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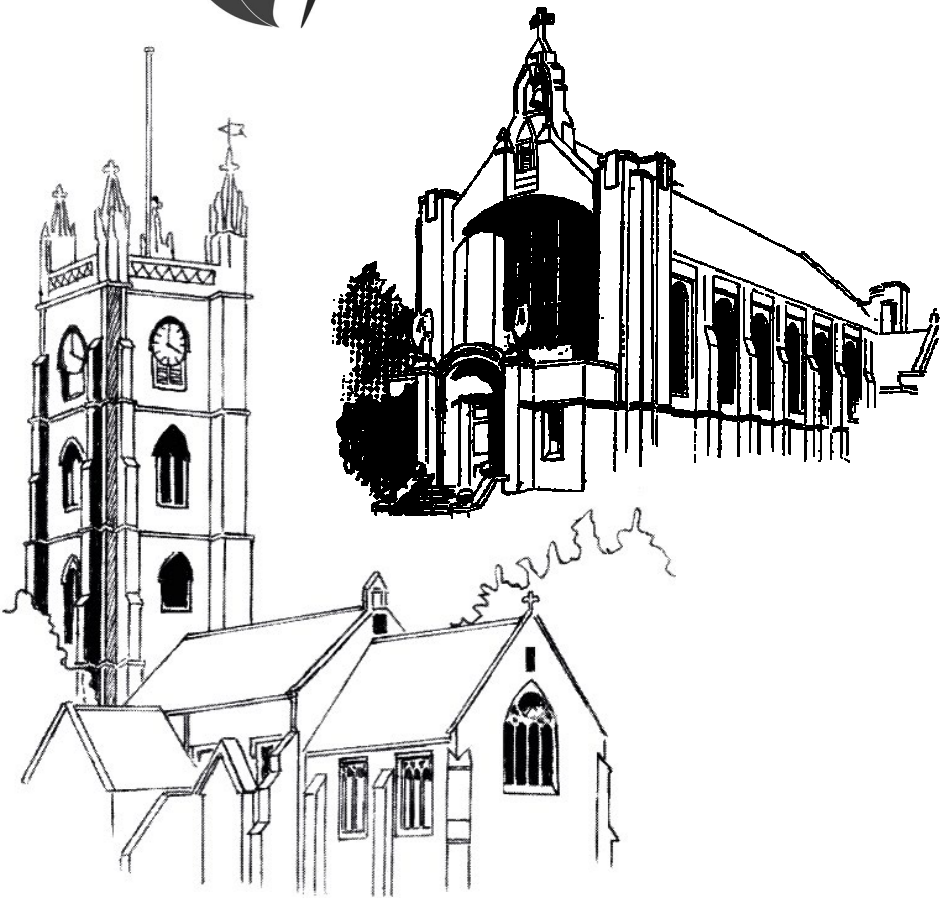

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Letter from Rob

One of my most used resources is a pack called The Christ We Share. It was produced by the mission agency USPG and the Methodist Church and consists of a huge selection of images of Christ from all over the world. I use it when I am talking to people about what faith in Jesus means and what pictures of Jesus we carry in our imaginations.

The striking thing about these pictures of Jesus is that Jesus looks different in each of them. Not very surprising perhaps. Neither is it surprising that each artist has painted a picture of Jesus that looks a bit like them – or least is from the same racial or ethnic background and culture. One of the pictures portrays Jesus as a woman on the cross.

We might respond to these images by saying that these images are wrong. Jesus did not look like an African, Chinese or South American man and Jesus was not a woman. However, in St Peter's Church we worship surrounded by images of Jesus portrayed as a white, blond man, and he was not that either. To our knowledge nobody ever painted Jesus' picture while he was alive but we know that he was a Palestinian Jewish man.

Some traditions in the Church have decided that the right response to this is to avoid any representation of Jesus at all – which is consistent with both Jewish and Islamic practice of forbidding representations of God. However, I think that we need to recognise the power of image and imagination and pictures of Jesus help us. The Christ We Share reminds us that we all need to remember that Jesus took human flesh - a bit like each one of us.

Many of us find ourselves defensive when the conversation drifts into discussion of empire, racism and the continuing effects of historic and present slavery on communities in Britain and the wider world. That defensiveness is understandable.

At Christmas however, we remember that God's response to human sin was not defensive. God's response was one of unguarded self-giving. God gave God's very self to live among us and to experience the brutality of human hatred, and discrimination. Jesus was born as a human being as a particular person at a particular time and in a particular place. He came to identify with every single human being – whatever their background, race or gender. He didn't look like many of us but he came for each of us.

