

Sunday 8th March – 3rd Sunday of Lent

Exodus 17.1–7 Romans 5.1–11 John 4.5–42

8.00am Holy Communion at St Peter's Church
11.00am Churches Together Unity Service at Gordano School
2.00pm The Gathering at St Peter's School

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 9th March	7.15am	Mission Prayer – https://ziplly.pk/Mon-Mission-prayer
	9.15am	Cafe Prayers – Lighthouse café, St Nicholas Church
	7.30pm	Lent Course – Plenty (contact office to attend)
	9.00pm	Evening Prayer – https://short-url.org/1p9WC
Tuesday 10th March	9.00am	Refresh Parent, Baby and Toddler Group at St Peter's Church
	2.30pm	Bereavement Support Group at St Nicholas' Church
Weds 11th March	9.00am	Morning Prayer – https://short-url.org/WedMorningPray
Thursday 12th 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 13th March	7.30pm	Sue Parfitt - Christianity and Protest – St Nicholas Church
	3.15pm	Lent Course St Nicholas'
Saturday 14th March	10.30am	LLaDs at St Barnabas Centre
Sunday 15th March	5.30pm	Youth Group – St Nicholas Church

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
9.15 for 9.30 am Cafe Church with the URC at St Nicholas Church
11.30am Parish Eucharist at St Peter's Church
5.00pm Evensong 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 Charmaine Cornish, Hunter Bennett, Irena Venton, Frances Dawe

Notices

Quiet Morning: The House at Bethany

Come and join us on **Saturday 7th 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 7th 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 8th March**.

Portishead Churches

Together.

Unity Service

8 March
11am

Gordano Main Hall
Refreshments from 10.30am



PORTISHEAD Churches Together

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.

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?

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When and How Should Christians Protest?
with Rev Sue Parfitt
7.30pm, Thursday 12th 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.



On Thursday 12th 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 caf  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 11th 10.15am - 11.45am

Tuesday 17th 10.15am - 11.45am

Thursday 26th 10.15 - 11.45am

Venue

The Port, 3 The Precinct, Bristol BS20 6AH

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



Bereavement Support Group

Grief doesn't stop after the funeral

A space to talk , to just be, a space to share memories

2nd Tuesday of each month 2.30pm – 4pm

St. Nicholas Church, Nore Road

Portishead Church of England

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))

Count your plastic for one week from 9 to 15 March.



Let's not forget to sign up to the Big Plastic Count and download our tally sheets - help do our bit and care for Creation better!

Go to <https://thebigplasticcount.com/> for all the info you need

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.



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.

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

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.

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.

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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