

This Sunday at St Peter's Church

8.00am: Holy Communion

9.15am: God's Family at Worship with Communion

Songs: Hymns Old & New 400; 'Longing, trusting' (sheet);

HO&N 566; 'Into the darkness' (sheet); HO&N 350, 280

11.15am: Parish Communion

Hymns: Hymns Ancient and Modern 26, 30, 42, 47, 41

This Sunday at St Nicholas' Church

9.30am: Parish Communion

Hymns: Hymns Old & New 117, 60, 401, 399

11.15am: Morning Worship with the URC

6.30pm Ecumenical Advent Carol Service

Readings at our morning services are:

First Reading: Jeremiah 33.14-16

Readers: 8.00am: Gill Colston 9.30am: Margaret Currey

11.15am: Paul Jeffery

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3.9-end

Reader: 8.00am: Jane Pagano 9.30am: Steph McGilvary

11.15am: Pauline Curtis

Gospel: Luke 21.25-36

Reader: 9.15am: Sam Rowe

***Welcome to Portishead Church of England
Sunday 2nd December 2018 – Advent Sunday***

Parish Calendar

Advent Sunday

Sun 2nd

Morning services at usual times in both churches
6.30pm Ecumenical Advent Carol Service at St Nicholas' Church

Mon 3rd

7.30am Mission Prayer at St Peter's Church
8.30am Gordano School Carol Service rehearsal at St Nicholas'
9.15am A Third Pace at St Peter's Church
6.00pm Gordano School Carol Service at St Nicholas' Church

Tues 4th

2.15pm Church Tots at St Peter's Church
7.00pm Scouts visit to St Peter's Church
7.30pm Bellringing at St Peter's Church

Weds 5th

9.30am ***Magazine copy deadline***
Lighthouse Prayers at St Nicholas' Church

Thurs 6th

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

Fri 7th

7.30pm Friday Football at Gordano School Sports Centre

Sat 8th

10.00am Christingle making at St Peter's Church
10.30am LLADs at St Barnabas Centre
7.30pm Concert by Posset Singers at St Nicholas' Church

Sun 9th

Second Sunday of Advent

Morning services at usual times in both churches
3.00pm & 5.00pm Christingle at St Peter's Church
4.00pm Christingle at St Nicholas' Church

Our Prayers

Intercessors: 9.30am: Keith Clements 11.15: Jean Golding

The Church worldwide: Please pray for The Reformed Episcopal Church of Spain and Bishop Carlos López-Lozano

In our Diocese: Please pray for the churches in the Chew Magna deanery struggling to fill important roles in the church; may people hear God's call on their life and be willing to support their church through volunteering.

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

The Lighthouse Café, its volunteers, and community partners. The Mothers' Union and all its members.

For next week's Christingle Services at both churches, for our local schools, whose Carol Services we will be hosting and for our own Christmas Services and all those who will be involved.

Our local schools – Gordano, St Joseph's, Portishead Primary, High Down Infants and Juniors: The Staff, Pupils, Governors and Parents. Portishead Children's Centre, The Pre-Schools & Nurseries.

Those living and working in: *Beach Road East & West, Bedwin Close, Beechwood Drive, Beechwood Road, Belton Road, Birch Grove, Biscay Drive, Bittern Avenue, Blackberry Lane.*

Those in need: Joan Bye, John Lowe, Wendy Burrell, Audrey Glass, John Oakley

The departed: Raymond Neave Edward Camburn
 May Archibald Joyce Pursey

There will be a Service of Thanksgiving for May Archibald on 6th December, at 11.45am at St Mary's Church, Commonweal Road, Swindon, SN1 4LB

'What are you waiting for?' Do come and take part in our ecumenical service for **Advent Sunday**. There will be Advent Carols and Anthems, Readings, Reflections, Drama and Actions inspired by Dave Broom (Iona in style) with plenty of opportunities for participation. Rev Chris would love to hear from anyone who would like a role! St Nicholas' Church, 6.30pm, Sunday 2nd December. Everyone is invited to bring a clock to the service.

Noticeboard

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

From this Sunday 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 are invited in aid of the charity Crisis at Christmas.

Gordano School Carol Service is at St Nicholas' Church on Mon 3rd Dec at 6.00pm. You are warmly invited to attend. There is some fantastic musical talent at Gordano and this promises to be a lovely service.

The last meeting of the **Book Group** is on Wednesday 5th December at 7.30 for 7.45pm at the Royal.

Congratulations to Trinity School on their recent Ofsted inspection in which they were rated GOOD.

Postcards advertising our **Christmas Services** are available in both churches. Do please take these and share them with friends and neighbours. It is a wonderful time to invite people to church.

All are welcome to come and help make the **Christingles** for this year's Christingle services at St Peter's on Sat 8th Dec between 10am and 12.00.

Candle Sale – on Sunday 9th December at St Peter's, and Sunday 16th at St Nicholas's, Rosey Dimond will be selling handmade candles recycled from your donated candle ends & jars. These make lovely Christmas gifts, or why not spoil yourself? Rosey's 9-year-old cousin has Rett Syndrome; this year all proceeds will go to the charity Rett UK. Please give generously thank you!

A total of £267 was raised at the recent **Mothers' Union Advent Lunch** that will go towards Mothers' Union projects.

St Nicholas' Welcomers. We are in **urgent need** of women and men who would be able to become a Welcomer. If it is something you would like to do could you have a word with either Pearl, Peter Duncan or Pete Turner please? The more volunteers we have then the least often it would be!

Ethics Forum recording: Unfortunately, we are unable to share the recording of the last talk.

Applications for the **Parish Weekend at Lee Abbey** 21 - 23 June 2019 have been rolling in and we now have only two more rooms to allocate. They are both twin rooms but without an ensuite. If you are interested, please collect an application from either of the churches and send it to the Church Office with your deposit of £25 per person.

9 Carols & Comedians – An evening of Carols & Comedy organised by Portishead Methodist Church – Friday 21st December 8.00pm at Somerset Hall. Tickets £10.00 from 07835 662859 or Morgan Westley.

We have heard that the parish has been named in someone's Will and has been left £20,000. What wonderful news.

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 leading peace 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>

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