At Christmas I remember that God came out of love for me to save me. Perhaps the bigger challenge is to remember that God came out of love for those who are very different from me; the Palestinian in a temporary camp in Gaza, the homeless addict on the streets of Bristol and the Somali refugee desperately trying to get to the West.

At Christmas we remember that God's love extends to all. May we ask God to enable our love to do the same.

Happy Christmas



Support at Christmas

Christmas can be hard for a number of reasons, and it can be difficult to find support.

Here are some **helplines** that are operating over the festive period that might help you, a friend, or a loved one.

If you are in crisis and need immediate support please dial **111** or call the **Samaritans on 116 123** 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Refuge, for domestic abuse support. **Call 0808 2000 247** Open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week or email **nationaldahelpline.org.uk**

Live chat: Monday-Friday, 3pm-10pm.

Childline, for children under 19 who need support.

0800 1111 or **www.childline.org.uk** 24 hours a day and 7 days a week during Christmas.

Remember, if you ever feel that you're at immediate risk of harm, please call 999.

Silver Line Helpline (run by Age UK) for free confidential support and conversation 24 hours a day 365 days a year. For people aged 55 and over who may be experiencing loneliness, isolation, or worry.

Martha's Kitchen @ Impero Lounge

Volunteers from **Martha's Kitchen** will be in the Impero Lounge on the following Tuesdays, 8.00–9.30am. Children can stop by on their way to school for a FREE breakfast of cereal and toast, while parents can enjoy an early-morning hot drink. Volunteers will also be available to issue foodbank vouchers .

Dates for December:

- Tuesday 1st, 8th and 15th

Venue: Impero Lounge 60 High St, BS20 6EH, Portishead, UK

For more information, contact: Revd Lindsay: 07483 932608.
Email: Pioneer@portisheadparish.co.uk

Copy date for the January edition is Friday 4th December

Let's Crack This Together Update

Thank you so much to everybody who is working so hard to raise funds for the work that needs doing to repair St Peter's and make the church fit for our community now and for future generations. There is lots happening behind the scenes as our buildings team works with our architect, structural engineer and the diocese to establish what needs to be done and to get the necessary permissions. We also see this as a two-stage project. Not just fixing the church but making it fit for future generations.

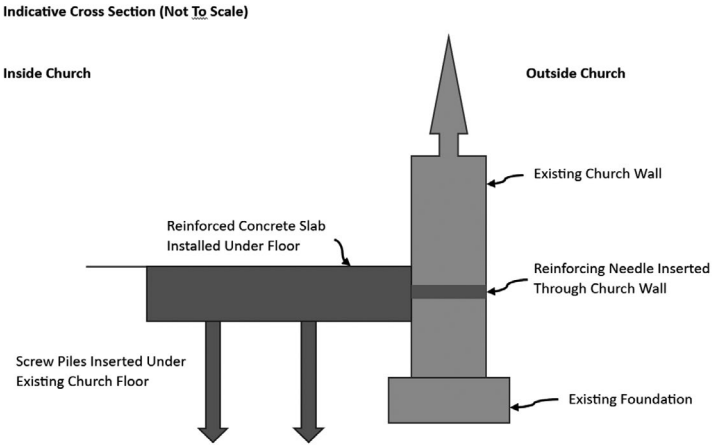
Peter Mansell is central to this and he shares here a little of the progress made so far

St Peter's Church Building – Progress Report

Phase 1

Additional ground investigation will be taking place at St Peter's on 3rd and 4th December 2026. This will establish the depth of the rock beneath the ground which is required for designing the screw-piles that will stabilise the NW corner. In addition, the existing floor in the NW corner will be investigated to find out what is underneath.

Following this our structural engineer will be able to design the underpinning that will be needed. Graves prevent piling externally and so the piles will be installed internally within the church under the existing floor. The following indicative diagram shows the principle of the repairs.



Phase 2

Whilst stabilising the NW corner of the Church is the priority, work is also continuing to prepare a scheme that addresses the visions and dreams identified in the Church Meeting on 25th January 2026. We hope to be able to consult the Church Family with the emerging plans early in 2027. The aim is to create four separate meeting spaces that will allow an enhanced worship environment for all, meeting our current needs but also to serve future generations.

