

## This Sunday at St Peter's Church

**8.00am: Holy Communion**

**9.15am: God's Family at Worship Second Sunday Service**

Songs: 'God's love is the best love' (sheet); Hymns Old & New 410  
143; 'God Beside' (Down To Earth booklet)

**11.15am: Parish Communion**

Hymns: Hymns Ancient & Modern 509, 121, 132, 116

**4.30pm: Junior Youth Event**

**6.00pm: Youth Event**

## This Sunday at St Nicholas' Church

**9.30am: Parish Communion**

Hymns: Hymns Old & New 19, 173, 473, 63

**11.15am: Morning Worship with the URC**

**3.00pm: Baptism**

*Readings at our morning services are:*

**First Reading:** Deuteronomy 26.1-11

Readers: 8.00am: Joy Hurding

9.30am: Barry Graham                      11.15am: Jean Eburne

**Second Reading:** Romans 10.8b-13

Reader: 8.00am: Gill Colston

9.30am: Jim Christopherson              11.15am: John Massey

**Gospel:** Luke 4.1-13

There will be a **Tidy Up Day** at both churches on Saturday  
30<sup>th</sup> March from 10.30 to 12.30. Please do come and help  
make our churches look their best for the spring.

## Welcome to Portishead Church of England Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2019 – Sunday before Lent

**Sun 10<sup>th</sup>**

**First Sunday of Lent**

Morning services at usual times in both churches  
12.30pm URC Meeting at St Nicholas' Church  
3.00pm Baptism at St Nicholas' Church. All welcome  
4.30pm Junior Youth Event; 6.00pm Youth Event at St Peter's

**Mon 11<sup>th</sup>**

7.30am Mission Prayer at St Peter's Church  
9.15am A Third Place at St Peter's Church  
10.00am WI Bridge Group at The Lighthouse, St Nicholas' Church

**Tues 12<sup>th</sup>**

10.15am Tea, Coffee & Company at the Posset Cup  
2.15pm Church Tots at St Peter's Church  
7.30pm Bellringing at St Peter's Church

**Weds 13<sup>th</sup>**

9.30am Lighthouse Café Prayers at St Nicholas' Church  
7.30pm Music Group Practice at St Peter's Church  
7.30pm Lent Course at St Barnabas Centre  
7.30pm Mothers' Union at St Nicholas' Church

**Thurs 14<sup>th</sup>**

10.30am Holy Communion at St Peter's Church  
2.00pm The Lighthouse Café at The Lighthouse, St Nicholas'

**Fri 15<sup>th</sup>**

11.00am Thanksgiving for Kenneth Crowhurst at St Peter's  
1.30pm Lent Course at St Peter's Church  
7.30pm Friday Football at Gordano School Sports Centre

**Sat 16<sup>th</sup>**

10.00am Outdoor Church Hub Event at St Nicholas' Church

**Sun 17<sup>th</sup>**

**Second Sunday of Lent**

Morning services at usual times in both churches  
1.45pm Baptism at St Peter's Church. All welcome  
5.00pm Evensong at St Peter's Church

## Our Prayers

**Intercessors:** 9.30: Ron Roberts 11.15: June Brailsford

**The Church worldwide:** Please pray for the churches in the diocese of Leeds and its bishops – Nicholas Baines (Diocesan Bishop), Jonathan Gibbs, Helen-Ann Hartley, Toby Howarth, Anthony Robinson and Paul Slater

**In our Diocese:** Creator God, from the primal elements, you brought forth humanity & blessed us with consciousness & skill. You gave us responsibility to care for your world, we pray for your wisdom as we seek to change the tide on the environmental issues we have created

**In our Parish:** For our spiritual, missional and numerical growth.

For a holy and transformational Lent for us all

Please pray for our involvement in Partnership for Missional Church and especially for the listening team as they begin to have focused conversations with people

For Arabella being baptized this Sunday at St Nicholas'

All the community organisations meeting in our parish including Leisure, Drama, Music, Art, Dance, Craft Groups and Sport Clubs. The horticultural Societies.

**Those living and working in:** *Ferndale Road, Fieldfare Avenue, Finisterre Parade, Fircliff Park, Fitzroy Circus, Forester Road, Forth Avenue, Friary Road, Frobisher Avenue, Frobisher Close.*

**Those in need:** Joan Bye, Wendy Burrell

**The departed:** Marion Dann                      Kenneth Crowhurst  
Peter Cock                                      Joan Watkins

### The Gathering

At the end of March we are beginning an exciting new ministry called 'The Gathering'. Starting on 24<sup>th</sup> March and meeting once a month on a Sunday afternoon (3pm to 4.30pm) at St Peter's School. This will be a place where fun & games, songs & stories, conversations, arts, crafts and afternoon tea will combine to enable those of all ages to think about and encounter the Christian faith. Do please pray for this new venture, speak to Mark for information and see if there is anyone you could invite along!

## Noticeboard

**Please contact: 01275 846230 or [office@portisheadparish.co.uk](mailto:office@portisheadparish.co.uk)**

**Lent Course 2019: Formation for Mission.** This year has seen us begin our involvement in Partnership for Missional Church (PMC). At the heart of PMC is the adoption of Spiritual Practices (or Holy Habits) which will help us become people who can hear what God is saying through his Word, through one another and through the community in which we live and respond to Him. In our Lent Course this year we will dig a little deeper into some of these habits and explore how we can allow the Holy Spirit to form us as individuals and as God's Church in Portishead into people ready to share in his mission. Sessions will involve opportunity to listen, reflect and talk together. We will meet on Wednesday evening at 7.30pm in The Lighthouse at St Nicholas' (except **Weds 13<sup>th</sup> March** when we will be in the Hall at St Barnabas) and Friday afternoon at 1.30pm in St Peter's. Do come and explore this with us:

13<sup>th</sup> / 15<sup>th</sup> March Dwelling in the Word

**Please note** that the first Wednesday session **only** is at the **St Barnabas Centre**, not at St Nicholas as it says in the magazine

20<sup>th</sup> / 22<sup>nd</sup> March Listening to Others

27<sup>th</sup> / 29<sup>th</sup> March Hospitality

10<sup>th</sup> / 12<sup>th</sup> April Listening to Culture

3<sup>rd</sup> / 5<sup>th</sup> April Journeying Together

The Parish **Annual Meeting** will be held on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April at St Peter's Church at 7.30pm. We are looking for people to fill vacancies on the PCC and ask you to consider if this is something you could do or who you might nominate. Nomination forms are now out in both churches.

On **Thursday** morning our **10.30 Communion Service** will have its usual Mothers' Union focus and they will be providing refreshments. Our reflection will be provided by children from Trinity School as part of their community project. Do come to hear and encourage them.

Chris Judson is off parish duties following a scheduled operation. Please hold her in your prayers and allow her the space & time she needs to fully recover.

Come and join us at the Posset Cup for our next **Tea Coffee & Company** morning on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March. We meet at 10.15, do come and enjoy a chat. Pauline 460015, for the Social Committee

Keep the date free of our **Barn Dance** on April 27<sup>th</sup> at Somerset Hall. Guaranteed to be a wonderful evening. Details to follow. Pauline 460015.

**Huge congratulations** to Amy, Ed and Tilly Broyd who welcomed Abigail Grace into the world on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February and we would love to bless them with some meals. If you are able to cook a meal to help them out in these early weeks with a newborn it would be very much appreciated. You can sign up at [www.takethemameal.com/KRTX6599](http://www.takethemameal.com/KRTX6599) or speak to Becci Fuller on 07764483035.

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