



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

Sunday 21st April – Easter 3

This week's readings are:

Genesis 7.1-5, 11-18; 8.6-18; 9.8-13; Acts 4.5-12; John 10.11-18

8.00am Holy Communion at St Peter's Church

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

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

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

11.30am Parish Eucharist at St Peter's Church

1.45pm Baptism at St Peter's Church

6.00pm Evensong at St Peter's Church

For safeguarding reasons we are not able to livestream the 9.45 Special 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>

Please think of God's creation when coming to church; walk or cycle if you can or consider car-sharing.

Parish Calendar for the Week Ahead:

Mon 22nd April	7.15am	Mission Prayer via Zoom - https://bit.ly/mondaymissionprayer
		Funeral Service for the late Stephen Taylor at St Nicholas' Church
Tues 23rd April	12.00pm	Church
	9.15am	Refresh Parent, Baby and Toddler Group at St Peter's Church
	10.30am	Lighthouse Carers Group at St Nicholas' Church
Weds 24th April	2.00pm	Church Tots at St Peter's Church
	9.00am	Morning Prayer via Zoom https://bit.ly/WednesdayMorningPrayer
Thurs 25th April	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
Fri 26th April	2.00pm	Funeral Service for the late Margaret Hembery at St Peter's Church
Sat 27th April	9.30am	Quiet Day Living Christ Shaped at St Nicholas' Church
	12.00pm	The Wedding of Claire Ralph & Matthew Aston at St Peter's Church

Next week's services:

Sunday 28th April – Easter 4

Genesis 22.1-18; Acts 8.26-40; John 15.1-8

9.30am Parish Eucharist at St Nicholas' Church

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

11.30am Parish Eucharist at St Peter's Church

6.00pm Haven at St Peter's Church

Our Prayers



Those in need Ann Field, Stella Porter, Margaret Carey, Doreen Thomas, Alan and Pat Jouxson, Maureen Noakes, Wendy Burrell, Brenda Greenham

The departed Vera Aldridge, Stephen Taylor, Margaret Hembury

Please pray for Thomas Walker being baptized on Sunday 21st April 18, 2024

We are sad to announce that Vera Aldridge died peacefully on Monday 25th April. She had been a faithful part of the church family in Portishead for many years.

Please hold Pauline and her family in your prayers. A thanksgiving service will be held at St Peter's Church on Wednesday 1st May at 1.15pm.

Vera loved colour, so please wear whatever you wish.

2023 Annual Report: You can now view the 2023 annual report on the homepage of our website, www.portisheadparish.co.uk

Cathy Jackson. After 10 years in the role Cathy has decided that it is time to step down as Music Group Leader. Huge thanks to her for such faithful service. Her last service with us will be on June 9th. Please pray as we consider how to move forward after her departure. If you would like to feed in any thoughts about our next steps there will be opportunity at 10.00am on Saturday 20th April – or drop a note to Rob on rector@portisheadparish.co.uk

Sunday 21st April: 9.45am Special – St Peter's Church, Portishead. Come along for this all-age service, with lots of interaction for our younger members. It's informal and creative, with a crafty activity for all to enjoy. A simple breakfast will be served from 9.30am.

Help Needed: Would you enjoy helping with serving toast and coffee to the people who come along to the 9.45am Special Service on the third Sunday of each month? If yes and/or you'd like further details, please speak with either Lindsay. Thank you.

Quiet Morning: The next of our occasional Quiet Morning will take place on Saturday 8th June. There will not be a Quiet Morning on Saturday 27th. Apologies for any inconvenience.

Tea and toast served from 9.30

9:45 SPECIAL

Informal and Creative Service

Date:
21st April 2024

Time: 9.45

Location:
St Peters Church,
Portishead.

Does anybody have a medium-large BBQ that I could borrow for a Deanery Chapter event on May 7th? Please contact me on 01275 846592 / rector@portisheadparish.co.uk - Rob

On **Sunday May 5th** we will have a Joint Service with our Friends from the URC at St Nicholas' Church at 10.30am. This will replace the 9.30am service. Services at St Peter's will follow their normal pattern.

Our Annual Church Meeting will take place on Thursday 9th May at 7.30pm. Please join us to reflect back on and celebrate the year that has passed and look to what lies ahead. We will be electing some new PCC members so please think about whether this might be something you would like to do or if there is anybody you would like to nominate. Forms are available at the back of the churches.

Saturday 18th May: We will be holding a coffee morning at St. Peter's in support of Christian Aid week. We are planning a plant sale at the event so are appealing to budding gardeners to start nurturing some seedlings to sell on the day and support this very worthy cause. Hopefully the weather will soon improve to enable us to have an abundant crop to sell!

