

This Sunday at St Peter's Church

8.00am: Holy Communion

9.15am: God's Family at Worship

Songs: Hymns Old & New 436, 329, 401, 516, 60, 711

11.15am: Parish Communion

Hymns: Hymns Ancient & Modern 113, 396, 721, 763

5.00pm: Evensong

This Sunday at St Nicholas' Church

9.30am: Parish Communion

Hymns: Hymns Old & New 29, 139, 428, 554

11.15am: Morning Worship with the URC

Readings at our morning services are:

First Reading: Malachi 3.1-5

Readers: 8.00am: Jane Pagano

9.30am: Ruth Coulson 11.15am: Paul Jeffery

Second Reading: Hebrews 2.14-end

Reader: 8.00am: Noel Davies

9.30am: Anne Lewins 11.15am: Pauline Curtis

Gospel: Luke 2.22-40

9.15 Reader: Elizabeth Rowe

Readings at Evensong are:

First Reading: Haggai 2.1-9

Reader: Brian Jones

Second Reading: John 2.18-22

Reader: Pauline Curtis

Welcome to Portishead Church of England
Sunday 3rd February 2019 – Presentation of Christ

Parish Calendar

Presentation of Christ

Sun 3rd

5.00pm Morning services at usual times in both churches
Evensong at St Peter's Church

Mon 4th

7.30am Mission Prayer at St Peter's Church

Tues 5th

12.30pm Funeral of Michael Anderton at Weston Crematorium
2.15pm Church Tots at St Peter's Church
7.30pm Bellringing at St Peter's Church

Weds 6th

9.30am Café Prayers at St Nicholas' Church
7.30pm Music Group Practice at St Peter's Church

Thurs 7th

10.30am Holy Communion at St Peter's Church
11.15am Funeral of Michael Wright at Canford Crematorium
2.00pm The Lighthouse Café at The Lighthouse, St Nicholas'
7.15pm Baptism Preparation at St Peter's Church

Fri 8th

7.30pm Friday Football at Gordano School Sports Centre

Sat 9th

10.00am 'Getting to Know You' event at St Peter's Church
10.30am LLADs at St Barnabas Centre
3.00pm Pitstop at St Peter's Church

Sun 10th

Fourth Sunday before Lent

4.30pm Morning services at usual times in both churches
6.00pm Junior Youth Event at St Peter's Church
Youth Event at St Peter's Church

Our Prayers

Intercessors: 9.30: Gordon Randall 11.15: Jean Golding

The Church worldwide: Please pray for the Anglican Church of Burundi, Archbishop Martin Blaise Nyaboho

In our Diocese: Please pray for a growing closeness and sense of purpose and fellowship between the parish of Wiveliscombe and the Hills parishes

In our Parish: For our spiritual, missional and numerical growth. Please pray for our involvement in Partnership for Missional Church.

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 Rd*

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

The departed:	David Atkins	Angela Cooper
	John Wright	Margorie Bird
	John Powell	Rosemary Westley
		Michael Anderton
		Kevin Boyle

“Getting to Know ...Your Neighbours”

This February there's a chance to get to know members of our church who live near you at a series of events starting on Saturday 2nd. Details are on the fliers and maps. Please do try to come to the event for your area and feel free to bring neighbours along! If you live near one of the boundary-lines, you could attend either or both events, and if you cannot attend the event for your area do feel free to come to one of the others. This geographical approach is designed to be a help, not a hindrance – all are welcome! There are sign-up sheets for all sessions in both churches – it would be helpful to know if you are coming, but please do come whether or not you have signed up. We look forward to seeing you and if you have any helpful suggestions for future events, please do let us know.

From the Nurture & Spiritual Growth Action Group

Noticeboard

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

Two weeks ago a team of people from our parish joined folk from 7 other benefices in the Diocese for the introductory training for **Partnership for Missional Church (PMC)**. It was a useful time and we are excited to say that our journey of exploring PMC has begun. Over the next 3 years we will explore a number of Spiritual Practices (or Holy Habits) which will help us to listen more deeply to God, one another and the community and take steps to respond to what we hear. To help us move forward with this we have a Steering Team and a Listening Team. The members of the Steering Team are: Simon Stephens, Hayley Lung, Jean Eburne, Trish Margerison, Peter Duncan, Dee Adam, Alice Vickers. The Listening Team members are: Mary Duncan, Marion Brooks, Christine Tipping, Carolyne Howe, Sarah Stephens, Hilary Finch. Please pray for them, and for us all as we journey on this path.

The **Church Electoral Roll** revision is under way. This year everyone who wishes to be on the roll needs to fill in a form. There is a letter about the revision with a form for everyone who is currently on the electoral roll. Please collect yours from church. There are also blank forms for those who have not been on the roll before. Being a member of the Electoral Roll is a way of showing support for your local church, and its ministry and mission.

St Peter's Church will have its lights on from 5.30-9pm on the weekend of 9th and 10th February as it takes part in the second **Winter Wanderland** event.

This national initiative aims to – **Lift people's spirits** and ward off feelings of isolation. **Involve everyone** – the more the merrier, as a Wanderer or Windowmaker. **Create stronger communities** – It's a unique way to celebrate neighbourhood which makes people feel proud.

Encourage Wandering. This is a chance for people to explore their local area on foot, to see new places, or to see familiar places in a new way. Plus, there's safety in numbers and it even counts as exercise!

Letting the light in, spreading joy, friendship, tolerance, even love.

Come and see the wonderful stained glass windows of the church and wander to see the creativity of others who have decorated their windows.

Come and join us for the **Men's and Women's Breakfasts**, at the Lido Cafe, 8.30am. Our speaker will be Simon Stevens on An Alternative Pilgrimage to the Holy Land. The Men's Breakfast is on Sat 23rd February, tickets: Tony Stubbs 849775, Gordon Randall 848205. The Women's Breakfast is on 2nd March. Tickets: Hilary Finch 844252, Jean Eburne 848300, Diane Bridgwater 848082, Pauline Wigmore 460015.

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 very 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 collection at last week's United Service will be used to support this initiative. A total of **£1515.61** was raised including gift aid.

Bristol Women's Conference 9.45am until 4.15pm on Saturday 2nd March 2019 at St Brendan's Sixth Form College, Broomhill Road, Brislington, Bristol BS4 5RQ. In the beginning God created a perfect world and made us in His image to enjoy purposeful work, family life and rest in His presence.
www.bristolwomensconference.org

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.