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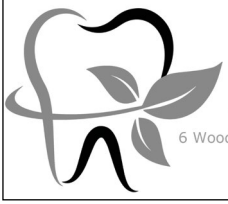

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Advent Peace



St. Peter's Church
Tuesday 8th December
6.00pm – 6.30pm
30 minutes of quiet, in a candle lit church

No service, no hymns, no sermon, just peace *A time to be...*



An Afternoon of Craft & Prayer

Enjoy being creative? In need of a little peace this winter...

An afternoon together to bring along any craft that you enjoy doing. Whilst listening to a little of the Bible, then praying and chatting together. Lingering over a cuppa...now doesn't that sound nice?

Wednesday 2nd December 2026
2.30pm – 4.00pm, St. Peter's Church



9:45 SPECIAL

Informal and Creative Service

Date: Sunday 20th December (Special Nativity)

Time: 9.45



St Peter's Church, Portishead



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The Children's Society are very grateful to the Parish for the opportunity to enable this fundraiser, combining our annual coffee morning box collection event with the Christingle Team in preparation for the annual Christingle Services.

'Hope is choosing not to let despair be the loudest voice in the room'

It's the time of year where the presence and significance of hope becomes more illuminated. The Children's Society has and continues to be at the forefront of shining a light on young persons who have often found themselves within the margins, giving hope to the young who act as carers, or who themselves may be victims of a lack of care, giving hope to the young who so often find themselves within environments of criminality, giving hope to those facing despair, in what may seem to be hopeless situations, so often resulting in mental illness.

Advent provides an opportunity to hear from Isaiah, this prophet explicitly calls out to those in the margins, with the significance of hope in restoration and new beginnings. Isaiah 9:1-2 (a great light in the darkness).

Hope is there for everyone, no one is worthless and no one is worth more. In any way you can, please do support the work of The Children's Society on the 5th and 6th December.

Steve, Tel. 01275 842426

Pastoral Care

Revd 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.

Dates & times for December:

Wednesday 2nd ,9th,16th & 23rd 10.15am - 11.45am

Venue: **The Port, 3 The Precinct, Bristol BS20 6AH**
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Church Calendar

Please use this as a focus for prayer this month. Please note that the churches may be in use at other times so check the website and notice sheet for up-to-date details and changes.

Mon 30th	7.15am	Monday Prayer - online
Tues 1st	9.00am	Refresh Parent, Baby and Toddler Group at St Peter's Church
	10.30am	Lighthouse Carers Group at St Nicholas' Church
Weds 2nd	10.30am	Morning Prayer in St Peter's Church
	2.00pm	Setting Sail at the Rectory
	2.30pm	An Afternoon of Craft & Prayer in St Peter's Church
Thurs 3rd		'Thought for the Day' available from 8.00am via our website, YouTube and Facebook
	6.45am	Morning Prayer – online
	10.30am	**No Midweek Communion at St Peter's Church**
	10.40am	Midweek Church Coffee - online
	2.00pm	Lighthouse Café at St Nicholas' Church
Fri 4th	10.30am	Table Talk at Portishead Library
Sat 5th	10.00am	Children's Society Coffee Morning at St Peter's Church

Sunday 6th December – Advent 2

Isaiah 40.1-11; 2 Peter 3.8-15a; Mark 1.1-8

8am 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 Parish Eucharist at St Peter's Church
3.00pm & 5.00pm Christingle Services at St Peter's Church

Mon 7th	7.15am	Monday Prayer - online
	9.30am	Café Prayers at the Lighthouse Café
Tues 8th	9.00am	Refresh Parent, Baby and Toddler Group at St Peter's Church
	2.30pm	Bereavement Support Group – St Nicholas' Church
	6-6.30pm	Advent Peace in St Peter's Church
Wed 9th	9.00am	Morning Prayer in St Peter's Church
Thurs 10th		'Thought for the Day' available from 8.00am via our website, YouTube and Facebook
	6.45am	Morning Prayer – online
	10.30am	Midweek Communion at St Peter's Church
	10.40am	Midweek Church Coffee - online
	2.00pm	Lighthouse Café at St Nicholas' Church
Sat 12th	10.00am	St Peter's Church Tidy Up
	10.30am	LLADS at St Barnabas Centre
	7.00pm	Possett Singers Christmas Concert at St Peter's Church

