



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

Sunday 15th March - Mothering Sunday, 4th Sunday of Lent

Exodus 2.1–10 2 Corinthians 1.3–7 John 19.25b –27

- 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**
- 11.30am 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 Jessica in the office on 846230 / office@portisheadparish.co.uk

Parish Calendar for the Week Ahead:

Monday 16th March	7.15am	Mission Prayer – https://ziply.pk/Mon-Mission-prayer
	7.30pm	Lent Course – Plenty (contact office to attend)
Tuesday 17th March	9.00pm	Evening Prayer – https://short-url.org/1p9WC
	9.00am	Refresh Parent, Baby and Toddler Group at St Peter's Church
Weds 18th March	9.00am	Morning Prayer – https://short-url.org/WedMorningPray
Thursday 19th March		'Thought for the Day' available from 8.30am via our website, YouTube and Facebook
	6.45am	Morning Prayer - https://short-url.org/1p9X5
	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
Friday 20th March	3.15pm	Lent Course St Nicholas'
	6.45pm	Youth Group St Nicholas' Church to 8.30pm
Saturday 21st March	10.30am	Tidy Up St Peter's Church

Sunday 22nd March – 5th Sunday of Lent

Ezekiel 37.1–14 Romans 8.6–11 John 11.1–45

- 9.30am Parish Eucharist at St Nicholas' Church**
- 9.45am The 9.45 with Communion at St Peter's Church**
- 11.30am Parish Eucharist at St Peter's Church**
- 6.00pm Haven at St Peter's Church**

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

The departed Hunter Bennett, Roger Matthews, Frances Dawe

Notices

Mothering Sunday Flowers We will be making posies for Mothering Sunday on **Saturday the 14th March** from 10am for a short time. If you have suitable greenery we could use, please bring it to St Peter's Church on Friday 13th and leave it in the porch at St Peter's, or on Saturday morning 14th March up to 10 am.

Many thanks Please contact Pauline Cooper on 07973 110431 or Gill Colston on 01275 845970.



Tea and Toast served from 9.30

9:45 SPECIAL

Informal service with a spark of creativity

Date: 15th March 2026
Time: 09:45
Location: St Peters Church
Portishead

Mothering Sunday at the 9.45 Special – Everyone Welcome **Sunday 15th March**

Tea and toast from 9:30 am, Service begins at 9:45 am - St Peter's Church

A gentle, celebratory morning for everyone — whether you're a mum, remembering a mum, supporting someone, or simply part of our church family. Come as you are. Bring friends, bring family. There's a place for you here.

Heatree Weekend Cake Sale

In May, 15 families connected with the church will be heading to Heatree Activity Centre for a weekend of community building, shared meals, fun outdoor activities, and gentle spiritual exploration. We want to ensure the weekend is as affordable and accessible as possible. Alongside the accommodation costs, there are additional expenses such as instructors to lead some of the activities, and we would love to keep these costs to a minimum. On the morning of **Sunday 15th March in between the 9.45am and 11.30am services**, you'll have the opportunity to buy a slice of cake and contribute towards making this a memorable weekend. As this is the second time we have run the weekend, you'll also be able to chat with some of those who went last year and hear what made it so special.

If you'd like to find out more, please speak to Mark.



CAKE SALE

Sunday 15th March between the 9.45am and 11.30am services

Raising money for the adventurous activities at the Heatree weekend away



Electoral Roll (Church Membership)

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

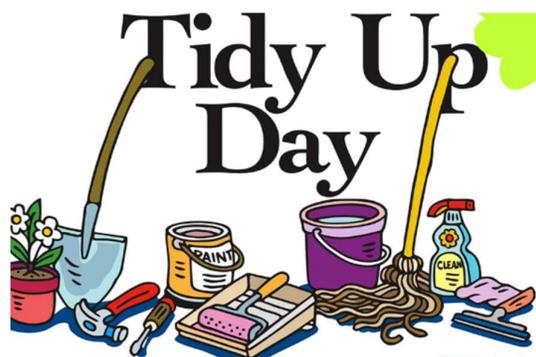
(Please ask for help from the Clergy, Office or Paul Jeffery if you get stuck
(please note if you live in the parish then the box you tick is 2A))

St Peter's is gearing up for a lively Chore & Tidy Morning — and you're invited to jump in and make a real difference!

