

United Summer Sunday Worship

Sunday 30th August 2026

At St Nicholas' Church



With David Hart from Christian Aid



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

THE GATHERING

The Lord be with you
All **And also with you.**

May God have mercy on us, and bless us,
and make his face shine upon us.
All **That the world may know your way on earth O Lord**

We pray together:
**God of our days and years
we set this time apart for you.
Form us in the likeness of Christ
so that our lives may glorify you. Amen**

Hymn 673 Thou Whose Almighty Word

Confession

We come to God and ask for his forgiveness; short sentences are followed by these responses:

Lord have mercy.
All **Lord have mercy.**

Christ have mercy.
All **Christ have mercy.**

Lord have mercy.
All **Lord have mercy.**

Absolution

We are reminded of God's forgiveness

Hymn 54 Beauty for Brokenness

Collect

We have a moment's quiet before the president leads us in the special prayer for today

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Gospel: Luke 13:18-19

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Luke.

All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

At the end of the Gospel reading
This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Affirmation of Faith

Let us affirm our faith in God
whose kingdom is upside down
and back to front.
Let us affirm our faith in God

whose kingdom is good news
Very good news!

Good news for the poor
God's kingdom belongs to you

Good news for the bereaved
You will be comforted

Good news for you who live simply
The whole earth will be yours

Good news for you who long for all that is
good and right
You will receive your heart's desire
Good news for you who care for others
You will be cared for

Good news for you who live lives of
purity and transparency
You will meet with God

Good news for you who seek peace
and make peace
You will find your place in God's family

Good news for you who are bullied and picked on
because you do what's right
God's kingdom belongs to you

Loving God, your kingdom is upside down
and back to front
And very good news

Prayers of Intercession

We sing the response:

The kingdom of God is justice and peace
and joy in the Holy Spirit.
Come, Lord, and open in us
the gates of your kingdom.

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THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All And also with you.

We greet one another in the name of Christ

Offertory Hymn: 317 Inspired by Love and Anger

During the hymn our gifts are gathered and the table is prepared. The collection is for Christian Aid.

Preparing the Table

Blessed be God,
who feeds the hungry,
who raises the poor,
who fills our praise.

All Blessed be God for ever.

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord is here

All His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts

All We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give thanks and praise.

The president praises God for his mighty acts and all respond:

**All Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord
Hosanna in the highest**

The president recalls the Last Supper and all respond:

Amen

The Lord's Prayer

The president introduces the Lord's Prayer

**All Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.**

The bread is broken for sharing

We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.

**All Though we are many, we are one body,
 because we all share in one bread.**

Receiving of Communion

All who wish to are invited to come forward to receive bread and wine or a blessing.

During Communion we sing:

60 Be Still for the Presence of the Lord
144 Father Lord of all Creation

Prayer after Communion

**All Almighty God,
 we thank you for feeding us
 with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
 Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
 to be a living sacrifice.
 Send us out
 in the power of your Spirit
 to live and work
 to your praise and glory.
 Amen.**

Blessing

Hymn *Go Forth for God* (A&M 478)

Go forth for God, go to the world in peace;
be of good courage, armed with heavenly grace,
in God's good Spirit daily to increase,
till in the kingdom we see face to face.
Go forth for God, go to the world in peace.

Go forth for God, go to the world in love;
strengthen the faint, give courage to the weak;
help the afflicted; richly from above
God's love supplies the grace and power we seek.
Go forth for God, go to the world in love.

Go forth for God, go to the world in joy,
to serve God's people every day and hour,
and serving Christ, our every gift employ,
rejoicing in the Holy Spirit's power.
Go forth for God, go to the world in joy.

J.R.Peacey

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

All In the name of Christ. Amen

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with today's service or to the Clergy.

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