



PETERBOROUGH PARISH CHURCH

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST AND ST LUKE'S

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Welcome to St John's and St Luke's

4th Sunday of Easter - 26th April 2026

9.15am Eucharist at St Luke's

11am Eucharist at St John's

President: Revd Michelle Dalliston

Preacher: Chris Royle

Hymns this Sunday:

Processional	198	At the Lamb's high feast we sing
Offertory	593	At the name of Jesus
Communion	592	As the deer
Recessional	806	There's a wideness in God's mercy



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.

Welcome to St John's and St Luke's



In our gospel reading today, Jesus speaks of himself as the Good Shepherd and the gate for the sheepfold. In this rich and comforting image, we are reminded that we are known, called, and cared for by name. Christ leads us not as strangers, but as his own, guiding us towards life in all its fullness.

In a world where it can be hard to know who or what to follow, this passage invites us to trust in the one who leads with love, protects with faithfulness, and opens the way to abundant life.

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

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: The Lord's my shepherd James Bain (1860 - 1925)

The Brother James who wrote the tune 'Brother James Air' for psalm 23 was James Bain (d.1925), born in Pitlochry. He studied for the ministry in both the Free and Established Church colleges in Edinburgh but did not continue to ordination. Of a mystic bent, he was drawn to theosophy and published several books on related subjects. He exercised a healing ministry, founding the Brotherhood of Healers, and later worked among the poor in the slums of Liverpool.

Readings for 26th April: Fourth Sunday of Easter

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

Readings for 3rd May: Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 7:55-end, Psalm 31:1-5.15-16, 1 Peter 2:2-10, John 14:1-14



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



A Good Yarn

Did you know that we run regular sessions during the Saturday Cafe when you can come and learn how to knit or crochet? It's on this Saturday 25th April from 10am-12 and then every fortnight following. Come along to learn a new skill, or if you are already a knitter or crocheter - then bring your latest project and meet with friends for a chat while you work! Materials provided for beginners.

Tuesday Till Two Concerts Spring Season

Our 2026 Season of Tuesdays Till Two Lunchtime Concerts continues this week on Tuesday 28th April. Homemade organic food available in the Café from 12noon and the concert begins at 1pm. All are welcome.



Revd Becka's installation service to her new parish of West Grimsby is this Thursday 30th April. Everyone is invited and there is a buffet afterwards! Speak to Revd Michelle for more info about lifts and please pray for Revd Becka as she begins this new ministry.

Churches Together Prayer Breakfast - 2nd May

The next Churches Together Prayer Breakfast is on Saturday 2nd May at 8am at Westgate Methodist Church in Westgate. This is a chance to join in worship with members of the other Churches in the City Centre, followed by a chance to chat and socialise over breakfast. All are welcome!

Looking Ahead



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 and also 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 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.

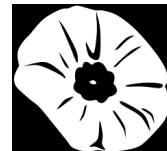
We are also this year electing representatives from our Parish to be on Deanery Synod - where we meet together with those from the other churches in Peterborough Deanery - again, do ask for more information if you'd like to know a bit more about what this involves. This is an important time as later in 2026 we will also be electing new members of General Synod, the governing body for the Church of England and it is the members of each Deanery Synod that elect the new General Synod members.

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 (see note above).



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

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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