

This Sunday at St Peter's Church

8.00am: Holy Communion

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

Songs: Hymns Old & New 416; 'Bless the Lord O my soul',
'Christ be in my waking' (sheet); HO&N 59, 181, 491

11.15am: Parish Communion

Hymns: Hymns Ancient & Modern 2, 281, 610, 676

5.00pm: Evensong

This Sunday at St Nicholas' Church

9.30am: Parish Communion

Hymns: Hymns Old & New 93, 373, 699, 306

11.15am: Morning Worship with the URC

Readings at our morning services are:

First Reading: Exodus 34.29-end

Readers: 8.00am: Gill Colston

9.30am: Margaret Currey 11.15am: Pauline Curtis

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 3.12-4.2

Reader: 8.00am: Jane Pagano

9.30am: Steph McGilvary 11.15am: Paul Jeffery

Gospel: Luke 9.28-36 9.15: Elizabeth Rowe

Readings at Evensong are:

First Reading: Exodus 3.1-6 Reader: Pauline Curtis

Second Reading: John 12.27-36a Reader: Brian Jones

***Welcome to Portishead Church of England
Sunday 3rd March 2019 – Sunday before Lent***

Parish Calendar

Sunday before Lent

Sun 3rd

5.00pm

Mon 4th

7.30am

Tues 5th

2.15pm

7.30pm

Weds 6th

9.30am

10.30am

7.00pm

8.00pm

Thurs 7th

10.30am

1.00pm

2.00pm

7.15pm

Fri 8th

2.00pm

7.30pm

Sat 9th

10.30am

11.00am

Sun 10th

12.30pm

3.00pm

4.30pm

Morning services at usual times in both churches
Evensong at St Peter's Church

Mission Prayer at St Peter's Church

Church Tots at St Peter's Church

Bellringing at St Peter's Church

Ash Wednesday

Lighthouse Café Prayers at St Nicholas' Church

Ash Wednesday Service at St Nicholas' Church

Music Group Practice at St Peter's Church

Ash Wednesday Service at St Peter's Church

Holy Communion at St Peter's Church

Open the Book practice at St Peter's Church

The Lighthouse Café at The Lighthouse, St Nicholas'

Baptism Preparation at St Peter's Church

Café Steering Team meeting at St Nicholas' Church

Friday Football at Gordano School Sports Centre

LLADs at St Barnabas Centre

Visit to St Peter's Tower by Gordano Society

First Sunday of Lent

Morning services at usual times in both churches

URC Meeting at St Nicholas' Church

Baptism at St Nicholas' Church

Junior Youth Event; 6.00pm Youth Event at St Peter's

Our Prayers

Intercessors: 9.15: Kiero Watson family 9.30: P Walker
11.15: Pam Newton

The Church worldwide: Please pray for the church in Lainya (South Sudan) – Bishop Eliaba Lako Obede and Bishop Benito Juarez-Martinez

In our Diocese: Pray for Revd Matthew Tregenza, Area Dean of Tone, who is leaving Bishops Lydeard with Lydeard St Lawrence, Bagborough, Combe Florey and Cothelstone.

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

All involved with the commerce and industry of our parish, Our shops, garages, pubs, restaurants. The Portishead Chamber of Commerce. Our local media.

Those living and working in: *Blackdown Road, Blackthorn Drive, Bladen Close, Blenheim Way, Brackenwood Gardens, Brambling Lane, Brampton Way, Branscombe Walk, Brendon Road, Briary Road.*

Those in need: Joan Bye, Wendy Burrell

The departed: Angela Cooper Kenneth Crowhurst

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

Everyone who wishes to be on the **Church Electoral Roll** this year needs to fill in a form. Please return both your electoral roll form and GDPR consent form **by 3rd March** to one of the boxes in church or to the Church Office by Weds 6th March. There are blank forms in church for those who have not been on the roll before and would like to go on for the first time. Any queries please contact Judy Sutherland, tel 390020. We did ask if you could provide us with a photograph with your form. While this would be really helpful, please don't delay getting your form back while you try to find a photo. We do need your forms to be back with us this weekend.

This Week sees the beginning of Lent. Why not come and join us for one of our **Ash Wednesday** Communion Services which is a powerful way to begin this season of preparation. There will be opportunity (if you would like) to receive anointing with ashes, which may people find poignant and helpful.

As Lent approaches please bring last year's palm crosses to church. We would like to turn them into ashes for our Ash Wednesday service.

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 13th 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 th / 15 th March	Dwelling in the Word
20 th / 22 nd March	Listening to Others
27 th / 29 th March	Hospitality
10 th / 12 th April	Listening to Culture
3 rd / 5 th April	Journeying Together

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

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 for those who would like one. There is also a children's/families' version. The leaflet has a short meditation and an activity for each day, some, but not all of which involve giving to Christian Aid; the prayer and actions are very important even if you are unable to donate, 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" and tells stories of communities in the Philippines where climate change is already causing many problems. For more info please contact Jane Vian, 844468. The leaflet can also be used on the Christian Aid website <https://www.christianaid.org.uk> or via their app.

Maureen Wyatt will be taking part in a **Swimathon** on 30th March. One charity being supported is the Parkinsons Nailsea group. There will be a sponsor sheet in Church if you wish to sponsor her for this event. Thank you

Thank you for all the donations of sleeping bags for the homeless. We have replenished our stock for this winter and don't have room to store any more in the churches for now.

Leaders of Portishead Churches are in discussion with Tom Inman, Head Teacher at **Gordano School**, and Gary Lewis, the Lighthouse Multi Academy Trust CEO, about possibly appointing a **School Chaplain**. This is a really exciting development, the school is keen and discussion is at an advanced stage. Please pray for this opportunity. The churches will need to contribute towards the cost of this post. The £1515.61 collection raised at the United Service in January will be used to support this initiative.

Open the Book is a fantastic initiative involving members of all the churches in Portishead. It involves going into the local primary schools and telling stories from the Bible in a creative way. This ministry is growing and more schools are wanting Open the Book to lead assemblies. There is an urgent need for more people to join the team. If this is something that would interest you please do speak to one of the clergy.

We are exploring the idea of starting a **new Home Group** at the top end of Nore Road / Down Road area. Please contact Chris Judson if you would be interested in taking part.