Sunday 13th December – Advent 3

Isaiah 61.1-4, 8-end; 1 Thessalonians 5.16-24; John 1.6-8, 19-28

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

Mon 14th	7.15am	Morning Prayer - online
	9.00pm	Evening Prayer – online
Tues 15th	9.00am	Refresh Parent, Baby and Toddler Group at St Peter's Church
	10.30am	Lighthouse Carers Group at St Nicholas' Church
Weds 16th	9.00am	Morning Prayer in St Peter's Church
Thurs 17th		'Thought for the Day' available from 8.00am via our website, YouTube and Facebook
	6.45am	Morning Prayer – online
	10.30am	Midweek Communion (MU) at St Peter's Church
	10.40am	Midweek Church Coffee - online
	2.00pm	Lighthouse Café Christmas Celebration at St Nicholas' Church
	2.30pm	Mothers' Union at St Peter's Church
Fri 18th	5.30pm	Portishead Youth Choir at St Peter's Church
	6.45pm	Friday Night Youth Club at St Nicholas Church
Sat 19th	10.00am	Deck St Peter's Church for Christmas

Sunday 20th December – Advent 4

2 Samuel 7.1-11,16; Romans 16.25-end; Luke 1.26-38

8am Holy Communion at St Peter's Church
9.15 for 9.30am Café Church in the Lighthouse at St Nicholas' Church
9.45am The 9.45 Special at St Peter's Church
11.30am Parish Eucharist at St Peter's Church
5.00pm Community Carol Service at St Nicholas' Church
6.00pm Carol Service at St Peter's Church

Mon 21st	7.15am	Monday Prayer - online
	4.00pm	Campfire Christingle
	9.00pm	Evening Prayer - online
Weds 23rd	9.00am	Morning Prayer in St Peter's Church
Thurs 24th		'Thought for the Day' available from 8.00am via our website, YouTube and Facebook
	6.45am	Morning Prayer – online
	10.30am	Midweek Communion (MU) at St Peter's Church
	10.40am	Midweek Church Coffee - online

Thursday 24th December – Christmas Eve

Hebrews 1.1-4; John 1.1-14

2.00pm Crib Service at St Peter's Church
3.00pm Crib Service at St Nicholas' Church
4.00pm Crib Service at St Peter's Church
5.00pm Crib Service at St Nicholas' Church
11.15pm Midnight Communion at St Peter's Church

Friday 25th December – Christmas Day

Isaiah 9.2-7; Luke 2.1-14

8.00am Holy Communion at St Peter's Church
9.30am Christmas Parish Communion at St Nicholas' Church
10.30am Christmas Family Communion at St Peter's Church

Links for Online Meetings

7.15am Monday - Monday Prayer– online – Click for Link:
https://teams.live.com/meet/9399632380155?p=xl0GS1guFQs7vCocPK

9.00am Wednesday - Morning Prayer – online – Click for Link: https://short-url.org/WedMorningPray
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10.40 Thursday - Midweek Church Coffee – online – Click for Link:
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Christmas Crib Walk



Dear Reader, I am writing this through the eyes of a child of the late 1940s, early 1950s.

A Christmas holiday treat was a bus ride to central Bristol with my father and younger brother to visit the many historical churches in this location and view their nativity displays. All to be accomplished before the Feast of the Epiphany, 6th January. This being the date most cribs were dismantled and stored away until next Christmas. We would begin our walk, alighting at St. Stephen's which has an amazing peal of bells that still ring out over the City today. The water of St. Augustine's Reach at one time ran outside this place of worship. Known as the harbour church, departing sailors and merchants would receive blessings and prayers for a good voyage and safe return. On then to Broad Street to visit one of our favourite spots, Christchurch, known as the Quarterjack Church to my brother and me. We fervently hoped to see these famous men strike the quarter hour even if we did have to wait a few minutes. Sadly these quarterjacks are now residing in Bristol Museum, being the victims of time and weather. Perhaps one day they may enhance the edifice of Christchurch again where they rightly belong. From there we retraced our steps through Small Street, crossed the lawns of the Centre, passed the Bristol Hippodrome where the pantomime was playing. Did I see Cinderella's glass slipper there displayed in a window? Perhaps not, that may have been the Empire Theatre in Old Market! On to College Green and the Lord Mayor's Chapel, originally St. Mark's. The Manger there was rather lovely as I recall. Being directly opposite the church of the Holy and Undivided Trinity, Bristol Cathedral, obviously our next stop was there. Strangely enough, I remember thinking we were in this vast imposing building and yet the crib was disappointingly small! Father then dragged us up hilly Park Street to the Holy Apostles Catholic Pro-Cathedral. The manger lit up

