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Dear Friend

St Peter's Church has stood in the heart of Portishead for more than 700 years, carrying the stories of the people of this town and standing as a reminder of God's love for us all. As you may know, this beautiful church now needs tender loving care and repair. Recent dry summers have led to subsidence which has caused cracking in the northwest corner, and the building will need underpinning. This will be a significant piece of work, costing up to £300,000.

This is money that we will need to raise ourselves. We were blessed by a most generous legacy of nearly £65,000 at the end of last year, and we are working hard to raise funds from grant-making trusts and the local community. We also know that those for whom St Peter's is particularly precious, and who are part of the worshipping community here, may wish to give so that this work can take place.

We are so grateful for the ongoing generosity of the people of the parish. Our generosity month in May has resulted in £700 a month of new giving. Thank you! Could you prayerfully consider whether you are able to give in support of this vital work for the church building? Your gift would help St Peter's Church continue to stand as a beacon of God's love in this community, and as a place that equips God's people to serve.

This weekend, 12th and 13th September, we are holding gift days. If you would like to give, you can do so in a number of different ways:

- Bring your gift in person to one of our Sunday morning services at either St Peter's or St Nicholas' and place it in the vessel provided
- Bring your gift to Midday Prayer at St Peter's on Saturday. We will be in St Peter's to receive gifts from 12.00 noon to 1.00pm.

Please use the envelopes available in church, filling in your details if you are a UK taxpayer so that we can reclaim tax. Please do not enter the amount donated on the outside of the envelope. Once sealed, envelopes are placed straight into the collection box/sack, and are only opened by the two or three people who count and bank the gifts — so your donation remains a private



matter between you and them. Please make cheques payable to 'Portishead PCC'.

- Make a payment online by direct transfer to Portishead Parochial Church Council General Account. Bank: NatWest Bank PLC. Sort code: 54-30-06. Account: 03063410. Please mark your donation "Crack This" so that it goes to the right fund.
- Make a donation through JustGiving by clicking on [this link](#) or by using the QR code.



We are also hoping to reorder the west end of the church, making it fit for the future and creating space for children's work and small groups to meet. More details of these plans will follow. If we raise more money than is needed for the repairs, please indicate if you would rather your donation were used only for the repairs and not for this reordering.

Whether or not you can support this work financially, please do join us in prayer for the project. You may find this prayer helpful:

Loving God

We thank you for the beautiful church building of St Peter's - for the stories that these stones hold.

Thank you

- *for centuries of prayer and worship*
- *for the moments of celebration and sorrow in the lives of the people of Portishead*
- *for the story of your love for all people*

We pray for the future of this church building – that it may continue to be here to hold the stories of the people of the town and to speak of your love and goodness to future generations.

*For we ask it in Jesus' name **Amen***

Thank you so much for your generous support. Together, we can help ensure that this much-loved church continues to serve the people of Portishead and bear witness to God's love for generations to come.

With God's blessing