



PETERBOROUGH PARISH CHURCH ST JOHN THE BAPTIST AND ST LUKE'S

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Welcome to St John's and St Luke's 6th Sunday of Easter - 10th May 2026

9.15am Eucharist at St Luke's

11am Eucharist at St John's

President and Preacher: Revd Michelle Dalliston

Hymns this Sunday:

Processional	777	Sing of the Lord's goodness
Offertory	541	Lord of beauty, thine the splendour
Communion	236	Breathe on me, breath of God
Recessional	763	Praise to the holiest



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 prepares his disciples for life after his departure, promising that they will not be left alone. He speaks of his commandment to them to love and promises them the gift of the Holy Spirit, the Advocate, who will be the presence of Jesus with them and who will remain with them always. He reassures his followers of God's abiding presence and the new life found in him.

We continue to celebrate the joy of this Easter season and invite others to join us to know more of God's love and power of new 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
Thursday	7.30pm	Deanery Ascension Day Service at St Matthew's, Eye
Friday:	12noon	Eucharist at St John's

Motet: Litany to the Holy Spirit Peter Hurford (1930 - 2019)

Peter Hurford studied both music and law at Jesus College Cambridge. He later studied the organ with André Marchal in Paris before becoming Master of the Choristers at St Alban's Abbey, where he established the International Organ Festival. Litany to the Holy Spirit is a poem by priest and poet Robert Herrick (1591 - 1674), alluding to the Holy Spirit as Comforter (John 14:26). 'In the hour of my distress, When temptations me oppress, And when I my sins confess, Sweet Spirit, comfort me!'

Readings for 10th May: sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 17:22-31, Psalm 66:7-end, 1 Peter 3:13-end, John 14:15-21

Readings for 17th May: Seventh Sunday of Easter

Acts 1:6-14, Psalm 68:1-10. 32-end, 1 Peter 4:12-14;5:6-11, John 17:1-11



Baptism Today There will be a baptism service at 1.30pm this Sunday for Kate McDowell and Skye Evans who are then to be confirmed on Pentecost Sunday. Congratulations to Skye & Kate! Everyone is welcome to stay on for the service to support them, and please pray for them both and for those preparing for Confirmation and First Communion on Pentecost Sunday.

Music Marathon Success!

Our 12 hour Music Marathon is still drawing in funds from sponsors and donors - thank you for all your support. So far we have raised pretty much £2,000 for our Choir & Organ Fund which is completely brilliant - its not too late to make a donation (please use the Gift Aid envelopes if you can) so let's keep aiming high!

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 9th May 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 12th May. Homemade organic food available in the Café from 12noon and the concert begins at 1pm. All are welcome.



Ascension Day Deanery Service - Thursday 14th May is Ascension Day and our Deanery Service is at St Matthew's, Eye at 7.30pm and all are welcome to attend. If you need a lift do ask Revd Michelle.

Bellringers Saturday Cafe

On Saturday 16th May our Cafe will be run by our wonderful Bell Ringers and there will be music provided by St Botolph's Ukelele Band - so do come along and bring others with you for a special Saturday morning here at St John's!



Archbishop's Visit

Archbishop Sarah Mullaly is visiting Peterborough Diocese next weekend and will be preaching at Evensong at the Cathedral at 3.30pm on 17th May - all are welcome to join for that.

APCM 17th May 2026 and Deanery Synod reps.

It's our Annual Parochial Church Meeting next Sunday, where we report on all the wonderful things that have been happening in the past year and look ahead to the next year. We meet in the Lady Chapel from approx 12.30pm so there's time to grab a coffee before we start. Feel free to bring a sandwich or snack to eat while we meet too. At the APCM we elect Churchwardens and any new members of the PCC for the year. If you're interested please speak to Revd Michelle and Nomination Forms are available in church at the back.

Also this year we elect representatives from our Parish to be on Deanery Synod - (Forms also available at the back) where we meet together with those from the other churches in Peterborough Deanery. 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.

Looking Ahead

.Confirmation & First Communion 24th May St John's

The Bishop of Peterborough is joining us for our Pentecost service for a Confirmation and First Communion for some of our choristers and



church family. Speak to Revd Lex about further preparation sessions for young people and Revd Michelle if you're an adult considering next steps in your faith.

Call out for Poppies

We're planning a poppy cascade outside St John's for Remembrance Sunday. If you can help make some poppies please speak to June Swingler or Revd Michelle or come along to A Good Yarn.



Notices

We are Recruiting a Cafe Manager and Volunteers!



We are looking to recruit a Cafe Manager to look after the Saturday Cafe at St John's as well as the Wednesday Cafe and help us grow an everyday Cafe too. We would also love more helpers in the Saturday Cafe as well as help with baking cakes and goodies to serve. Please speak to Revd Michelle if you would like to know more.



New Bishop of Brixworth

The new Bishop of Brixworth is to be The Venerable Dr Alex Hughes, currently Archdeacon of Cambridge in the Diocese of Ely. He will be joining us in the autumn and we pray for him in this time of preparation.

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 - next one will be 17th May 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



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 Lex know if you'd like to join.

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