a rather dark and gloomy church. Glad to get back outside we literally skipped back down Park Street, much easier than the uphill slog to Queens Road. Did we stop for lunch? If we did it was a sandwich sat back on College Green! Last visit of the day was St. Mary's on the Quay. A nod also to the fact that once many ships moored at this location. Talk about saving the best to last! Not only a nativity scene but a whole vista of Bethlehem lay before us. Shepherds on the hills were hurrying down to see the new baby and in the blue night sky were angels flying, some playing trumpets heralding the birth of Jesus. Was it our imagination or did we also hear in that myriad of twinkling stars the angels song "Glory to God in the Highest and Peace to His people on earth?" Way off in the distance, what did we see, following an even brighter star? A whole caravan train of camels and attendants, and sitting astride these animals dressed in shimmering clothes were three Magi: striking figures in their magnificent robes and colourful turbans. These Kings from the East were carrying their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. Gold the sign of Kingship; frankincense anointing oil for a King; myrrh, a highly expensive oil that was used for anointing when a king died. A foretaste of what was to come for this little one. But for now there was Mary and Joseph, enjoying their new baby, rather astonished that shepherds had arrived to offer their gift of a lamb to their son. The whole tableaux was breath-taking and to our childish eyes, quite the most beautiful sight. We felt we were right there in Bethlehem, especially when we as a family also knelt down beside that crib to pray and adore Baby Jesus. We were at one with the shepherds and the kings. I remember those times so well and I hope that we will never cease seeing this Christmas Scene and hearing that Christmas message that is so relevant today and always will be. Christ Jesus was born to save and redeem us all, that we may share in His heavenly kingdom for eternity. Also, remember to see Christmas Nativities through the eyes of a child and the Christ child will smile at you and bless you, this Christmas and forever.

Pat Higgins

Decorating St Peter's for Christmas

As Christmas approaches, everyone is warmly invited to help decorate St Peter's Church ready for the season of celebration. Come along for a relaxed and enjoyable morning of decorating, friendly conversation and festive refreshments as we transform the church for Christmas.

No experience is needed, and all ages are welcome.

Saturday 19th December, 10.00am-12.00pm, St Peter's Church

If you are able, please bring some greenery or flowers to help make the church look especially beautiful for Christmas.

For more information, please contact Rev Lindsay at **pioneer@portisheadparish.co.uk** or on **07483 932608**.



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Cruse Bereavement Support Meetings 2026

Cruse Bereavement Support

The 'Walk and Talk' meeting starts outside Waitrose on Thursday 10 December at 10:00am for one hour's guided walk in Portishead. Please contact cruseclevedonyvette@gmail.com with your contact details if wishing to join for the first time.

This month's 'Drop in' meeting is on Thursday 31 December at the Methodist Church Community Hub from 10:00am to 12:00 noon. Many people find meeting up with others who are facing similar situations very supportive. Trained Bereavement Volunteers are available and refreshments are provided.

‘Many waters cannot quench love, neither can floods drown it.’ (Song of Solomon 8:7)

It was the middle of the night when a deadly flood swept through Donnay Yirpok’s village in southern Ethiopia, washing away homes, crops and livestock. Donnay, who was pregnant at the time, and her husband, Gnipey, were forced to flee, with their two children. As they journeyed to find somewhere safe to live, the family endured many hardships, going without food most days which left the children at dire risk of malnutrition.

The Dasenech District of southern Ethiopia - pronounced dass-a-netch - is close to the border with Kenya. It’s part of the South Omo region and sits along the Omo River. The people live here in small, semi-permanent settlements. They depend on the river for a water supply and fish to eat, and rely on grazing their cattle nearby. Until recently, people have been able to rely on a relatively stable pattern of planting crops in the fertile silt left behind after the Omo was in seasonal flood.

But, due to the climate crisis and warnings of severe rainfall from El Nino, these families are facing an escalating environmental challenge. Too close to the river and they risk unpredictable floods, but too far and they face devastating droughts which make farming almost impossible. These families are living with the consequences of something they did little to cause.

But there are ways of adapting which mean Donnay and her family can look to the future with hope.

Donnay and Gnipey now live in Old Omo village, with others who escaped the flood, and are working with Christian Aid’s partners Agri Service Ethiopia (ASE) on a rural community project - the Blue-Green Enterprise - which offers seeds, tools and agricultural training to people who’ve been displaced by flooding.Families are planting vegetable seeds and fruit trees, growing crops more resilient to drought, and learning new farming and sustainable fishing techniques.

