



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

Sunday 31st August – Trinity 11

This week's readings are:

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

10.30am United Service with Communion at St Nicholas' Church

Unfortunately we are not able to livestream the 10.30am United Service 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.

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 1st September	7.15am	Mission Prayer - https://teams.live.com/join/9399632380155?p=x10GS1guFQs7vCocPK
Weds 3rd September	9.00am	Morning Prayer via Zoom https://bit.ly/WednesdayMorningPrayer
Thurs 4th September	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 5th September	10.30am	Table Talk at Portishead Library
Sat 6th September	1.00pm	The wedding of Kate Vivien and Daniel Cottle at St Nicholas' Church

Next week's services:

Sunday 7th September – Trinity 12 / Back to School

Jeremiah 18.1-11; Philemon 1-21; Luke 14.25-33

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

11.30am The Nautical School Reunion at St Nicholas' Church

11.30am Parish Eucharist at St Peter's Church

Our Prayers



Those in need Peter Finch, Paul Walker, 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 Pauline Simper, Barbara Mary Hall

United Service

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.

Church Office

Please be aware, from Monday 8th September, the church office opening times will be changing. The office will open slightly later at 9.30am and close at 12.30pm.

Celebrating Church Tots

After far too many years to count, Church Tots has sung its final song and lovingly put away its coloured pens. This much-loved group has been a joyful and welcoming space for little ones and their grown-ups – a place of songs, stories, juice and gentle introduction to faith. To honour the incredible ministry of Church Tots and the wider children's work in our parish, we invite you to a **Service of Celebration** on Saturday 20th September at 2pm at St Peter's Church. If you've ever sung "If I Were a Butterfly," drunk juice in a sippy cup or been part of the Church Tots family in any way, please come along and join us. Bring your stories, your memories, and maybe even your old craft masterpieces – we'd love to celebrate together!

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.

Date & Time for September:

Wednesday 10th 10.15am-11.45am

Wednesday 17th 10.15am – 11.45am

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

Or you could contact her on: 01275 840016 / 07341328682

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=x10GS1guFQs7vCocPK>.

Any questions to Simon Stevens. Hope to see you soon.

Prayer Diary

We have revamped the monthly parish prayer diary. Printed versions are in each church or you can download from the website: www.portisheadparish.co.uk/worship or you can have a daily reminder via WhatsApp. Sign up for this on

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/Eq775fJBVdW4aSh3h9TR5w>. You won't get anything other than prayer requests via this. Above all, please (continue to) pray for our parish and our town. For any queries, please contact Simon Stevens.

An Auction of Goods and Promises – Saturday 18th October – 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!

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.

Marthas Kitchen at Impero Lounge

Volunteers from Martha's Kitchen will be in the Impero Lounge on the following Tuesdays from 8am until 9.30am. 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.

Dates: Tuesday 2nd Sept, Tuesday 16th Sept, Tuesday 23rd Sept

Portishead Churches Together Prayer Room

We will be committing to 30 hours of continuous prayer, night and day. This will be held at Enjoy Church offices in the Precinct from **Friday 5 Sept, 12 Midday – Sat 6 Sept 6pm.**

People can book slots of 1 hour or more to come and pray.

There will be a host to welcome you and introduce you to the prayer space, and there will be refreshments and a toilet available.

There will be prayer ideas and resources available for prompts to pray, or people may like to simply rest in God's presence and listen.

All ages are welcome, but for safeguarding purposes, we'd ask that children and young people under 18 years of age are

accompanied by a parent or guardian.

We are hoping to offer specific time slots for children and for youth, which may have more led activities. House groups, small groups might like to book an hour together and gather for

collective prayer in that time.

Booking is available online using this link: <https://signup.24-7prayer.com/signup/961c22> or using the QR code on the attached poster. Simply click the link, then choose your time slot/s, then click 'Proceed as guest', adding your name & email. You don't need to create a log in.

It's very quick! Any questions, please ask sarah@gvc.org.uk



Poetry Group

The Poetry Group that Sue Giles has been leading is moving to a new home in Portishead Library. This means that there is the opportunity for more people to join us to read and share poems with one another. Meetings will be on the first Wednesday of each month from 1.30-3.00pm. If you would like more information, please contact Paul Jeffery 07932909066 or Sheila Frankcom 07968599928.

EasyFundraising

Our incredible easyfundraising community has raised £37.99 for Portishead Parish this #DonationDay – thank you so much! You can help us continue our success by supporting us on easyfundraising. Sign up for free, and we'll receive free donations when you shop online with over 8,000 retailers: <https://join.easyfundraising.org.uk/portisheadparish>

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.

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