



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

Sunday 28th September – Trinity 15

This week's readings are:

Jeremiah 32.1-3a, 6-15; 1 Timothy 6.6-19; Luke 16.19-end

9.30am Parish Eucharist at St Nicholas' Church

9.45am *The 9.45* at St Peter's Church

11.30am Parish Eucharist at St Peter's Church

2.00pm Pet Service at St Peter's Church

To join the 9.45am Live Stream,

please visit: <https://www.youtube.com/live/6VlynUp0K5A?si=ZzF2dt0bPWjE45ju>

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 29th September	7.15am	Mission Prayer - https://teams.live.com/join/9399632380155?p=xI0GS1guFQs7vCocPK
Tues 30th September	9.00am	Funeral for the late Antoinette Stratford at St Peter's Church
		Refresh Parent, Baby and Toddler Group at St Peter's Church
	10.30am	Lighthouse Carers Group at St Nicholas' Church
	7.15pm	Psalms, Prayers and Contemplation at St Nicholas' Church
Weds 1st October	9.00am	Morning Prayer via Zoom https://bit.ly/WednesdayMorningPrayer
Thurs 2nd October	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 3rd October	10.30am	Table Talk at Portishead Library
Sat 4th October	10.00am	Sustainable Flower Workshop at St Peter's Church
	6.00pm	Sustainable Harvest Supper at St Peter's Church

Next week's services:

Sunday 5th October – Harvest

Deuteronomy 26.1-11; Philippians 4.4-9; John 6.25-35

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) at St Peter's Church

9.30am Morning Worship at St Nicholas' Church

9.45am The 9.45 at St Peter's Church

11.15am Morning Worship with The URC at St Nicholas' Church

11.30am Parish Eucharist at St Peter's Church

Our Prayers



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

The departed Gregory Iles, Terry Kilvington, Antoinette Stratford, Barbara Mary Hall, Brian Best, John Dunkley, Graham Bond, Harry Kenah

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 on 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.

Sounds interesting? Then read on...

Time & Place: 7.15pm – 8.45pm, at St Nicholas' Church, Nore Road.

When: Tuesday 30th September

For further information speak to Revd Tonya 01275 840016

Please be aware the church office opening times are now 9.30am until 12.30pm.

St Peter's Church Tidy-Up Morning

Saturday 27th September, from 10am to 12noon at St Peter's Church. A chance to help tidy up the church, churchyard and garden. If you're coming, bring gloves and any gardening tools you have. Everyone is welcome, no matter your age or experience. Tea, coffee and friendly company will be on hand throughout the morning.

Parish Administrator

We're sad to share that Rachel has decided to step down from her role as Parish Administrator. Her final day in the office will be the 24th October. We are deeply grateful for all that Rachel has contributed over the past few years, and we hold her and her family in our prayers as she takes this next step. There will naturally be a period of transition as we seek to appoint a new administrator. If you would be willing to help in the office or support the church's administrative work during this time, please let Mark know on 07766310509 or pilgrim@portisheadparish.co.uk If you or someone you know might be interested in exploring the role of Parish Administrator, supporting the life of our church community, a member of the team would love to hear from you.

Calling All Creatures Great and Small!

Bring your furry, feathered, scaly or even stuffed friends along for a joyful celebration of all God's creatures. Whether your pet barks, meows, chirps or just sits & looks cute, we'd love to see you. Everyone welcome, two legs or four at St Peter's Church. Sunday 28th September, 2pm.

Harvest Festival 2025

We will be celebrating Harvest on Sunday 5th October, our collection will be for St Peter's Church and School, Oguta, Northern Uganda. We will be collecting non-perishable goods for the Food Bank.