Saturday 21st March 10am–12pm St Peter's Church

Whether you're great at cutting out craft shapes, sweeping floors, vacuuming carpets, dusting windowsills, pulling weeds, or giving the paths a good tidy, there's a job with your name on it. Every pair of hands helps transform the space.

And of course, it wouldn't be a proper community morning without good chat, fresh coffee, and a slice of cake to keep us going.



Tidy Up Day

Saturday 21st March
10 – 12

Cleaning - Gardening
Craft prep - Tidying
Tea coffee cake

ST PETERS CHURCH

Bring Gardening tools- inside cleaning equipment provided
All ages welcome



Pastoral Care - Revd Tonya will be loitering most weeks in a cafe? 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:

Tuesday 17th 10.15am – 11.45am

Thursday 26th 10.15 – 11.45am

*(changed date from previously advertised in the Magazine)

Venue

The Port, 3 The Precinct, Bristol BS20 6AH

Or you could contact her on: 01275 840016/07341328682 pastorportishead@outlook.com



Easter Bingo - Saturday 28th March

10am – 12pm, St Peter's Church
Fun for all the family. Our chance to get the ball rolling for raising necessary funds for church repairs.

£2.50 per player. Prizes for every game. Raffle £1.00 per ticket. Refreshments on sale

Raffle prizes are very welcome – boxes in both churches during Sunday mornings

The Parish of Portishead – Dawn Chorus Walk

Join us on Palm Sunday, **29 March, at 6.00 am** for a Dawn Chorus walk led by Chris Sperring. This year, we will begin at St Nicholas Church, then set out on an hour-long walk along uneven ground, including sections of the coast path. As we walk, we'll pause to listen to the birds greeting the morning with their song. Places are limited, so booking is essential. Afterwards, tea, coffee, and breakfast will be served at St Nicholas Church (donations welcome to cover costs).

Please bring:

- Sensible footwear
- Warm clothing
- A torch
- A willingness to walk/stand for around an hour on uneven terrain
- Breakfast beforehand is recommended

To book: Contact Lindsay on 07483 932608 or email pioneer@portisheadparish.co.uk

United Service – Sunday 29th March, Palm Sunday

Palm Sunday is on **29th March** this year. It is a 5th Sunday so we will be sharing a United Service at St Nicholas' Church. Please join us at 10.30 for this opportunity to celebrate our life and worship together. This will be the only service in the Parish that day.

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.

Pioneering Parishes is a fantastic resource to help our parishes become more outward-looking and to develop a culture of mission. Tina Hodgett and Greg Bakker are running a free taster day for Portishead Deanery. Come along and share this with others you know who might be interested in this. **Saturday 25th April 9.30am – 3.30pm in St Peter's Church Portishead.** Talk to Rob or Mark for more details

Please book via the QR Code on the flyer or here <https://short-url.org/pioneer>



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'Every parish wants to be more outward looking and this gives simple ways to be so

Revd Adam Beaumo



Pioneering Parishes Taster Day for Portishead Deanery

Saturday 25 April 2026

9.30am – 3.30pm

St Peter's Church,
Church Road South,
Portishead, BS20 6PX

Book your place now
via the QR code



"[PP] did a lot of the heavy lifting for me... of just starting to get a culture shift to think missionally. And that had been a very slow, difficult process."



Request for Cardboard Egg Cartons

Martha's Kitchen is collecting **cardboard egg cartons** for a lovely Easter flower craft project. If you have any spare egg boxes at home, we would love to turn them into beautiful flowers. Empty boxes can be **left in the porch at St Peter's Church** at any time — we will gather them from there.

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 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.

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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