



PETERBOROUGH PARISH CHURCH

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST AND ST LUKE'S

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Welcome to St John's and St Luke's

3rd Sunday of Easter - 19th April 2026

9.15am 'Together' Family Service at St John's

Led by Revd Lex Bradley-Stow

9.15am Eucharist at St Luke's

11am Eucharist & Baptism at St John's

President and Preacher: Revd Michelle Dalliston

Hymns this Sunday:

Processional 690 Jesus is Lord

Baptism Hymn 263 Spirit of the living God

Offertory 422 Alleluia, sing to Jesus!

Communion 433 Broken for me, broken for you

Recessional 719 Lord, the light of your love is shining



Children & Families are especially welcome at both St Luke's and St John's and there are activities and Pew Bags available for children.



Communion is offered in both kinds at the **High Altar**. Wine is received from the chalice directly, if you'd prefer not to, then simply return to your seat down the side aisles after receiving the bread. You are also welcome to come forward for a blessing. **PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE VALUABLES IN THE PEWS.**

Gluten Free Wafers are available. Please let someone know when you arrive in church, and mention to the priest when you come forward for communion.



Hearing Loop is available throughout St John's – to use set your hearing aid to the 'T' setting.

Toilets and Baby Changing are found at the back of church to the left under the tower.



Fire/Emergency Exits are through the south (main) doors and north doors and if needed, the west (tower) doors. Please follow the directions of stewards and the emergency exit signs.

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This Sunday's Gospel is about the road to Emmaus. Two disciples walk away from Jerusalem, weighed down by confusion and loss, unable to recognise that the risen Christ is walking beside them. It is only in the sharing of the Scriptures and the breaking of bread that their eyes are opened, and their hearts begin to burn within them. There are times when we, too, walk with questions, doubts, or disappointment, unaware of God's presence alongside us. The Emmaus road reminds us that Christ meets us where we are, in conversation, in community, and in the ordinary acts of gathering and sharing.

Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed Alleluia!



Welcome to Eleanor & Charlotte Mansfield who come to be baptised today! Welcome also to their mum & dad, Jessica & Paul and all of their family and godparents.

Services this Week

Tuesday:	9am	Morning Prayer at St John's
	4pm	Evening Prayer at St John's
Wednesday	9am	Morning Prayer at St John's
Friday:	12noon	Eucharist at St John's

Motet: John Rutter (b.1945) For the Beauty of the Earth - This anthem of praise sets four of the original eight stanzas of text from Folliott S. Pierpoint's 1864 hymn. Written in 1978 it was dedicated to the Texas Choral Director's Association. The combination of flowing legato lines with occasional off beat rhythms creates a happy, vibrant tone which is both moving and uplifting.



Readings for 19th April: Third Sunday of Easter
Acts 2:14a.36-41, Psalm 116:1-3,10-end, 1 Peter 1:17-23, Luke 24:13-35

Readings for 26th April: Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:42-end, Psalm 23, 1 Peter 2:19-end, John 10:1-10

Easter invites! Please share invites to our services throughout the Easter Season with your families and friends. People often need to be invited so don't be shy to ask people to come along with you – the Easter Season is joyful and full of hope - just what our world needs right now! Many people are actively seeking for purpose and meaning in their lives so let's help each other come to know more about Jesus who offers us fullness of life and shows us how to live together in love and peace.

Easter Prayer Resources are available in the Lady Chapel Prayer Area and at the back of church at St John's, and on the Prayer Table at St Luke's. Feel free to take any that you find helpful and do share with others too. If you can leave a small donation to help contribute towards the cost it will help us provide more for others.

The Week Ahead

Tuesday Till Two Concerts return!

Our 2026 Season of Tuesdays Till Two Lunchtime Concerts returns this week on Tuesday 21st April. Homemade organic food available in the Café from 12noon and the concert begins at 1pm. All are welcome.



12 hour Music Marathon - Saturday 25th April

We're running a 12-hour Music-Marathon to raise funds for our music at St John's and for necessary work on the organ. It's from 10am to 10pm with a whole array of performers including singers and musicians, with many from our own congregation, and of course our own choir and Jeremy, our Director of Music. Many thanks to Geoff and Marjorie Hadnam for coming up with the idea and organising the event. Please sponsor the overall event and/or individual performers so we can raise as much as possible to grow our music!

