



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

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

Join us online for the 9.45 at St Peter's <https://youtube.com/live/g2QFT27yN68?feature=share>

11.30am Parish Eucharist at St Peter's 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 Jessica in the office on 846230 / office@portisheadparish.co.uk

Parish Calendar for the Week Ahead:

Monday 23rd March	7.15am	Monday Prayers – https://ziply.pk/Mon-Mission-prayer
	7.30pm	Lent Course – Plenty (contact office to attend)
	9.00pm	Evening Prayer – https://short-url.org/1p9WC
Tuesday 24th March	9.00am	Refresh Parent, Baby and Toddler Group at St Peter's Church
	10.30am	Lighthouse Carers' Group at St Nicholas' Church
Weds 25th March	9.00am	Morning Prayer – https://short-url.org/WedMorningPray
		'Thought for the Day' available from 8.30am via our website, YouTube and Facebook
Thursday 26th March	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
	2.30pm	Mothers' Union at St Peter's Church
Friday 27th March	3.15pm	Lent Course St Nicholas'
Saturday 28th March	10.00am	Easter Bingo St Peter's Church
	2.00pm	Legacy Event St Peter's Church

Sunday 29th March – Palm Sunday

Philippians 2.5–11, Matthew 21.1–11

10.30am United Service at St Nicholas' Church

Sunday 29th March 6.00am Dawn chorus plus breakfast meet at St Nicholas' 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 Roger Matthews, Frances Dawe

Notices

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.

Holy Week and Easter 2026 - 29th March-5th April

As we approach Easter this year please take some of the opportunities that we offer to reflect on the challenges of the last days of Jesus' life and his suffering and death. As we celebrate together on Easter morning we can do so with deep gratitude to God and joy at the life that we have received through Christ.

Day	Time	Place	Service	Notes
Palm Sunday	10.30	St Nicholas'	United Service	Joyful, All-Age.
Monday	8.00pm	St Peter's	Night Prayer: The Women of Holy Week	Gentle and reflective
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Maundy Thursday	7.30pm	St Peter's	Maundy Thursday Service & Vigil	Remembering Jesus' last meal and Gethsemane
Good Friday	11.00am	From St Peter's to The Precinct	Churches Together Walk of Witness	
	2.00pm	St Peter's	At The Foot of the Cross	Silence, readings and music
Holy Saturday	8.00pm	St Nicholas'	Tenebrae	Dramatic, reflective, candlelit
Easter Day	6.30am	Battery Point	Churches Together Sunrise Service	Joyful outdoor ecumenical
	8.00am	St Peter's	Holy Communion	Traditional Communion from the Book of Common Prayer
	9.30am	St Nicholas'	Parish Eucharist for Easter	A traditional celebration
	9.45am	St Peter's	All Age Communion for Easter	Joyful celebration for all ages
	11.30am	St Peter's	Parish Eucharist for Easter	A traditional celebration

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:**

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



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

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.

Haven: Lament

Join us for Haven on the theme of Lament at 6.00pm on **Sunday 22nd March** in St Peter's Church. 45 minutes of Mindfulness, Silence, Music and gently guided Prayer.

Heatree Weekend Car Wash!

In keeping with our aim of making the Heatree weekend as affordable and accessible as possible, some of the families attending are going to be holding a car wash this Sunday **22nd March, 11.30am to 1.30pm, at Willow Community Gardens car park**, behind Portishead Medical Group.

We are asking for a donation of £5 per car. We also want to say thank you to everyone who brought a cake at last Sunday's cake sale, we raised an amazing £181 towards the weekend.



CAR WASH

Sunday 22nd March

11.30am-1.30pm
Willow Community Gardens
(behind Portishead Medical Group)

£5 a car!

Raising money for the adventurous activities at the Heatree church weekend away

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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))

Portishead Parochial Church Council - The PCC will next meet on **Thursday 26th March**.

Please pray for the members as they discuss the items on the Agenda and make the necessary decisions.

Portishead Mothers Union will meet on **Thursday 26th March at 2.30pm** at St. Peter's Church when our new members will be welcomed and Simon Stevens will share "Lent Reflections". Anyone is welcome to join us.



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

Midweek Communion on Maundy Thursday - Thursday 2nd April

There will be **no** 10.30 Communion Service on Thurs 2nd April as both St Peter's and Trinity Schools will be holding their Easter services in St Peter's Church. Apologies for any inconvenience.

Let's set the scene for Easter

A creative morning decorating St Peter's Church for Easter.

No skills are necessary; all ages are welcome.

Date: Saturday, 4th April

Time: 10 AM – 12:00 AM

We'll provide tea, coffee, and cake to fuel the creative energy while we decorate the church.



What to Bring: If you can, please bring some greenery and flowers to help us make the church look truly amazing!

If you need any more information, please contact Rev Lindsay pioneer@portisheadparish.co.uk 07483932608

What's Your Legacy? Tuesday 14 April at St. Peter's Church 2-4pm

This is an opportunity to consider what the benefits of leaving a legacy might be, receive advice on making wills and setting up Powers of Attorney and the tax implications of a financial legacy. Our local funeral directors and clergy will be available to discuss planning a funeral, something we all need to consider.

We are very lucky to have a leading specialist in the field as our keynote speaker. Dr Paul Hutchinson is a professional in will writing, trusts, estate-planning and taxation. Please extend the invitation to friends and family as this promises to be an interesting and informative afternoon. Refreshments will be served at the start of the event.

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.

Annual Church Meeting (APCM) – 26th April 2026

The annual church meeting this year will be held on a Sunday morning. We hope this will make it easier for more people to attend and enabling it to take place within the context of a worship service.

We will share in a United Service at 10.30, featuring a shortened Communion, followed by refreshments at around 11.15. Attendees will have the chance to reflect on the past year, look ahead to future plans, participate in essential church business, including the election of new PCC and Deanery Synod members and have opportunity for questions. The meeting will end by 12.30. Everybody is encouraged to attend. There will be no other parish services on Sunday 26th April.

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.

Church Office opening times Mon – Fri 9.30am – 12.30pm Tel: 01275 846230 Email: office@portisheadparish.co.uk The office is not open on Wednesdays	To make a donation to the church please use:
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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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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."



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