

Sunday 5th October – Harvest

This week's readings are:

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

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 6th October	7.15am	Mission Prayer - https://teams.live.com/join/9399632380155?p=xl0GS1guFQs7vCocPK
Tues 7th October	9.00am	Refresh Parent, Baby and Toddler Group at St Peter's Church
Weds 8th October	9.00am	Morning Prayer via Zoom https://bit.ly/WednesdayMorningPrayer
Thurs 9th 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
Sat 11th October	10.30am	LLaDs at St Barnabas Centre

The **October Edition** of the Parish Magazine is now available on the website. This month's edition includes a parishioner's interesting account of a pilgrimage to the holy island of Lindisfarne, as well as Revd Mark Fuller's advice on slowing down – something we all need to do from time to time.

Next week's services:

Sunday 12th October – Trinity 17 / Creationtide

Jeremiah 29.1, 4-7; 2 Timothy 2.8-15; Luke 17.11-19

9.30am Parish Eucharist at St Nicholas' Church

9.45am The 9.45 with Communion at St Peter's Church

11.30am Morning Worship at St Peter's Church

2.00pm The Gathering at St Peter's School

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 Terry Kilvington, Barbara Mary Hall

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.

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.

Wanted: Church Administrator for Portishead Church of England

Do you love living in Portishead and would enjoy a job that is rooted locally and helps support out community?

Are you someone with the gift and experience of helping organisations run smoothly?

Do you thrive on variety and flexibility in your work patterns?

Portishead Church of England is looking for someone to join their friendly and welcoming team to help with the administration and communication side of the church's ministry.

The role requires experience of working with Microsoft Office. The right candidate will enjoy the diverse challenges of taking initiative, working with others and communicating across a variety of media.

This is a part-time role based in our Church Office in Portishead. We are open to consider flexible working patterns including the possibility for some of the work being done at home. For more information and to request an application form, contact Rev Mark Fuller at pilgrim@portisheadparish.co.uk or 07766310509 or visit the website. The closing date for this role is 9.00am for the 27th October 2025. Interviews will be held on 5th & 7th November.

www.portisheadparish.co.uk/administrator%20-%20vacancy

Portishead Church of England is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, young people and vulnerable adults. All post holders and volunteers are expected to share this commitment.

Pastoral Care

Revd 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

Cleaning at St Nicholas' Church

St Nicholas' will be having a clean-up day 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.

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

YOUR INVITED!

An Auction of Promises

AN EVENING OF GENEROSITY, LAUGHTER AND FRIENDLY BIDDING.
MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY HAVE PLEDGED THEIR TIME,
TALENTS AND TREATS - AND YOU CAN BID FOR THEM!
FROM HANDMADE GIFTS TO PRACTICAL HELP, FROM SPECIAL
EXPERIENCES TO LITTLE LUXURIES - THERE'S SOMETHING FOR
EVERYONE!

PROMISES INCLUDE

PADDLE BOARDING LESSONS
DRIVING LESSONS
FULL BIKE SERVICE WORTH £100
PILATES SESSION
& SO MUCH MORE!

ST PETER'S CHURCH,
PORTISHEAD
BRING YOUR OWN DRINKS
NIBBLES PROVIDED

EVENT BEGINS
7PM



SAT 18TH OCTOBER | FREE ENTRY



If you can't be there, please make a sealed bid for one or more of the lots. You never know.....

LOT	ITEM
1	2 hours of Gardening/Autumn clear up
2	Bespoke (8 inch) Sponge Celebration Cake x 2
4	Return trip to Bristol Harbourside for a 2.5 hour Paddleboarding or Kayaking session for the over 50s provided by All Aboard Watersports charity. No previous experience required, all equipment provided and an expert on the water with us. Currently on Fridays 1-3.30pm
5	Caravan in Bigbury sleeps 4 - 6. Mon - Fri or Fri - Mon (£60 cleaning charge)
6	Sewing - make a Tie Top - bring your own sewing machine and fabric (max 4 people)
7	Full bike service (excluding parts) worth £100
9	Professional Career Coaching Session 45 minutes
11	DeCluttering
12	Introductory Clarinet Lessons 3 x 30 minutes & the loan of a clarinet for 3 months
13	Sailing Trip out of Falmouth for 4 people - details of boat to follow
14	Framed Print Claude Monet titled 'Dans les Blès à Pourville' It measures 90cms X 70 cms and has a hanging on the back. Picture available.
16	Set of 4 - 6 Beautifully Handcrafted Sustainable Christmas Crackers in a fabric of your choice
17	Paint A Room for you
18	How to incorporate Edibles into your ornamental garden - advice visit and follow up recommendations
19	Research your family history using Ancestry, Know Your Place & Newspapers online, and build your family tree - 3 x 1 hour sessions
20	Introduction to Pickleball for Novices (max 3 people)