Caring for Creation this Harvest

As part of our harvest celebrations and our commitment to caring for God's creation, we're thinking about how our churches can reflect that care – right down to the flowers in the church. On Saturday 4th October, from 10am – 12pm, we're hosting a **Sustainable Flower Workshop at St Peter's Church.**

The brilliant **Sarah Lewis from St Johns, Clevedon**, will be sharing her expertise in sustainable flower arranging. Whether you've arranged flowers for church before or never tried it, this is a great chance to learn something new. Many people discover they're more creative than they thought! Please bring along **flowers and foliage** if you can – we'll provide **tea, coffee, and cake** to keep everyone going. From 11am to 12noon there'll be a special activity for younger ones: making **salt dough creations** to celebrate harvest in their own way. Everyone is welcome – come and be part of something beautiful, creative and caring.

Sustainable Harvest Supper

Following the success of last year's harvest supper, we are holding another this year with the theme '*Sustainable and Fairtrade*' in mind. Come and feast together with us and enjoy a wonderful evening. There will be no bar so please bring your own drinks. We have a limited amount of spaces for the meal, so please contact Rachel in the office if you would like to attend or have any questions.



Cleaning Days at St Nicholas' Church

St Nicholas' will be having two clean up dates this year, the first will be held on the 27th September with Pearl, focusing on the outside areas clearing up the garden by the front steps. The second will be on the 11th October, with Diane cleaning the walls and glass inside. They will both be 10am – 12pm. Please do come and help. Tea and Coffee will be provided.

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 October: Weds 1st, Weds 8th, Weds 15th, Weds 22nd

All 10.15am – 11.45am

Venue: The Port, 3 The Precinct, Bristol BS20 6AH

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

An Auction of Goods and Promises – Saturday 18th October – 7pm - St Peter's Church

Get ready for a wonderful evening full of fun, fellowship and fundraising! Our Auction of Promises event is returning this October. We're currently gathering promises and any donations to auction! Could you offer:

- A skill you're proud of (think: cake decorating, guitar lessons, gardening advice)
 - A helpful service (perhaps dog walking, ironing or tech support)
- A prize or experience (an afternoon tea, a boat trip, or even homemade jam?)

If you have an idea or talent to share, we'd love to hear from you.

OR What would you love to know or have a go at?? (We may be able to provide a coach!)

Every promise helps us build a fun-filled auction. To offer a promise, an item to donate or learn more, get in touch with the Church Office, Kathryn Phillips – kathrynphillips018@gmail.com / 07834097595

Thank you for your support and creativity – we can't wait to hear from you!

Martha's Kitchen at Impero Lounge

Volunteers from Martha's Kitchen will be in the Impero Lounge on the following Tuesdays. Children can stop by on their way to school for a FREE breakfast of cereals and toast, while parents can enjoy an early morning coffee and chat. They will also be available to issue foodbank vouchers and lunch bag vouchers at The Impero Lounge, Portishead High Street.

Date & Time: Tues 7th Oct, Tues 14th Oct, Tues 21st Oct – all 8.30am until 9.30am.

