



Sunday 16th November

Malachi 4: 1-2a; 2 Thessalonians 3: 6-13; Luke 21: 5-19

8.00am Holy Communion at St Peters Church

9.15am 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

For safeguarding reasons we are not able to livestream the 9.45 Special this week.

You can access a service from the Church of England at 9.00am on Sunday at

<https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/church-online>

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.

Parish Calendar for the Week Ahead:

Mon 17th November	7.15am	Mission Prayer - https://teams.live.com/meet/9399632380155?p=xI0GS1guFQs7vCocPK
	9.00pm	Contemplative Evening Prayer - https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84609538552?pwd=kwc9diOCammaGpBWrVrb304Tkflm.1
Tues 18th November	9.00am	Refresh Parent, Baby and Toddler Group at St Peter's Church
Weds 19th November	9.00am	Morning Prayer via Zoom https://bit.ly/WednesdayMorningPrayer
Thurs 20th November	6.45am	Contemplative Morning prayer - https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84759214937?pwd=4iTyAVJmcOtAd5zam1TLyjozq3YTUe.1
	10.30am	Midweek Communion at St Peter's Church
	10.40am	Midweek Church Coffee via Zoom https://bit.ly/3RybNnJ
	2.00pm	Lighthouse Café at St Nicholas' Church
	7.30pm	PCC at St Nicholas' Church

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 Rachel in the office on 846230 / office@portisheadparish.co.uk

Next week's services:

Sunday 23rd November - St Nicholas' Patronal

Jeremiah 23: 1-6; Colossians 1: 11-20; Luke 23: 33-43

10.30am Patronal Service at St Nicholas' Church

6pm Haven at St Peter's Church

Our Prayers



Those in need Eva Pickard, John Massey, Anne Lewins, Peter Finch, Mary Powell, Judith, Irene Flockhart, Charmaine Cornish, Sam Edwards, Ann Field, Margaret Carey, Pat Jouxson, Maureen Noakes, Brenda Greenham

The departed Alan Longdon, Lilian Marsh

Church Administrator

We are thrilled to announce that our new administrator is Jess Cornes who many will know from our 9.45 and Café Church congregations. She will be a great addition to the team. Jess will formally begin on 1st December when the office will re-open.

Please bear with the team in the meantime. We will try to pick up messages to the office and keep the admin functioning but there may be some gaps – for which we apologise in advance.

St Nicholas' Patronal Service – Sunday 23rd November

On Sunday 23rd November we will be celebrating St Nicholas' Patronal Festival. We will gather for a United Service in St Nicholas' Church at 10.30am. All are welcome. Please note that there will be no other services in the parish that morning. St Peter's will be being set up for Star Trail. Contributions of mince pies would be most welcome. Please let either Diane Yeoman or Pearl know if you can bring some on the day. Thank you.

Christingle Services

Our Christingle Services will take place on Sunday 30th November. This is a wonderful way to step into Advent and look forward for Christmas for all ages. It is also a fantastic opportunity to raise money for the work of The Children's Society. Services are in St Peter's at 3.00pm and 5.00pm and St Nicholas' at 4.00pm. All are welcome.

Please join the Christingle Team as we make the Christingles ready for the Christingle Services. We'll be in the Lighthouse at St Nicholas' Church at 10.00am on Saturday 29th. Please join us. The more the merrier and the easier and more fun the job.



9.45 special at St Peter's Church: Sunday **16th November**

Informal , creative, and joy-filled service with a **Harvest theme** – celebrating blessings, sharing together, and enjoying hands-on fun for all ages!

Includes an interactive **craft activity** for everyone to enjoy.

Tea and toast served from 9:30 am

Service begins at 9:45 am

Bring your friends, bring the family – there's a place for you here.

Some people have asked if Rob could share a little of what happened on his Sabbatical. This week's Thought for the Day consists of some of his reflections on his three month break. You can find this here: https://youtu.be/52_66obxrfE. If you have not managed to access our weekly thought for the day please speak to one of the clergy and they will do their best to help you.

