



Sunday 17th August – Trinity 9

Double Edition

This week's readings are:

Hebrews 11.29-12.2; Luke 12.49-56

8.00am Holy Communion at St Peter's Church

9.15am for 9.30am Café Church at St Nicholas' Church

10.30am Summer Sunday Worship at St Peter's Church

11.15am Café Church with The URC at St Nicholas' Church

To join the 10.30am Live Stream,

please visit: <https://www.youtube.com/live/jCcFDA1Mi5U?feature=shared>

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

Parish Calendar for the Week Ahead:

Mon 18th August	7.15am	Mission Prayer - https://teams.live.com/join/9399632380155?p=xl0GS1guFQs7vCocPK
	10.00am	Summer Refresh in St Peter's Church & Millennium Gardens
	12.45pm	The funeral for the late John Oakley at St Peter's Church
Weds 20th August	9.00am	Morning Prayer via Zoom https://bit.ly/WednesdayMorningPrayer
Thurs 21st August	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
Fri 22nd August	11.30am	The funeral for the late Hazel Burgess at St Nicholas' Church
Sat 23rd August	10.30am	Organ Coffee Concert at St Nicholas' Church

Please note that the Church Office is closed from Monday 18th August and will re-open on Tuesday 26th August.

Next week's services:

Sunday 24th August – Trinity 10

Jeremiah 1.4-10; Luke 13.10-17

9.30am Parish Eucharist at St Nicholas' Church

10.30am Summer Sunday Worship at St Peter's Church

Parish Calendar for the Week Ahead:

Mon 25th August	7.15am	Mission Prayer - https://teams.live.com/join/9399632380155?p=xl0GS1guFQs7vCocPK
Tues 26th August	10.30am	Lighthouse Carers Group at St Nicholas' Church
Weds 27th August	9.00am	Morning Prayer via Zoom https://bit.ly/WednesdayMorningPrayer
Thurs 28th August	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
	2.30pm	Mothers' Union at St Peter's Church

Sunday 31st August – Trinity 11

Hebrews 13.1-8, 15-16; Luke 14.1, 7-14

10.30am United Service with Communion at St Nicholas' Church

Our Prayers



Those in need Paul Walker, Mary Powell, Celia, Judith, Art, Amy and Family, Irene Flockhart, Charmaine Cornish, Sam Edwards, Ann Field, Margaret Carey, Pat Jouxson, Maureen Noakes, Brenda Greenham

The departed Joyce Kerigan, John Oakley, Hazel Burgess

St Nicholas' will be hosting the joint service on 31st August at 10.30am. Weather permitting we will follow with a picnic in the Glade. Should it rain we can use the Lighthouse. Tea and Coffee will be provided.

Monday Prayers: A small group meets regularly online on Monday morning. We would love it if you would join us. It's 15 minutes of 'free' prayer, no liturgy etc.. Typically, we pray for the parish, our country and our world. You only need to pray out loud if you feel inspired to do so. We have just moved to teams but you don't need that software on your computer, just the link <https://teams.live.com/join/9399632380155?p=xl0GS1guFQs7vCocPK>. Any questions to Simon Stevens. Hope to see you soon.

Church Treasurer: We are delighted that we have appointed Claire Aston as PCC Treasurer and Susan Whittaker as deputy. We are so grateful to them both for stepping up to this important role. Between them they bring a massive amount of experience, expertise and wisdom. Adrian Cocker will continue to support them through the summer as they pick up the reins and we are very thankful to him for being willing to do this. Please pray for Claire and Susan, particularly in this initial period. It is a busy and complex role.

Lindsay: Lindsay's role of Assistant Curate will come to an end in January 2026. This is when her training post with us paid for by the Diocese is completed. We are working hard to secure grant funding to enable her to continue in the important and impactful ministry that she has been exercising, to vulnerable adults through Willow Gardens; to Families in need through Martha's Kitchen; and to us in the church. Please pray for this process and for Lindsay and Dave.

Organ Coffee Concert, Saturday 23rd August from 10.30am: Do come along to St Nicholas' Church to enjoy coffee or tea, cake and music, refreshments will be served in the café area from 10.30 until 11.00. This will be followed by an organ recital in church, given by Rosemary Reid. Many of you will know Rosemary, who has played for services in both our churches and given several concerts with her husband. The organ recital will last about 40 minutes and will include some firm favourites. For a donation of £5 (towards St Nicholas' new piano fund) you can enjoy coffee, cake, company and fine music. We hope to see many friends from both our churches. Please support this new venture. Many Thanks.

Summer Holidays – SEND Stay and Play – During the Summer holidays, Martha's Kitchen provide a free SEND Play and Stay breakfast. It's a safe and inclusive space for SEND children and their families, as well as a free breakfast for children and siblings. Martha's Kitchen aims to bring people together and provide a safe and empowering environment. You can join us EVERY THURSDAY during the school holidays, 9.30am – 11.30am. For more information or to book your space, please call 01275 842461

Vergers Needed: We are looking for individuals who could help as vergers for Funerals and Weddings within Portishead Parish. This is a paid role and you would receive training on how to do so. If this is something you are interested in, please contact Rachel in the Church office on 01275 846230 for more information.

