1 Lord, we give thanks for the ministry of Rob and pray for the

 continued guidance of your Holy Spirit for him.

 God of grace, we pray for our care and residential homes

 and for all those who build a sense of community in them.

2 Lord, please bless all pupils, staff and governors at our two

 church primary schools, St Peter’s and Trinity. We ask you

 to strengthen ties with families through Oasis at Trinity.

 Lord, we pray for Portishead Town Council, that its

 councillors will lead the town wisely and sensitively.

3 Thank you, Lord, for the flourishing ministry of Refresh,

 Llads and the Gathering. We pray for plenty of volunteers

 to help at these.

 Lord, we pray for those who help us to be more

 environmentally aware. We particularly remember the

 parish Eco Group, Turn The Tide and Avon Wildlife Trust.

4 We pray, Lord, for our regular worship services and

 opportunities for praying together.

 Thank you, Lord, for those who enhance our town with

 community events. Please bless the Christmas LIghts, the

 Carnival and the Summer Show.

5 Merciful Father, we pray for Pebbles and Youth church (at

 the 9.45).

 Lord, we pray for all businesses and shops in Portishead, that

 they will thrive.

6 Thank you, Lord, for all who prepare, welcome and assure

 people of your forgiveness at Baptisms. We pray for the

 vital role of godparents.

 Lord, we pray for Christians Against Poverty and all advice

 and caring services in Portishead, that they will be able to

 support all those who need them.

7 God of love, we thank you for those who come forward for

 marriage and for those who prepare and lead wedding

 services in church.

 Lord, we thank you for the longstanding efforts of

 Portishead in Bloom throughout our town and especially in

 our Millenium Garden.

8 Lord, we give thanks for the ministry of Mark and pray for

 the continued guidance of your Holy Spirit for him.

 We pray, Lord, for the work of Portishead Youth and

 Community Centre and the Beacon Hub as they serve and

 bring people together.

9

Lord, we thank you for the talents of our musicians and that

they share them to your glory. Our organists, Andrew, Roy

 and Rosemary. Our choirs. Our music group leaders, Alice,

 Jon and Jo, the singers and instrumentalists.

 Lord, we pray that our other town schools (Highdown,

 Portishead Primary, St Joseph’s and Gordano) will abound in

 good relationships and in learning about your world.

10

Lord, we thank you for Portishead Churches Together and

we offer to you all that we do together.

Thank you, Lord, for the Portishead and Harbourside

Health centres, for dentists and for other therapists. Please

inspire all those involved.

11 God of comfort, we pray for those who grieve and those

 who lead funerals and cremations.

 Lord, we pray for those in uniformed organisations and for

 the volunteers who run them.

12 Jesus, our Good Shepherd, we ask for healing and comfort

 for the sick and the bereaved. We pray for the ministry of

 our bereavement group.

 We give thanks, Lord, for all Portishead community

 organisations such as drama, musical and sporting groups.

13 Dear God, we pray for our home groups. May they be filled

 with wisdom and mutual support.

 Merciful Father we give thanks for the RNLI, fire,

 ambulance and police services.

14 Lord, thank you for our Tech Team volunteers and for our

 Facebook and YouTube communities. We also ask for our

 parish magazine to inspire and to inform.

 Lord, please continue to bless Martha’s Kitchen and the

 Foodbank and those who need these services.

15 Lord, we give thanks for the ministry of Tonya and pray for

 the continued guidance of your Holy Spirit for her.

 Creator God, we ask you to bless the work and

 participants at the Willow Gardens.

16 Gracious God, please continue to inspire and equip our

 Pastoral assistants. Please also bless those to whom they

 minister.

 Lord, please continue to bless the ministry of the Open

 The Book teams in schools in Portishead and beyond.

17 Lord, we are grateful for the skills and careful stewardship

 of our Treasurer and the Finance team.

 We pray for the work of Verity, our Flourish Chaplain and

 for the mentoring that TLG (Transforming Lives for Good)

 offers.

18 Thank you, Lord, for those who volunteer to serve on the

 PCC and Deanery Synod. Please inspire them in their roles.

 Merciful Father, we ask you to draw us to those who are

 lonely and isolated in our town. We pray for our monthly

 Table Talk.

19 Lord, thank you for the ministry of our bells and

 bellringers. We pray for George, our Tower Captain.

 Lord, we pray that our nurseries and pre-schools will be

 safe and nurturing.

20 Lord, we appreciate the skills and warmth of Rachel our

 parish administrator.

 Lord, thank you for the ways in which the Lions, the

 Rotary Club and Probus bring people together.

21 O Lord, we remember with gratitude those who prepare

 our buildings and altars for worship and hospitality.

 Lord, we pray for our town’s funeral directors, for Cruse

 and all their support for bereaved families.

22 Lord, we give thanks for the ministry of Lindsay and pray

 for the continued guidance of your Holy Spirit for her.

 God, our Good Shepherd, thank you for our Vets and for

 all who care for animals.

23 Please bless, Lord, all who attend and all who support our

 mission partners: Little Angels School, Kanamai, Kenya;

 Pasture Valley Farm, Eswatini and St Peter’s Church and

 School, Oguta, Uganda.

 Lord, we are grateful for Portishead Porters and all

 volunteers who help those who are ill.

24 Lord, thank you for the hospitality and the pastoral care

 offered at the Lighthouse café at St Nicholas and the

 Lighthouse Carers Group.

 Father, we thank you for the cultural enrichment that our

 Twinning Association has brought about.

25 Lord, please grant energy and wisdom to our Wardens,

 Deputy and Assistant Wardens.

 We ask you, Lord, to bless all the preparations for and the

 ten days of Star Trail.

26 Thank you, Lord, for Mothers’ Union and all it does to

 support people and family life.

 Lord, we thank you for our Library services.

27 Creator God, thank you for our Safeguarding Officers,

 Sarah and Linda. Please continue to strengthen and to

 inspire them.

 Thank you, Lord, for the work and services offered by the

 Royal British Legion.

28 Lord, we give thanks and pray for the ministry of our

 Readers, Simon, Mary and Graham.

 Lord, we ask you to bless the intentionally Christian groups

 in our schools.

29 We remember before you, Lord, the work of our

 longstanding partners, Christian Aid and The Children’s

 Society.

 We thank you, Lord, for Fairtrade Portishead and how

 They encourage us to shop and to act more justly.

30 Father, we pray for the knitters in the parish and for the

 ministry of the Mission to Seafarers and the work of

 Refugee Action from Taunton.

 Lord, we pray for Alpha, for Setting Sail and for all who talk

 about their faith to others.

31 God of Truth, we pray for the continuing role of the Ethics

 Forum and the Parish Breakfasts in education and

 fellowship.

 We thank you, Father, for the work and networking

 provided by the Senior Citizens Forum.