

This Sunday at St Peter's Church

8.00am: Holy Communion

9.15am: God's Family at Worship with communion

Songs: 'O sing to the Lord' (sheet); Hymns Old & New 132;
'Blessed be your name' (sheet); HO&N 531; 'Lord you are so
precious to me' (sheet); 'From the highest of heights' (sheet)

11.15am: Parish Communion

Hymns: Hymns Ancient & Modern 589, 773, 42, 488

1.45pm: Baptism

5.00pm: Evensong

This Sunday at St Nicholas' Church

9.30am: Parish Communion

Hymns: Hymns Old & New 36, 424, 401, 77

11.15am: Morning Worship with the URC

Readings at our morning services are:

First Reading: Genesis 15.1-12. 17-18

Readers: 8.00am: Gill Colston

9.30am: P Walker 11.15am: Chris Young

Second Reading: Philippians 3.17-4.1

Reader: 8.00am: Noel Davies

9.30am: Anne Lewins 11.15am: Malcolm Barnicoat

Gospel: Luke 13.31-end 9.15am: Sarah Stevens

There will be a **Tidy Up Day** at both churches on Sat 30th March from 10.00 to 12.00 followed by lunch at the Windmill. Please do come and help make our churches look their best for the spring.

Welcome to Portishead Church of England Sunday 17th March 2019 – Second Sunday of Lent

Sun 17th

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

Mon 18th

7.30am Mission Prayer at St Peter's Church

Tues 19th

2.15pm Church Tots at St Peter's Church
7.30pm Bellringing at St Peter's Church

Weds 20th

9.30am Lighthouse Café Prayers at St Nicholas' Church
10.30am URC Coffee Morning at St Nicholas' Church
12.30pm Funeral of Marion Dann at St Peter's Church
7.00pm Cubs at St Peter's Church
7.30pm Lent Course at St Nicholas' Church

Thurs 21st

10.30am Holy Communion at St Peter's Church
2.00pm The Lighthouse Café at The Lighthouse, St Nicholas'
7.30pm PCC Meeting at St Peter's Church

Fri 22nd

10.30am Funeral of Peter Cock at St Peter's Church
1.30pm Lent Course at St Peter's Church
2.00pm Café prayers at St Nicholas' Church
2.30pm Café Volunteers Spring Event at St Nicholas' Church
7.30pm Friday Football at Gordano School Sports Centre

Sat 23rd

10.00am Saturday Mass at St Nicholas' Church

Sun 24th

Third Sunday of Lent

Morning services at usual times in both churches
3.00pm The Gathering at St Peter's School, Halletts Way
5.00pm Evening Worship at St Peter's Church

Our Prayers

Intercessors: 11.15: Colin Carter

The Church worldwide: Please pray for the church in Limerick & Killaloe (Ireland), Bishop Kenneth Kearon and Bishop Gretchen Rehberg

In our Diocese: Today we pray that we may we live more just and godly lives, responsible in care for your earth, and sharing more equitably its rich resources. Sustain us in hope, waiting and working for your new world to be born.

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 Teddy, Phoebe and Spencer who are being baptized this Sunday at St Peter's Church

For the PCC as it meets this week.

Those living and working in: *Marconi Road, Marjoram Way, Martingale Way, Maysfield Close, Mead Road, Meadows Close, Mendip Road, Merchant Square, Merlin Park, Mizzen Court.*

Those in need: Joan Bye, Wendy Burrell

The departed: Marion Dann Kenneth Crowhurst
Peter Cock Joan Watkins Margaret Wilson

The Gathering

At the end of March we are beginning an exciting new ministry called 'The Gathering'. Starting on 24th 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

Lent Course 2019: Formation for Mission. This year sees us begin our involvement in Partnership for Missional Church (PMC). At the heart of PMC is the adoption of Spiritual Practices (or Holy Habits) to 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 Weds evening at 7.30pm in The Lighthouse at St Nicholas' & Friday afternoon at 1.30pm in St Peter's. Do come to any or all of the sessions:

20th / 22nd March Listening to Others 27th / 29th March Hospitality
3rd / 5th April Journeying Together 10th / 12th April Listening to Culture

A copy of the **2019 Draft Electoral Roll** is in both churches for the next two Sundays, 17th and 24th March. Please check your entry is correct and amend as necessary. Thank you, Judy Sutherland.

Evening Worship, Sunday 24th March at 5pm, "Lighten our Darkness", A selection of readings and psalms for uncertain times. Uncertainty for the disciples, as the shadow of the cross draws ever nearer. For us today, as we face uncertainty about the future both nationally and internationally. Join us for a wander through the music and message of the psalms.

Mother's Day Runaways Service On Sunday 31st March, 7.30pm at St Peter's Church we are hosting a service for those who find Mother's Day a difficult and painful time for a variety of reasons. This informal gathering is to help us acknowledge the bittersweet emotions we may feel surrounding Mothering Sunday and to remind us that we are not alone. An hour-long service will offer you the space to grieve and lament while inviting God, who loves us, into our stories of struggle. You may come for yourself or to hold the space for someone you know, but all are welcome. Contact Mark Fuller at pilgrim@portisheadparish.co.uk if you would like any more information. Please note there will **not** be a Healing Service on 31st March.

The Parish **Annual Meeting** will be held on Thursday 4th 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.

Come and join us on our **Parish Walk** around the marina on Monday 25th March. We meet at the Parish Wharf at 10am and enjoy a tea or coffee in Hall and Woodhouse. We look forward to being with you. Pauline 460015.

Come to our **Barn Dance** and enjoy a wonderful evening at Somerset Hall on 27th April, from 6.30pm to 11pm. A family occasion for all. The bar will be open and nibbles will be provided. Tickets: adults £6, children £4 and a family £20, available from, Sarah Stevens 848487, Christine Tipping 844690, Nigel Doughton 398646 and Rosey Dimond.

LLADs has grown! We have a really good group of dads and children coming on the second Saturday at St Barnabas. We could really do with more volunteers. If you would be interested please speak to David Tyers or Fran.

Easter workshops Tues 16th April 10am–3.00pm at St Peter's Church there will be an all-day, all-age exploration of the seriously surprising Jesus with creative workshops, junk modelling, picnic lunch and film in the afternoon.

Huge congratulations to Amy, Ed, Tilly Broyd who welcomed Abigail Grace into the world on 22nd Feb; we'd love to bless them with some meals. If you'd like to cook them a meal please go to www.takethemameal.com/KRTX6599 or speak to Becci Fuller 07764 483035

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.

The Hiding Place: The Corrie ten Boom Story is being performed by Oddments Theatre Company on Thurs 28th March at Fishponds Baptist Church. Doors open 6.30pm, for 7pm start. Tickets £10 in advance, £12 on door, from www.oddments-theatre.co.uk or Fishponds Baptist Church.

Breakfast at school anyone?? It's that time of year again – for the St Peter's School Big Brekkie! On Friday 17th May we'll be hoping to build community and raise money for Christian Aid by hosting another enormous breakfast in St Peter's School hall. Last year was a huge success – could you help it happen again? If you're interested in being part of the BB team please drop me a line – verityced@gmail.com Thanks so much

Copies of **Christian Aid's Lent leaflet** "Count Your Blessings" are available in Church (plus a children's/ families' version). The leaflet has a short meditation, activity for each day, some, but not all of which involve giving to Christian Aid; the prayer and actions are very important, so don't feel it's not for you if you can't give money. The theme for this year is "Rise Up – against climate change". More info from Jane Vian, 844468. The leaflet can be used on the Christian Aid website <https://www.christianaid.org.uk> or via their app.