



# PETERBOROUGH PARISH CHURCH

## ST JOHN THE BAPTIST AND ST LUKE'S

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# Welcome to St John's and St Luke's

## Easter Sunday - 5th April 2026

**9.15am Festival Eucharist at St Luke's**

**11am Festival Eucharist at St John's**

*President: Revd Michelle Dalliston*

*Preacher: Revd Becka Yates*

### Hymns this Sunday:

Processional	205	Jesus Christ is risen today
Gospel Hymn:	213	O sons and daughters, let us sing!
Baptismal:	212	Now the green blade rises
Offertory	198	At the Lamb's high feast we sing
Communion	209	Love's redeeming work is done
Recessional	667	I danced in the morning



**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



Jesus Christ is risen today! Alleluia! The joy of Easter Day is infectious and glorious! Christ has won the victory and death is defeated and we too can live for ever. May you know the joy of resurrection new life this Easter and may it fill you with all hope and peace in believing.

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

## **Sunday's Music at St John's: Sing choirs of heaven *Richard Shepherd (1949-2021)***

This uplifting anthem is a metrical setting of the Exsultet, an ancient hymn of praise, originating in the 4th/5th centuries in the churches of Spain, Italy and France, later adopted by Rome and elsewhere. Also known as the 'Easter Proclamation' it is sung before the paschal candle at the Easter Vigil but is also used in metrical form as a hymn of praise for the Easter season. 'Sing choirs of heaven. Let saints and angels sing. Around God's throne exult in harmony! Now Jesus Christ is risen from the grave. Salute your king in glorious symphony.'

## **Readings for 5th April: Easter Sunday**

*Acts 10:34-43, Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24, Colossians 3:1-4, John 20:1-18*

## **Readings for 12th April: Second Sunday of Easter**

*Acts 2:14a, 22-32, Psalm 16, 1 Peter 1:3-9, John 20:19-end*



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## **Confirmation**

Please pray for Reza, Rianna, Taimi, Brian, Daryl, Kevin, Hayley and Corinne who are all to be confirmed at the Cathedral on Holy Saturday, as well as for Severina and Donatas, who are being received into the Church of England. Please pray for them all as they prepare for this special time in their journey of faith. All are welcome to the Cathedral Easter Vigil and Confirmation at 8pm on 4th April.

## **Easter Day Hats!**



Following the tradition of many years we wear an Easter Bonnet or Hat on Easter Day! Everyone is invited to join in and anything counts – from a yellow ribbon in your hair to a flat cap decorated with an Easter chick to a full on flower and Easter Egg covered hat! Bring some Easter joy and celebrate with exciting head gear!

**Easter invites!** Please continue to share invites to our services throughout the Easter Season with your families and friends. People often need to be invited to come 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 Gardens & Easter Eggs**

You are invited to make your own mini Easter Garden or decorate a hard boiled egg and bring into church to form a living display of new life this Easter Season! Speak to Revd Becka, Revd Lex or Honour for more info.

**Easter Prayer Resources** Prayer cards, leaflets and booklets 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. You can also continue to follow the Church of England online Daily Reflections App, 'Draw Near' with daily reflections and prayers for each day of the Easter season.

**Revd Becka's Farewell** we'll be saying farewell to Revd Becka on Easter Day so please do stay for a time of celebration after the service. If you can stay for a Bring & Share Lunch please bring some food to share. There will also be an informal Songs of Praise at 3pm to which all are welcome.

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 sign up in church if you would like to share a lift and please email to confirm that you will attend at: [nelincsdeanery@lincoln.anglican.org](mailto:nelincsdeanery@lincoln.anglican.org) Speak to Revd Becka or Revd Michelle for more info.



**Revd Becka - thank you for all you have done in a wonderful ministry over the last four years with us! We wish you all the best for your future role and will pray for you and your new church families and communities.**

### **Flutes at the Flicks Sunday 12th April - Peterborough Flute Choir**

Come to a lovely concert at 3.30pm at St John's on 12th April with unforgettable tunes straight from the silver screen and animated movie magic all reimagined through a dazzling range of flutes for an hour of sounds from the cinema with a flute-filled twist. Tickets cost £10, accompanied children free admission - see posters and leaflet to scan to book or pay at the door.

## **Looking Ahead**

### **Music Marathon**

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 on 25th April from 10am to 10 pm 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!

### **Call out for Poppies**

We're planning a poppy cascade down the tower 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 11th 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.



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**Family Easter Fun** Easter Sunday 5th April - Easter Celebration  
Services (9.15am St Luke's, 10.30am Cathedral & 11am at St John's).  
Easter egg hunt and trail (1-3pm Cathedral)

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## 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. On Easter Day there is no separate service at the Cathedral - the next Family Service is at St John's on 19th April.

**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:



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**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](mailto: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](http://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!

Thank you to you all for all that you have done to make our Holy Week and Easter so special.



**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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