Sunday May 19th is Pentecost. We will be gathering with members of the other Churches in Portishead for a Unity Service at Gordano School at 11.00am. Do join us. This will replace our usual morning services except the 8.00am Communion at St Peter's. Do come and join us if you are able. It is such a powerful statement of unity to join in worship with folk from the other churches. There will be activities for children.

The Children's Society have sent their thanks and appreciation for all those in the Parish of Portishead, that have generously continued their support with box collections and additional donations for a total of £850 received from the Parish this year. They are also seeking volunteers to help with a bucket collection on Saturday 27th April, for Bristol City's last home game of the season. The Wurzels will also be making an appearance, for what will be a family day fixture, Bristol City have kindly provided complementary tickets for the bucket collection volunteers. If you would like to help on the day, please contact Steve on 07419130235 or Zoe 07756269430.

Electoral Roll 2024: If you are on the Church Electoral Roll you can vote for your PCC members, Churchwardens and Deanery Synod representatives. You could also stand for one of these offices yourself when you have been on the roll for 6 months. The revision of the Electoral Roll for the Parish of Portishead will take place from Sunday 31st March to Sunday 14th April.

If you would like to be more fully involved in the life of our church, by being on the Electoral Roll, please apply. It is very simple and will not cost you or the church anything. Application forms are available in both churches as well as Keeping in Touch forms, for your contact details. The box for completed forms will be available each Sunday and removed for safekeeping at the end of worship. If the box is not available, please post your form to the Electoral Roll Officer, Paul Jeffery, 19, Mulberry Avenue, Portishead, BS20 7LG.

The closing date for the receipt of forms will be midday, Thursday 20th April. Any names received after that date will be added to the Electoral Roll after the Annual Parish Meeting on 11th May 2024. Any queries, please speak to Paul Jeffery on 01275 845150 or email him at paul@pauljeffery.force9.co.uk

A great opportunity to engage in All Things Green! The wonderful Curzon Cinema in Clevedon together with Sustainable Clevedon, is holding a 2 day festival on 20th-21st April, exploring how we can take small steps to create a big impact towards a low-carbon, sustainable future for the planet. Featuring a host of talks, workshops, films, live music and comedy, the weekend will have

something for everyone. Tickets are available as day tickets or weekend passes. There's a link on the church Facebook page or check out their website <https://www.curzon.org.uk/film/green-shift-festival/>



Plastic Bottle Top Collection: We're planning a super-exciting collaborative installation at our Re:Creation themed church stand at the Summer Show this year. More details to follow, but for now please leave any clean plastic bottle tops in the boxes at St Peter's Church and St Nicholas' Church. Many thanks.



Christian Aid Week 12-18 May: Christian Aid is a fantastic aid organization working with communities in need throughout the world. Churches Together in Portishead have joined forces over a number of years to support Christian Aid Week. We will not be running a house-to-house collection but would like to continue to highlight the work of Christian Aid and raise money to support it. If you would be interested in being involved in any capacity, please speak to Rob (rector@portisheadparish.co.uk / 846592).

Gareth Davies-Jones is coming to Portishead to give a concert in the Folk Hall on Saturday 20th April at 7.30pm. He is a Christian and an accomplished acoustic guitarist and singer-songwriter. Spending an evening with Gareth is to enjoy a feast of stories told in song in an intimate live-music setting: encouraging and uplifting for the soul. A perfect opportunity to invite friends and neighbours! Tickets are available from www.garethdavies-jones.com/tour or scan the QR code on the flyer.

An Invitation from Christians in Science to a lecture on Artificial Intelligence: Friday 3rd May, 7.30pm, Redland Church Hall, BS6 7HE. Artificial Intelligence has wide ranging implications which are important for Christians to understand and respond to. This lecture provides an opportunity for Christians in the Bristol area to hear from an expert in the field, who is also a committed Christian, Professor Nigel Crook, a professor of AI and Robotics, Associate Dean for Research and Knowledge Exchange, and Director of the Centre for AI, Culture and Society at Oxford Brookes University. Refreshments will be served from 7pm, there is no entry charge but if you can afford a donation, £5 would help cover the running costs.

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ALL THINGS COME

20 YEARS IN SONGWRITING

An evening with
Singer-songwriter
Gareth Davies-Jones

*"Not just good, but
good for the soul."*

Steve Stockman, Soul Surmise

*"...an accomplished live performer
– time in the company of someone
you've just come across, and you're
rather glad you have."*

Mike Wistow, Folking.com

LIVE IN CONCERT

SATURDAY 20TH APRIL

THE FOLK HALL

HIGH ST, PORTISHEAD, BS20 6PR

7.30PM, TICKETS: £12.00

www.garethdavies-jones.com/tour