22	Cream Tea for 2 with transport - mystery destination
23	A Sports Massage or Osteopathy Treatment 30 minutes
24	Victorian Sapphire & Gold Necklace with 18ct gold chain (picture below)
25	Sewing - make a Gypsy Skirt - bring your own sewing machine and fabric (max 4 people)
26	Bicycle Service https://www.happybicyclemechanic.co.uk/
27	1-2-1 Kettle Bells Session
28	Afternoon Tea (max 6 people)
29	Christmas Shopping
30	Bird Watching experience including transport (up to 6 people)
31	Paddleboarding lesson for 2 people
34	2 Driving Lessons (worth £90)
37	A 45 minute Pilates Session (in a group)
38	Professional Career Coaching Session 45 minutes

We are raising funds to help us to continue to serve the parish and town of Portishead. Grateful thanks to our donors and bidders.



Lot 24



Lot 14

Bids go in boxes in church or email to office@portisheadparish.co.uk

AUCTION BIDDING FORM

If you are unable to join us on Oct 18th and would like to bid, please use this form. On a multiple lot please state number of places required.

Name :

Tel No :

Email :

LOT NO

DESCRIPTION (Places)

MAXIMUM BID

All Souls Service

An invitation to the annual

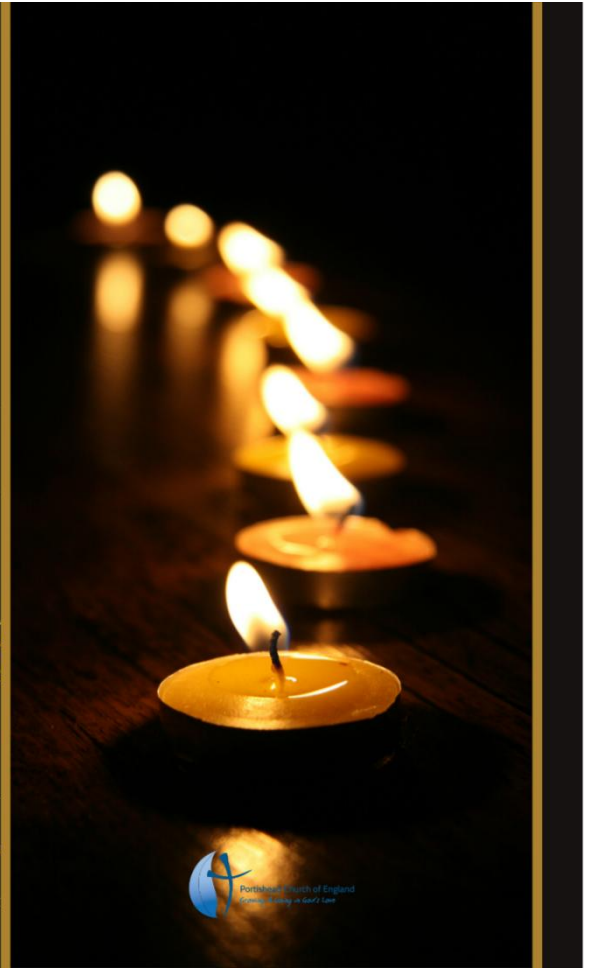
All Souls Service

Sunday 2nd November
4.30pm
St Peter's Church, Portishead

All Souls is a service where we remember those who have died. Hymns will be sung, prayers said and candles lit as we remember those we have loved.

Refreshments will be served after the service.

The Church Office, St Barnabas Centre, West Hill,
Portishead, BS20 6LN
01275 846230 | office@portisheadparish.co.uk



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

Shoebox Appeal 2025

Shoebox time is here again! Fill a box with 'goodies' such as toothpaste and soap, to send as a Christmas gift to Eastern Europe. If you can't manage to get all the items. Please koin with a friend – we have been asked not to donate part-boxes this year.

All the information you need is in the leaflet (In church or in Alisons porch). Boxes preferably to my porch at 55 Woodhill Road, or to St Peter's by 26th October please. There will be a few spare shoeboxes in St Peter's porch. If you have a spare shoebox, do pop it in the church porch or in Alisons, if you need a box please take a spare. Alison – 01275 849775

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.

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!