Sunday for 45 minutes of silence, mindfulness, music and gently guided prayer.

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.

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
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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**

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.

Venue: Impero Lounge, 60 High St, BS20 6EH, Portishead

For more information, please contact: Revd Lindsay – 07482 93260 /

Pioneer@portisheadparish.co.uk

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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