



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

## Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March – 2<sup>nd</sup> of Lent

Genesis 12.1–4a, Romans 4.1–5, 13–17, John 3.1–17

**8am Holy Communion (BCP) at St Peter's Church**

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

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

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

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

<https://youtube.com/live/tfzd8WC3nLY?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 2<sup>nd</sup> March</b>	7.15am	Mission Prayer – <a href="https://ziply.pk/Mon-Mission-prayer">https://ziply.pk/Mon-Mission-prayer</a>
	9.15am	Cafe Prayers – Lighthouse café, St Nicholas Church
	10.00am	Looking to the Future Prayer Group – St Peter's Church
	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 3<sup>rd</sup> March</b>	9.00am	Refresh Parent, Baby and Toddler Group at St Peter's Church
<b>Weds 4<sup>th</sup> March</b>	9.00am	Morning Prayer – <a href="https://2cm.es/1oJ6p">https://2cm.es/1oJ6p</a>
<b>Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March</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
<b>Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March</b>	3.15pm	Lent Course St Nicholas'
<b>Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March</b>	10.00am	Quiet Morning – The House at Bethany – St Nicholas Church

## Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March – 3<sup>rd</sup> of Lent

Exodus 17.1–7, Romans 5.1–1, John 4.5–42

**8.00am Holy Communion at St Peter's Church**

**11.00am Churches Together Unity Service at Gordano School**

## 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, Irena Venton

## Notices

We are excited to say that this Sunday's 9.45am service has been planned with and will be led by some of the 'worship leads' from St Peter's School. We recognise the huge value in working in partnership with our schools and of developing the spiritual leadership of children. We are delighted to welcome them and their families as they help us engage with the Parable of the Talents and how we all have wonderful gifts and talents from God we can use

### **Electoral Roll (Church Membership) Revision**

It's time for the annual update of our church's Electoral Roll. The Electoral Roll is the nearest thing to a church membership that we have. Being on the Roll means you can take part in important decisions about our church, vote at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM), and stand for the PCC. Most importantly being on the roll says that you are part of the St Peter's and St Nicholas' church family. If you have not done so already, please join. If you're already on the Roll, you don't need to do anything this year.

Key dates

- Application forms will be available in both churches and online - <https://ziply.pk/EI6Hwf>
- Completed forms must be returned by midday on **Thursday 26 March**.
- Any forms received after this date will be added after the Annual Parish Meeting on 26 April 2026.

Thank you for helping us keep our records up to date.

**Paul Jeffery Electoral Roll Officer**

(Please ask for help from the Clergy, Office or Paul Jeffery if you get stuck  
(please note if you live in the parish then the box you tick is 2A))

### **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.

## St Peter's church - Looking to the future - Prayer Group

Our prayer group specifically looking to discern God's will for the future of St Peter's Church building and to back up the teams working on estimates, faculties, vision and all the rest will meet at **St Peter's at 10 o'clock on Monday morning, 2 March**, for half an hour. All welcome to join us. Further info Jennie McDuff 07536 103084

## 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.

## The House at 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.

## Portishead Churches

# Together.

### Unity Service

8 March  
11am

Gordano  
Main Hall  
Refreshments  
from 10.30am



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Churches Together

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.

### Pastoral care

Revd Tonya will be loitering most weeks in a café in Portishead.

Should you have something pastoral you'd like to discuss or just to say hello, why not drop by.

### Date & time for March:

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> 10.15am – 11.45am**

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> 10.15am - 11.45am**

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> 10.15am - 11.45am**

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> 10.15am - 11.45am**

Venue

The Port, 3 The Precinct, Bristol BS20 6AH

Or you could contact her on:

01275 840016 07341328682

[pastorportishead@outlook.com](mailto:pastorportishead@outlook.com)

**Sleeping Bags needed** - We're hoping to collect a few good, clean sleeping bags to keep at St Peter's church and pass on to people in our community who need them. A rucksack in good condition would also be really useful.

If you have something you can donate.

Please contact Lindsay on 07483 932608 or [pioneer@portisheadparish.co.uk](mailto:pioneer@portisheadparish.co.uk).

### 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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