

This Sunday at St Peter's Church

8.00am: Holy Communion

9.15am: God's Family at Worship

Songs: Hymns Old & New 179, 345, 234;

Songs of Fellowship 523; HO&N 60, 236

11.15am: Parish Communion

Hymns: Common Praise 584, 755, 678, 641

4.30pm: Junior Youth Event

This Sunday at St Nicholas' Church

9.30am: Parish Communion with Baptism

Hymns: Hymns Old & New 19, 476, 310, 189

11.15am: Morning Worship with the URC

Readings at our morning services are:

First Reading: Daniel 12.1-3 Readers: 8.00am: Jane Pagano

9.30am: Hugh Capon 11.15am: Paul Jeffery

Second Reading: Hebrews 10.11-14; 19-25

Readers: 8.00am: Noel Davies 9.30am: Diane Bridgwater

11.15: Malcolm Barnicoat

Gospel: Mark 13.1-8 Reader 9.15am: Tony Stubbs

Readings at Evensong are:

First Reading: Daniel 3 Reader: Alan Longdon

Second Reading: Matthew 13.24-30; 36-43 Reader: Hugh Capon

This Sunday 18th November, do come and share the baptism of baby Alfie Williams during the 9.30am service at St Nicholas'.

Welcome to Portishead Church of England
Sunday 18th November 2018 – 2nd Sunday before Advent

Sun 18th

Second Sunday before Advent

Morning services at usual times in both churches

1.45 and 3.00pm Baptism at St Peter's Church

5.00pm Evensong at St Peter's Church

6.30pm GF8 at 14 Woodhill Avenue

7.30pm PCC Prayers at St Peter's Church

Mon 19th

7.30am Mission Prayer at St Peter's Church

9.15am A Third Place at St Peter's Church

Tues 20th

11.30am Funeral of Jean Brown at St Peter's Church

2.15pm Church Tots at St Peter's Church

7.30pm Bellringing at St Peter's Church

7.30pm PCC Meeting at St Peter's Church

Weds 21st

9.30am Lighthouse Prayers at St Nicholas' Church

10.30am URC Coffee Morning at St Nicholas' Church

5.00pm Pitstop at St Peter's School

5.00pm Visit by Beaver Scouts to St Peter's Church

7.30pm Music Group practice at St Peter's Church

Thurs 22nd

10.30am Holy Communion at St Peter's Church

1.00pm Mothers' Union Advent Lunch at St Peter's Church

2.00pm Lighthouse Café at The Lighthouse

7.30pm Choir Practice at St Nicholas' Church

Fri 23rd

11.00am Funeral of Mary Parsons at St Peter's Church

1.00pm Set up Star Trail at St Peter's Church

Sat 24th

9.00am Set up Star Trail at St Peter's Church

10.00am Saturday Mass at St Nicholas' Church

Sun 25th

St Nicholas' Tide

8.00am Holy Communion at St Peter's Church

10.30am **St Nicholas' Patronal Service** at St Nicholas' Church

Our Prayers

Intercessors: 9.15: Marion Brooks

9.30: Gordon Randall

11.15: Colin Carter

The Church worldwide: Please pray for the church in Bermuda

In our Diocese: We pray for the churches in the villages in a ring around the city of Bath – part of the larger city community yet distinct from it. We pray for a robust Anglican presence there.

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

Please pray for Mark as is he out and about today and will be joining Turn the Tide Portishead cleaning Black Nore beach.

For Star Trail, all our volunteers; the children and adults who accompany them

For A Third Place as it begins this Monday 19th November

All those mourning the loss of loved ones. Those who visit and those who care for our churchyard at St Peter's. Cruse & Compassionate Friends. The Funeral Directors

Those living and working in: *Monmouth Close, Moor Gate, Mulberry Avenue, Mulberry Close, Navigators Court, Newfoundland Way, Newhaven Place, Newhaven Road, Newlands Close, Newlands Hill, Newport Close, Nichol's Road, Nightingale Rise.*

Those in need: Joan Bye, John Lowe, Wendy Burrell

The departed: Jean Brown
Mary Parsons

Lilian Thomas
Raymond Neave

St Nicholas' Patronal is on Sunday 25th November. There will be a service for everybody at 10.30am in St Nicholas' which will replace our usual 9.15, 9.30 and 11.15 services. There will be Pebbles. Please come and join us. We will be introducing Partnership for Missional Church which will be a major initiative for us for the next three years. Do come and find out more. Please bring mince pies. Punch will be provided.

