

This Sunday at St Peter's Church

8.00am: Holy Communion

9.15am: God's Family at Worship Nativity Play

Songs: Midnight (sheet), Little Donkey (sheet), O little Town of Bethlehem, It was on a starry night, Riding High and Low (sheet),
Come and join the celebration(sheet)

11.15am: Parish Communion

Hymns: Hymns Ancient and Modern 26, 32, 85, 58, 394

6.00pm Carol Service

This Sunday at St Nicholas' Church

9.30am: Parish Communion

Hymns: Hymns Old & New 407, 620, 4, 612

11.15am: Morning Worship with the URC

6.00pm Carol Service

Readings at our morning services are:

First Reading: Micah 5.2-5a

Readers: 8.00am: Joy Hurding

9.30am: John Lewis

11.15am: Sheila Frankcom

Second Reading: Hebrews 10.5-10

Reader: 8.00am: Gill Colston

9.30am: Peter Turner

11.15am: Edna Burt

Gospel: Luke 1.39-45

***Welcome to Portishead Church of England
Sunday 23rd December 2018 – Fourth Sunday of Advent***

Parish Calendar

Sun 23rd

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Morning services at usual times in both churches

9.15am God's Family at Worship Nativity Play

6.00pm

Carol Service at St Peter's Church

6.00pm

Carol Service at St Nicholas' Churches

Mon 24th

Christmas Eve

2.00pm

Crib & Toy Service at St Peter's Church

3.00pm

Crib & Toy Service at St Nicholas' Church

4.00pm

Crib & Toy Service at St Peter's Church

5.00pm

Crib & Toy Service at St Nicholas' Church

11.15pm

Midnight Mass at St Peter's Church

11.15pm

Midnight Mass at St Nicholas' Church

Tues 25th

Christmas Day

8.00am

Christmas Holy Communion at St Peter's Church

10.30am

Christmas Family Communion at St Peter's Church

10.30am

Christmas Festival Communion at St Nicholas' Church

Weds 26th

Boxing Day

Bank Holiday

Thurs 27th

10.30am

Holy Communion at St Peter's Church

Sun 30th

First Sunday after Christmas

8.00am

Holy Communion at St Peter's Church

10.30am

Joint Communion Service at St Peter's Church (instead of the usual 9.15 and 11.15 services)

10.30am

Café Church at St Nicholas' Church (instead of the usual 9.30 and 11.15 services)

Our Prayers

Intercessors: 9.15am: Stevens family
9.30am: P Walker 11.15: Valerie Lowe

The Church worldwide: Please pray for the church in Kubwa – (Abuja, Nigeria), Bishop Duke Akamisoko

In our Diocese: Please pray for the shared leadership of the Chew Magna Deanery: for Helen Barnes (Lay Dean) and Graham Sage (Assistant Lay Dean) and for Revd Stephen M'Caw (Area Dean) and Revd Daile Wilshere (Assistant Area Dean). Also please pray for Chew Magna Deanery Primary Schools' chaplain Angela Fraser.

In our Parish: For our spiritual, missional and numerical growth.
For our Christmas Services and for all those who will be involved.
The sick and housebound and those who receive Holy Communion in their homes. Our Pastoral Assistants

Those living and working in: *Sanderling Place, Seaview Road, Serbert Way, Serbert Close, Serbert Road, Severn Road, Severnmeade, Seville Court, Seville Road, Shannon Walk, Sheepway.*

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

The departed: Liz Wheeler Janice Bonfield
 Emily Giles

The Staff and Wardens, Rob, Chris, Mark, Fran, Pearl, Christine, Peter and Steph wish everyone a very Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year

Noticeboard

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

A huge thank you to everyone who has worked so hard to make all our Christmas services and events so special.

There is 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.

Follow the Star. The Church of England has produced a resource for personal reading and reflection for the period between Christmas and Epiphany. These are available at the back of both churches with a recommended contribution of £1.50. Please do pick one up if it will be useful.

The **2019 planned giving envelopes** are now available for collection at both St Peter's and St Nicholas' Church.

We are hoping to continue our **Parish Meditation** group in the new year. There will be an exploratory meeting on January 9th at 10:30 at 34 Centre Quay. For further information please contact Sue Giles 01275 217851.

Youth Event will be holding their **Christmas Party** on Sunday 13th January from 5.30-7pm in St Peter's Church.

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

The Church Office will reopen after Christmas on Weds 2nd January.

The cash collections at our Christmas services will go to support the work of the Kanamai Trust, working with children and their families in this very poor region of Kenya. Please do give generously.