Rev Fran Smettem, who served as our Children and Families worker for 5 years between 2016 and 2021 will be with us at the 9.45 Service on Sunday 30th November where she will preach. It will be great to have her with us before she leaves Bath and Wells Diocese to become Priest-in-Charge of the benefice of Eyam with Foolow and Baslow, and the parishes of Stoney Middleton and Curbar in the Diocese of Derby in March next year.

Pastoral Care

Rev'd 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.

Dates & Time for November:

Weds 5th, Weds 19th, Weds 26th

All 10.15am – 11.45am

Venue:

The Port, 3 The Precinct, BS20 6AH

Or you could contact her on 01275 840016 / 07341328682

pastorportishead@outlook.com

STAR TRAIL - HELP NEEDED

We would be grateful for HELP on Saturday 29th November to help sweep, move chairs etc to return the church to normal after Star Trail. Please come at 4.30pm if you are are to help.

STAR TRAIL PUBLIC SESSIONS

All are welcome to visit the public sessions of Star Trail which will be held this year on Wednesday

26th November from 6pm-7.30pm and Saturday 29th November from 10am-11.30am.

We look forward to seeing you.

Heatree Weekend 8th – 10th May 2026

We're excited to be planning another fun and relaxed weekend away in 2026 to Heatree Activity Centre. Heatree is a Christian outdoor residential centre based in the beautiful surroundings of Dartmoor National Park in Devon. Expect a welcoming atmosphere, time to connect, optional outdoor activities, shared meals (cooking and washing up!), gentle spiritual rhythms, and Messy Church-style worship. No pressure, just community and fun! The cost is £64 per adult, £44 per child with under 4s free. For further details you download the letter from our website: <https://www.portisheadparish.co.uk/heatree-weekend-2026> - contact Mark for more information.



Gregory Steward is returning to perform again at St Nicholas' Church on the 15th November, 3.00pm – 5.00pm.

Tickets cost just £12.00 and can be purchased from: the Church Office, Diane Yeoman, Pearl Walker or by contacting Kathryn Phillips on 07834097595.

Under 18's go free and refreshments will be provided.

Deanerywide Meeting

Join us on Weds 19th November at 7.30 at Walton St Mary's Church Castiel Road Clevedon for **Conservation, Spirituality and Faith** with Mary Colwell. This is the next in our twice yearly open meeting organised by the Deanery seeking to inspire us to live out our faith. Mary is an English environmental author and producer. She used to work for the BBC Natural History. Refreshments served from 7.00pm. All are most welcome.

Deanerywide Meeting

"Conservation, Spirituality, and Faith"

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Wednesday 19th November
Walton St Mary's Church Hall,
Castle Road, Clevedon, BS21 7BX
(parking is also available in Channel Road)

Light Refreshments from 7pm,
start time 7:30pm

portishead.deanery1@gmail.com

Blythswood Christmas Shoebox Appeal – Thank You!

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who contributed to this year's Blythswood Christmas Shoebox Appeal. On Monday 2nd November, **144 shoeboxes** were collected for onward transport—**30 of these came from our churches**.

These boxes will be distributed to households in very low-income communities across countries including **Albania, Bulgaria, Hungary, Kosovo, Moldova, Romania, Serbia, and Ukraine**. For many recipients, this may be the **only Christmas gift** they receive.

Mothers Union meeting on Thursday, 20 November 2025, at 2.30pm, at St Peter's Church. We are holding a Bring & Buy (including a raffle) and it is a meeting open to everyone. Please join us. You can be assured of a very warm welcome.



Posset Singers are delighted to be returning to St Nicholas church for our Christmas concert, on Saturday Dec 13th, when we shall be raising funds for our nominated charity Portishead Christmas Lights.

This year, we shall premiere the Wishbone Carol composed by our musical director.

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