Noticeboard

Please contact: 01275 846230 or office@portisheadparish.co.uk

Thank you very much to everybody who helped move chairs for our Remembrance Service – it was a huge help.

The **Mother's Union** will hold their **Advent Lunch** on Thurs 22nd November at St Peter's Church at 12.45 for 1pm start. Tickets should be bought in advance and are £8.50 each, available from Gill (845970). All are welcome.

The **PCC meets** on Tuesday 20th Nov. Please pray for us as we consider our budget for 2019, our Partnership Giving and our Mission Action Plan.

The **PCC will be meeting to pray** for 45 minutes on Sunday (19th Nov) at 7.30pm in St Peter's Church. Do join us.

We have an exciting opportunity for some festive ministry at **Court House Farm** on **Sunday 16th December**. As part of the Victorian Evening two films are being screened at the farm during the afternoon (Mary Poppins at 1.30pm and The Greatest Showman at 4pm) with The Pill Owls performing at around 7pm. We've been asked to set up a nativity scene as part of this event and include some activities for people to engage with. We may do something similar to the 'Get in the Picture' activity we did last year, which invited people to dress up as nativity characters. We need volunteers to help with this so speak to Mark if this is something you'd like to be involved with.

From the start of December there will be a special large **Christmas card** out in each church for everyone to add their own greetings to for their friends in the congregation. Donations will be in aid of the charity Crisis at Christmas.

Star Trail will be taking place in St Peter's Church from Monday 26th November until Saturday 1st December (with setting up on Sat 24th & Sun 25th). During Star Trail access to the church will be greatly restricted and entry will not be possible while school groups are attending. Please phone Gill (845970) with any queries. Thank you. The Thursday morning Communion on 29th November will be at St Nicholas' Church.

Would you be interested in becoming a **Conversation Partner** for families (especially women) living in Portishead who do not have English as a first language? It involves spending an hour regularly on a one-to-one basis with someone to help them practise their English. As those who have taken part in this scheme before will know, it can be a mutually beneficial and rewarding experience. If you are interested in finding out more please contact the Church Office on 846230 or office@portisheadparish.co.uk

Would you be interested in becoming a **Befriender** for **CAP** (Christians Against Poverty)? Befrienders are invaluable in supporting and encouraging CAP clients along their journey to becoming debt-free. Joanna, the CAP Centre Manager is urgently looking for more people for this role, especially people to befriend older people. If you would like to know more please contact her on joanna.pritchett@cap.org.uk

Last call to check for **lost property** at **St Peter's** Church – this is left on the shelf by the Children's Society noticeboard. Items there at the moment will be re-homed when we set up Star Trail at the end of next week.

The Bristol Amos Trust **Bethlehem Carol Service** will take place on Tuesday 4th December, 7.30pm at St Mary Redcliffe Church. This year they will be joined by leadpeace activists Zoughbi Zoughbi and Lucy Talgieh from Wi'am Reconciliation Centre in Bethlehem and 6 members of the Choir of Bethlehem. To reserve tickets please go to <https://amostrust.yapsody.com/event/index/317331/bristol-bethlehem-carol-service-2018>

Come and join us for our **Parish Walk** on Monday 26th November. We meet outside the indoor swimming pool at Parish Wharf at 10am for a stroll around the marina and a drink in Hall and Woodhouse. We look forward to your company. Pauline for the Social Committee, 460015.

A **big thank you** to everyone for their help and patience with completing DBS checks ready for Star Trail and other church activities. They're an important element of the Diocesan safeguarding process.

Booking is open for our **2019 Parish Weekend** at Lee Abbey, 21-23 June. Booking forms can be found in both churches or downloaded from the website www.portisheadparish.co.uk. Completed forms should be sent to the Parish Office with a £25 deposit per person (payable by cheque or BACS). Instructions for paying by BACS are on the back of the Form. If you have queries, please contact Christine Tipping, Hilary Finch or Diane Bridgwater.