Donnay said she is happy her family is eating food from their own harvest: “Our children are now able to get enough food. With the support we received, we’re learning how to diversify our sources of income. From the harvest of maize and beans, we started feeding our children and sending them to school. I didn’t get the chance to go to school, but I’m sending my children - I hope to work hard and give my children a better future. **This Christmas, every gift, act and prayer helps families like Donnay’s push back against poverty and the climate crisis**. Find out more about Christian Aid’s 2026 Christmas Appeal and how we can work together to support communities as they work to rebuild what they’ve lost to the climate crisis, to conflict and to poverty.

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We make new members very welcome.

For further information please phone Hazel on 01275 845238.

Foodbank in a Season of Hope

As we journey into the season of Christmas, we often speak of joy, celebration, and abundance. Yet we also recognise that this message of hope, joy, and love can feel difficult for some to hear.

For many people, Christmas is a season marked by tears of despair, loneliness, and grief. There is the endless question: *How do we do Christmas when we can't pay the bills? How do we do Christmas when heating our home is a luxury we cannot afford?*

The Christmas story begins not in comfort or wealth, but in a borrowed stable. Jesus, God's gift to the world, was born into uncertainty, poverty, and vulnerability. Mary and Joseph knew what it was to search for somewhere safe to stay. They knew what it felt like to hear the words, *"There is no room for you."*

That first Christmas reminds us that God does not stand at a distance from life's struggles. In Jesus, God comes close. He walks alongside those who are weary, worried, and weighed down. He hears prayers spoken through tears and sighs that never become words. He is present in places of uncertainty, bringing hope when hope can feel hard to find.

Throughout his life, Jesus made a point of being with those whom others overlooked. He sat at tables with ordinary people, listened to their stories, welcomed the excluded, and reminded them of their worth. Again and again, he showed that no one is invisible to God.

If Christmas feels difficult this year, please know this: you matter. Your value is not measured by what you can afford to give, the presents beneath the tree, or whether everything looks perfect from the outside. You are deeply loved by God.

And if you need support this Christmas, please ask. Asking for help is not a weakness, and visiting the Foodbank is not a sign of failure. Rather, both remind us that we were never meant to carry life's burdens alone. Receiving help takes courage, and accepting support is part of belonging to a community where people care for one another.

The story of Christmas is God coming to be with us in our brokenness, in our joys, and in our communities. The Word became flesh and blood, and moved into the neighbourhood.

Lindsay

Portishead Foodbank Christmas Opening

Friday 18th December: 12:00pm–2:00pm
Wednesday 23rd December: 12:00pm–1:30pm
Wednesday 30th December: 12:00pm–1:30pm
Address: 1st Portishead Scout Hut, Station Road, Portishead, BS20 7DB

Looking Ahead Dates January – March 2027

Friday 15th January – Wassail Evening at St Peter's Church

Monday 18th – Monday 25th January – Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Wednesday 20th January at 10.30 - Coffee and Cake Concert at St Nicholas Church in aid of Let's Crack This Together appeal

Sunday 31st January – Let's Crack this Together Talents Fundraiser - Launch

Wednesday 17th February at 10.30 - Coffee and Cake Concert at Sy Nicholas Church in aid of Let's Crack This Together appeal

Saturday 27th February – Spoken Word Event at the St Peter's Arms in St Peter's Church

Saturday 13th March Quiet Morning at St Nicholas' Church

Wednesday 17th March at 10.30 - Coffee and Cake Concert at St Nicholas Church in aid of Let's Crack This Together appeal

Dates For Your New 2027 Diary
COFFEE CONCERTS

Wednesday 20 January Wednesday 17 February Wednesday 17 March

Paul and Rosemary Reid are organising a short series of three 'coffee concerts' at St. Nicholas' church on the above dates. Coffee and homemade cake will be served from 10.30am, followed by a concert in the church from 11.00 until about 11.45. All proceeds will be donated to the St. Peter's 'crack fund' (but remember the concerts are at St. Nicholas!). Entry will cost £10 per concert, and for that you can enjoy coffee, cake and entertaining and tuneful music.

Further details will follow, but we can announce now that the concert on 17th March will be a special St. Patrick's Day recital by the outstanding organist Andrew Kirk, formerly of St. Mary Redcliffe, but now resident in Portishead.

Please come along and support this new venture – and the Let's Crack it Together Fund. See you in January.

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