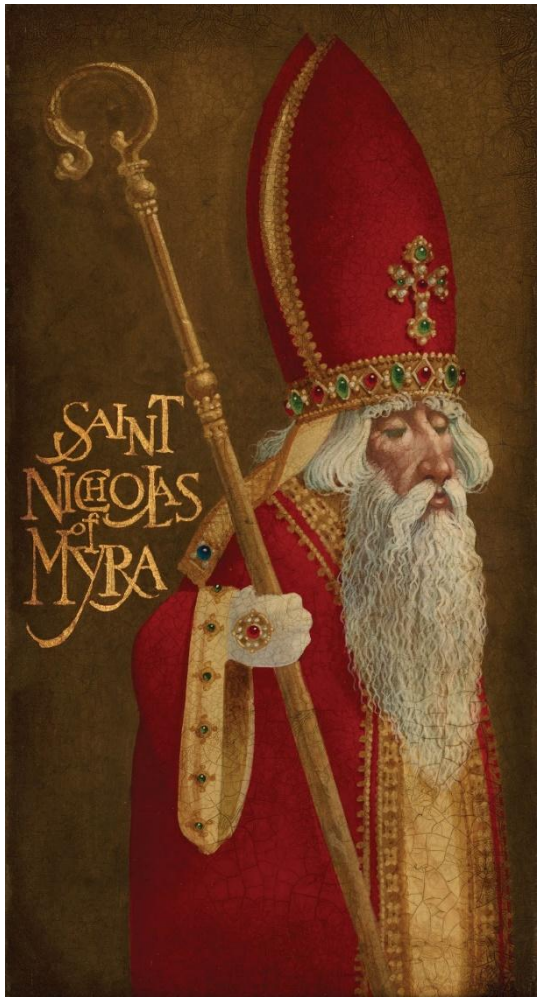
Portishead Church of England

St Nicholas' Patronal Festival



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Growing & Going in God's Love

22nd November 2026

Welcome

The Lord be with you

All **And also with you**

The Gathering (from Psalm 24)

Lift up your heads, O gates;
be lifted up, you everlasting doors;

All **and the King of glory shall come in.**

'Who is the King of glory?'

All **'The Lord, strong and mighty,**
the Lord who is mighty in battle.'

Lift up your heads, O gates;
be lifted up, you everlasting doors;

All **and the King of glory shall come in.**

'Who is this King of glory?'

All **'The Lord of hosts,**
he is the King of glory.'

All **Almighty God, we thank you for this church**
built to your glory
and in the memory of Nicholas,
a bishop of your Church.
As he gave freely out of
the treasures of your grace:
make us mindful of the needs of others
and, as we have received,
so teach us also to give;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Hymn: *All People That on Earth Do Dwell* (HON 22)

Confession and Absolution
We bring to God our failure to live as he calls us to. We use this response:

God of love and mercy
Forgive us and transform us

Hymn: *From Heaven You Came* (HON 175)

The Collect

Reading: Extracts from Esther Chapters 3&4
At the end
This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Sermon

Affirmation of Faith

We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family
in heaven and on earth is named.

We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.

We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us
with power from on high.

We believe in one God;
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession
The prayers may conclude with:

Merciful Father,
accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen

The Peace

The President introduces the Peace
The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

Offertory Hymn: *There is a Hope*

There is a hope that burns within my heart
That gives me strength for ev'ry passing day
A glimpse of glory now revealed in meagre part
Yet drives all doubt away
I stand in Christ with sins forgiv'n
And Christ in me the hope of heav'n
My highest calling and my deepest joy
To make His will my home

There is a hope that lifts my weary head
A consolation strong against despair
That when the world has plunged me
In its deepest pit
I find the Saviour there
Through present suff'rings future's fear
He whispers courage in my ear
For I am safe in everlasting arms
And they will lead me home

There is a hope that stands the test of time
That lifts my eyes beyond the beck'ning grave
To see the matchless beauty of a day divine
When I behold His face
When suff'rings cease and sorrows die
And ev'ry longing satisfied
Then joy unspeakable will flood my soul
For I am truly home

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Prayer at the Preparation of the Table

Blessed be God,
who feeds the hungry,
who raises the poor,
who fills our praise.
Blessed be God for ever.

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord is here
His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is right to praise you, Father,
Lord of all creation;
in your love you made us for yourself.
When we turned away
you did not reject us,
but came to meet us in your Son.
You embraced us as your children
and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.

In Christ you shared our life
that we might live in him and he in us.
He opened his arms of love upon the cross
and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.

On the night he was betrayed,
at supper with his friends
he took bread, and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to them, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.
Father, we do this in remembrance of him;
his body is the bread of life.

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,
he gave you thanks, and said: Drink this, all of
you; this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins;
do this in remembrance of me.
Father, we do this in remembrance of him:
his blood is shed for all.

As we proclaim his death and
celebrate his rising in glory,
send your Holy Spirit that this bread and this
wine may be to us the body and blood of your
dear Son.
As we eat and drink these holy gifts
make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.

With your whole Church throughout the world
we offer you this sacrifice of praise and lift our
voice to join the eternal song of heaven:
Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth
are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.
Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.

Jesus, Lamb of God,
have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins,
have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer of the world,
grant us peace.

Giving of Communion

All who wish may come forward to receive Communion.

Alternatively, please come forward to receive a blessing.

Or you are welcome to remain in your place in quiet reflection or to join in the songs.

Gluten free bread is available.

Hymns during Communion

Amazing Grace (HON 30)
Judge Eternal (HON 366)

Prayer after Communion

Eternal God,
comfort of the afflicted and healer of the broken,
you have fed us at the table of life and hope:
teach us the ways of gentleness and peace,
that all the world may acknowledge
the kingdom of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Blessing

Hymn: *Christ Triumphant (HON 92)*

Dismissal

From where we are
to where you need us,
Jesus, now lead on.

From the security of what we know
to the adventure of what you will reveal,
Jesus, now lead on.

To refashion the fabric of the world
until it resembles the shape of your kingdom,
Jesus, now lead on.

Because good things have been prepared
for those who love God,
Jesus, now lead on.

Please stay and join us for refreshments after the service

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