

## This Sunday at St Peter's Church

8.00am: Holy Communion

9.15am: God's Family at Worship with Communion

Songs: Hymns Old & New 626; 'Riding high and low' (sheet);  
'Joy has dawned' (sheet); HO&N 737, 341, 42

## This Sunday at St Nicholas' Church

9.30am: Parish Communion

Hymns: Hymns Old & New 42, 67, 537, 78

11.15am: Morning Worship with the URC

Hymns: Hymns Ancient and Modern 94, 93, 103, 96

*Readings at our morning services are:*

**First Reading:** Isaiah 60.1-6

Readers: 8.00am: Gill Colston

9.30am: Paul Mitchell                      11.15: Pauline Curtis

**Second Reading:** Ephesians 3.1-12

Reader: 8.00am: Jane Pagano

9.30am: P Walker                      11.15: Paul Jeffery

**Gospel:** Matthew 2.1-12

Reader: 9.15am Elizabeth Rowe

*Readings at Evensong are:*

**First Reading:** Isaiah 60.1-9

Reader: Pauline Curtis

**Second Reading:** John 2.1-11

Reader: Brian Jones

**Welcome to Portishead Church of England  
Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2019 – Epiphany**

### Parish Calendar

**Sun 6<sup>th</sup>**

***Epiphany***

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

**Mon 7<sup>th</sup>**

7.30am Mission Prayer at St Peter's Church  
10.00am WI Bridge Group at St Nicholas' Church

**Tues 8<sup>th</sup>**

10.15am Tea, Coffee & Company at the Posset Cup  
2.15pm Church Tots at St Peter's Church  
7.30pm Bellringers' AGM at St Peter's Church

**Weds 9<sup>th</sup>**

***Magazine copy deadline***

9.30am Lighthouse Prayers at St Nicholas' Church  
10.30am Parish Meditation Group meeting at 34 Centre Quay  
7.30pm Music Group Practice at St Peter's Church  
7.30pm Mothers' Union at St Nicholas' Church

**Thurs 10<sup>th</sup>**

10.30am Holy Communion at St Peter's Church  
2.00pm Lighthouse Café at The Lighthouse, St Nicholas' Church  
7.15pm Baptism Preparation at St Peter's Church

**Fri 11<sup>th</sup>**

2.00pm Café Steering Team Meeting at St Nicholas' Church  
7.30pm Friday Football at Gordano School Sports Centre

**Sat 12<sup>th</sup>**

10.30am LLADs at St Barnabas Centre

**Sun 13<sup>th</sup>**

***Baptism of Christ***

Morning services at usual times in both churches  
Youth Event Christmas party at St Peter's Church

## Our Prayers

**Intercessors:** 9.15: Kiero Watson family      9.30: Mary Duncan  
11.15: Pam Newton

**The Church worldwide:** Please pray for the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia, Bishop Philip Richardson, Bishop Don Tamihere and Bishop Fereimi Cama

**In our Diocese:** This Sunday we pray for Revd Peter Thomas, Rector of Ham Hill Villages as he retires.

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

The Portishead and Harbourside Health Centres, the doctors, nurses, and administrative staff, the district teams. Our Dentists, Portishead Porters. Health and Carer support groups. Our local Vets.

**Those living and working in:** *Chesle Way, Cheslefield, Cheviot Meadow, Church Close, Church Road North & South, Clarence Gardens, Clapton Lane, Clayton Close, Clevedon Road.*

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

**The departed:**      Janice Bonfield

**Calling all knitters!!** A knitted Mary and Joseph (and donkey) made their way around the parish in advent, staying with a different family every evening. However there were not enough nights in advent for all the children who wanted to host them :) A wonderful problem!! We were wondering about sending another one (or two) 'Holy Couples' on their way next year. Would anybody like to volunteer to knit another one – don't worry too much about the theology!! Please contact Verity on [verityced@gmail.com](mailto:verityced@gmail.com) (who also has a knitting pattern).

## Noticeboard

**Please contact: 01275 846230 or [office@portisheadparish.co.uk](mailto:office@portisheadparish.co.uk)**

**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.

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

**Portishead Churches Together** will be holding a **United Service** on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> January at Gordano School at the beginning of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. There will be refreshments from 10.30am for a 11.00am start. Please do come – and bring your family and friends.

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

We would really appreciate more donations of **sleeping bags** that the church makes available for rough sleepers in cold weather to replenish our supply. Please contact the clergy, wardens or the office if you can help.

Thank you to everyone who contributed and delivered all the toys and other gifts for those in need this Christmas.

**Tea, Coffee & Company**, come and join us at the Posset Cup next Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> at 10.15am. We look forward to being with you, all are very welcome. Pauline for the Social Committee, 460015.

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

The candle sales were a great success – the total raised for Rett UK came to **£323.50!** Thank you to everyone who purchased candles and donated.

A total of just over £1000.00 (with gift aid) was raised for the Christian Aid Harvest Appeal.

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](mailto:joanna.pritchett@cap.org.uk)