Community Picnic at Willow Community Gardens –

Sunday 24th August, 12pm.

Join us for a community picnic at Willow Community Gardens! There will be plenty of space to spread your picnic blanket and activities for children to enjoy. This is a free event with free cake, fruit, drinks and snacks provided for all. Please bring your own sandwiches or picnic food and a chair or blanket to sit on. If the weather is wet, we'll move to St Peter's Church.

Willow Community Gardens is located behind Portishead Medical Centre, Portishead, BS20 6AQ, See you there!



Millennium Garden: Do you enjoy gardening? Would you like to help look after the Millennium Garden – one of the church's best loved assets? After 25 years looking after the Millennium Garden Jane Pagano has decided that she needs to step down from that role. We are looking for people who would like to help keeping the Garden looking beautiful. If this is something that interests you please chat to one of the Clergy or Churchwardens or contact Rachel in the office (office@portisheadparish.co.uk – 01275846230)

St Nicholas' Church noticeboard – DIY help needed. The weather and time have taken their toll! The noticeboard has recently had a new set of legs which should last another 20 years, but now the noticeboard itself needs some (minor) TLD including a repaint with Sadolin. The plywood back is beginning to delaminate/rot and needs over-covering with a sheet of marine ply or equivalent and there is some rot in a door which needs filling. We can deliver/collect the notice board so the work can be carried out at your pace and place. If you want to help contact John Neate on either 01275 849686 or email@jdneate.plus.com

Marthas' Kitchen – Children's Book Appeal! This summer, Martha's Kitchen is focusing on supporting families by encouraging a love of reading during the school holidays. We're asking for donations of new or gently used children's books to gift to local families. We're looking for books suitable for ages 0-14 years. If you can help, please drop your book donations at Lindsay's Porch – 8 Clevedon Road, BS20 6TA

Linsday Needs a Hand! The summer holidays are coming up fast, and we've got some fun things planned – Martha's Kitchen and Muddy Play Days! But to make it all happen, we could use a little extra help. No long-term commitment – just an extra pair of hands to move and set things up. **When & What we need help with:**

20th and 27th August – Muddy Play Days at Willow Community Gardens

1.00pm – Setup and 3.30/4.00pm – Pack-up – Help needed on these days to set up and take down.

Tuesday 26th August – At the Methodist Hall, 11.45am – Need help taking tables downstairs. If you can lend a hand, even just for one of these, that would be amazing! Thank you so much! Call/text 07483932608, email pioneer@portisheadparish.co.uk

A Morning of Craft and Prayer – Enjoy being creative? In need of a little peace this Autumn.. A morning together to bring along any craft that you enjoy doing. Whilst listening to a little of the Bible, then chatting and praying together. Linger over a cuppa... now doesn't that sound nice?

When: Saturday 20th September 2025

Time: 10.30am – 12.00pm

Where: St Peter's Church



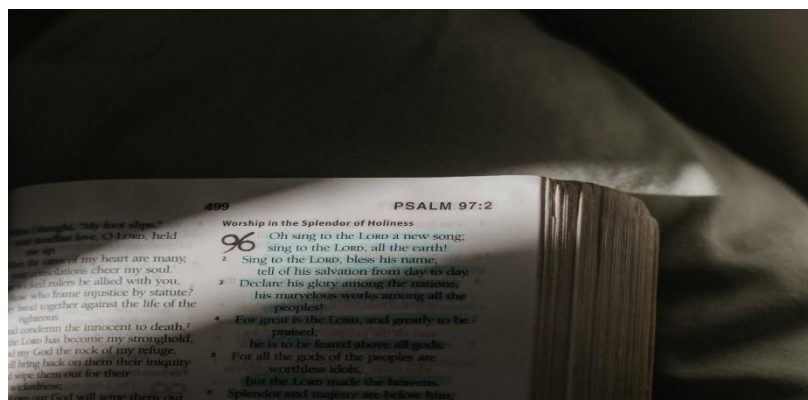
Psalms, Prayer & Contemplation. A short course for the Autumn – Is your Autumn in need of this... Time to refresh yourself spiritually? Time to reflect on prayer? Time to undertake a new course? If yes, then the following might be of interest to you...

A different psalm will be pondered each week

Questions on the psalm will be posed which might help us to deepen our understanding of God and ourselves

A time of quiet will be included, along with a time for sharing.

Sound interesting? Then read on...



Where: St Nicholas' Church, Nore Road

When: Tuesday 16th September, Tuesday 23rd September, Tuesday 30th September

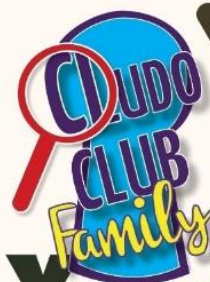
Time: 7.15 – 8.45pm, with refreshments served from 7pm.

For further information speak to Revd

Tonya, 01275 840016



SUMMER MUDDY PLAY



**WEDNESDAY 6TH 13TH 20TH 27TH
AUGUST
2-4PM**



WILLOW COMMUNITY GARDENS
BEHIND PORTISHEAD MEDICAL CENTRE,
PORTISHEAD BS20 6AQ (PLEASE DO NOT PARK
IN THE DOCTOR'S CAR PARK).



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