Looking Ahead

Becka's installation service to her new parish of West Grimsby is on Thursday 30th April. Everyone is invited and Becka would really like as many people as possible to go along - with the promise of a buffet afterwards! Please email to confirm that you will attend at: nelincsdeanery@lincoln.anglican.org Speak to Revd Michelle for more info about lifts.

Confirmation & First Communion 24th May St John's

The Bishop of Peterborough is joining us for our Pentecost service where she will be confirming some younger members of the congregation who couldn't make the Holy Saturday service, she will also be admitting some of our children to first communion. Speak to Revd Lex about the preparation session for young people on **Sunday 26th April** at 1pm at St John's and Revd Michelle if you're an adult considering next steps in your faith.

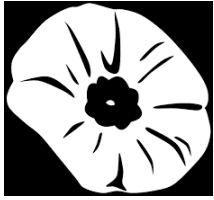


APCM 17th May 2026 and and Deanery Synod reps.

It is that time of year again as we approach the Annual Parochial Church Meeting, where we report on all the wonderful things that have been happening in the past year and look ahead to the next year. At this meeting we elect Churchwardens and any new members of the PCC for the year. If you think this might be something you'd be interested in speak to Revd Michelle. We are also this year electing representatives from our Parish to be on Deanery Synod - where we meet together with those from the other churches in Peterborough Deanery.

Electoral Roll

Everyone in the family of the Church can ask to be on the Electoral Roll of the Parish. You need to be on the Roll if you would like to be on the PCC and anyone on the Roll can then vote to elect our churchwardens and PCC members at the APCM. If you would like to know more about joining the Roll do ask June Swingler, our Electoral Roll Officer or speak to Revd Michelle. Applications for the Roll this year need to be submitted before **Saturday 2nd May 2026**.



Call out for Poppies

We're planning a poppy cascade outside St John's for Remembrance Sunday and need lots of knitted or crocheted poppies well in advance. We will also need help nearer the time to fix them on the net to be draped. If you can help make some poppies please speak to June Swingler or Revd Michelle - or come along to A Good Yarn which meets fortnightly on Saturdays during the Saturday Cafe - the next one is 25th April.

We are Recruiting a Cafe Manager!



Our amazing Judy Barsby is stepping down from her role of managing the Saturday Cafe at St John's at the end of April - thank you Judy for doing this so brilliantly for the last 20 years! We are looking to recruit a Cafe Manager to take this on as well as manage the Wednesday Cafe and help us grow an everyday Cafe too. Please speak to Revd Michelle if you would like to know more.

Our Ministry with Children & Young People:

Our Together Family Service runs twice a month; 9.15am on the first Sunday each month at the Cathedral and third Sunday at St John's.

St John's Junior Choir - if you are 7+ years and like music and singing, why not join our growing Junior Choir at St John's? We rehearse twice a month after the 11am Service on Sundays and we sing at services, special concerts and events and have fun activities. For more info contact Jeremy Jepson, our director of music: organiststjohns@icloud.com



City Alight Youth – Our Youth group for young people aged 7+ meets every Friday during term-time for a variety of activities such as games, crafts, discussions and trips out. Once a month we have a family night too. Please contact our Youth Worker, Honour Smith, for more information on cityalightyouth@gmail.com

Archbishop Sarah's Installation - If you missed the amazing service of installation of our new Archbishop of Canterbury, Sarah Mullally, then do catch up via the Church of England website and YouTube: www.youtube.com/watch?v=MjLK48OWDRc It was such a joyful celebration of the whole Anglican Communion and of Archbishop Sarah's call to serve us all. Do pray for her as she begins this demanding ministry.

Wishing you all a Happy & Blessed Easter Season!



Keep in touch: Our parish **Whats App Group** is a great way to keep in touch with all that's going on, share photos & news with the church family.

Let Revd Michelle or Revd Becka know if you'd like to join.

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