



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

Sunday 7th September – Trinity 12 / Back to School

This week's readings are:

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

To join the 9.45am 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 8th September	7.15am	Mission Prayer - https://teams.live.com/join/9399632380155?p=x10GS1guFQs7vCocPK
Tues 9th September	9.00am	Refresh Parent, Baby and Toddler Group at St Peter's Church
	2.30pm	Bereavement Support Group at St Nicholas' Church
Weds 10th September	9.00am	Morning Prayer via Zoom https://bit.ly/WednesdayMorningPrayer
Thurs 11th 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 12th September	5.00pm	Vigil for Peace at St Peter's Church
Sat 13th September	10.30am	LLaDs at St Barnabas Centre

Next week's services:

Sunday 14th September – Trinity 13

Jeremiah 4.11-12, 22-28; 1 Timothy 1.12-17; Luke 15.1-10

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 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 Terry Kilvington, Antoinette Stratford, Pauline Simper, Barbara Mary

Hall

The Thanksgiving Service for Pauline Simper will take place on Friday 26th September, 11.30am at St Peter's Church

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.

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

Celebrating Church Tots

After many year, Church Tots has sung its final song and lovingly packed away its coloured pens. This much-loved group has been a welcoming space for little ones and their grown-ups – a place of songs, stories, juice and gentle introduction to faith. To give thanks to 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!



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.

**Sustainable
HARVEST SUPPER**
with a Fairtrade Speaker

Sat. 4th Oct - 6pm - St Peter's Church

**Tickets £5 each from parish office
Under 5s eat for free!**

office@portisheadparish.co.uk 01275 846230
Limited spaces - book soon!

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FAIRTRADE

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.

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. Saturday 28th September, 2pm.



PET SERVICE

SUNDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER

2PM

- Everyone Welcome
- Two legs or Four
- St Peter's Church - Portishead

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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!

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.

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 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.

The Nest at St Peter's Church

St Peter's Church warmly invites you to experience Hamish Young's latest poignant and thought-provoking community art installation, which we are delighted to welcome to the church from 23rd-28th September for Portishead

Arts Festival. Nestling inside our welcoming community space of St Peter's Church, you'll find

the Nest: an ambitious sculpture that initially seems to defy the laws of psychics and gravity; a

structure constructed from hundreds of cardboard postal tubes. This humble material allows both artist and visitor to draw on the rich associations of a material so often utilised as protection for objects in transit. You are invited to

write – if you wish – a letter home, to wherever, whenever or whomever that might be, seal this in the special envelope provided and post it in the Nest sculpture. Your message might be one of remembrance or reconciliation, of thanks or hope, something you never got to say or wish you had said, or something else you might want to say.. The message you leave will remain private and unread.

On **Saturday 27th September, 2pm – 4pm, at St Peter's Church**, Hamish will take part in a meet and greet session and an interview about the concept of Nest. An audience Q&A will also be held if there is time.



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