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.

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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.

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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.