Rev'd Lindsay: 07483932608 – pioneer@portisheadparish.co.uk

Ethics Forum – Social Media, Self Esteem and Mental Wellbeing

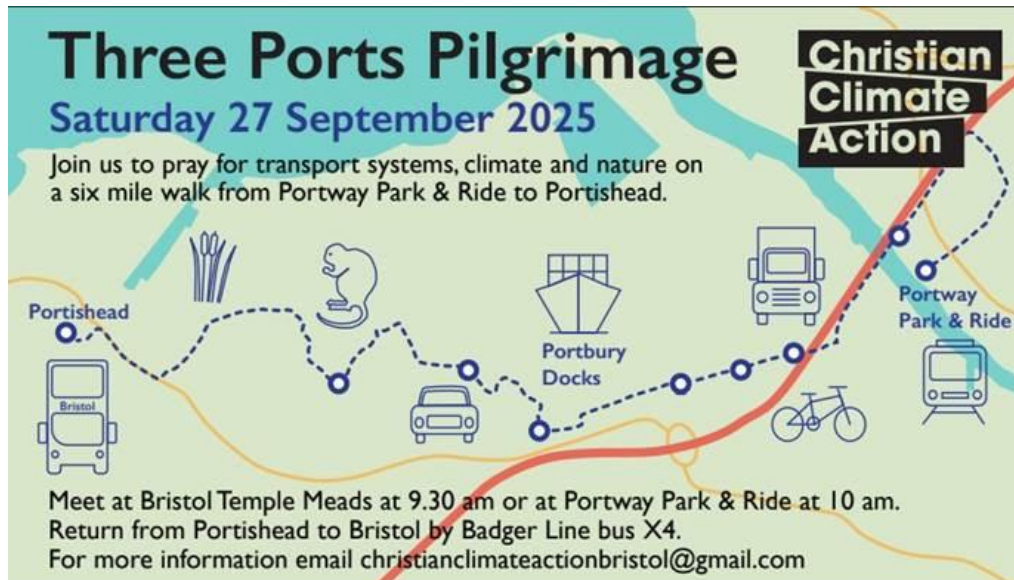
Monday 20th October, 7.30pm at St Peter's Church

We are delighted to welcome **Katharine Hill, a Director of Care for the Family**, to lead the session. Smartphones, Snapchat, TikTok, gaming, AI... Technology forms the backdrop to our lives – there are many advantages but also huge challenges.

Discover how to keep young people safe online, while forging good habits ourselves. Learn how to shape our digital lives so they don't shape us! Katharine Hill is a Director of Care for the Family, a national charity which aims to strengthen family life and help those who face family difficulties. She is the author of several books, including the popular "*Left to their own Devices?*

Confident parenting in a digital world" and "*A Mind of Their Own – building your child's emotional wellbeing in a fast changing world*". All are welcome, no tickets needed. Admission is free but donations are welcome etc cover costs and to support the work of Care for the Family (suggested donation £5). We also plan to livestream the forum to the church's YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/live/yvU7h88GnDI> - Contact David on 01275 840245 or David.tyers@gmail.com for further information.

Pilgrimage for the Planet, Bristol and Region, Three Ports Pilgrimage



Sharing this fabulous three-port pilgrimage, which is happening in Bristol as part of the Christian Climate action group on Saturday 27th September at 9.30am. Join us to pray for transport systems, climate and

nature on a six mile walk from Portway Park and Ride, via Portbury Docks, to Portishead. Meet at Bristol Temple Meads at 9.30am or at Portway Park and Ride at 10am. Return from Portishead to Bristol by Badger Line bus X4. There will be options for a shorter walk, and also an opportunity for a picnic lunch, and there's a coffee shop at the end! If you'd like to join, or have any questions email christianclimateactionbristol@gmail.com

Families Worker Vacancy – Maternity Cover

The Parish of St Andrew's Backwell seeks to appoint a part-time Families Worker for a ten-month fixed term contract, starting on 1st October, to cover for the permanent office-holder whilst they are on maternity leave. The work is primarily associated with the Pupil Chaplaincy work at Backwell Junior School and is therefore mainly a term-time role. The work will take around fifteen hours a week (flexible but will need to be able to commit to Wednesdays) and will be paid at a rate of £14 per hour. A full DBS clearance will be required. For more information and a job description please contact either Timi Booy, the present office holder at childrensworker@saintandrewsbackwell.org.uk or the Rev Sam Norton at revsamnorton@gmail.com

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**Portishead Quakers invite you to
A Fairtrade Cream Tea
Sunday 5th October 2025
3 pm - 4.30 pm
At 11, St. Mary's Road, Portishead BS20 6QP**

Enjoy Fairtrade tea, cake and scones while listening to
'Old Moll' with her Folk-Tinged music and song.

Kindly RSVP to: portishead.clerk@bristolquakers.org.uk
Or Telephone/Text 07746592687

*'Fairtrade is not just a label. It's
a life-changing system. A
movement of hope!'*
Felix Tetteh



We look forward to seeing you!