



PETERBOROUGH PARISH CHURCH

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST AND ST LUKE'S

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Welcome to St John's and St Luke's

The Feast of Pentecost - 24th May 2026

9.15am Eucharist at St Luke's

President and Preacher: Revd Canon Helen Dearnley

11am Eucharist and Confirmation at St John's

President and Preacher: Bishop Debbie Sellin, Bishop of Peterborough

Hymns this Sunday:

Processional	238	Come down, O love divine
Offertory	242	Come, Holy Spirit, come!
Communion	235	Be present, Spirit of the Lord
	593	At the name of Jesus
Recessional	264	The Spirit lives to set us free



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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On the feast day of Pentecost which is the culmination and completion of the Easter Season we rejoice in the gift of the Holy Spirit and the birthday of the Church. Today we also rejoice with those who are to be admitted to communion and confirmed and welcome Bishop Debbie who joins us for this special celebration today. The Spirit binds us together in unity and sends us out to share the good news of Jesus Christ and God's love for all people all over the world!

**Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful people
and kindle in us the fire of your love!**

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	9am	Morning Prayer at St Luke's
Friday:	12noon	Eucharist at St John's

Motet: Listen, Sweet Dove Grayston (Bill) Ives (b.1948)

Ives is a former member of the King's Singers, later organist of Magdalen College, Oxford. His setting of George Herbert's text has a simple folk-song like melody with astringent harmonies underneath.



Readings for 24th May: Pentecost

Acts 2:1-21, Psalm 104:26-26.37b, John 20:19-23

Readings for 31st May: Trinity Sunday

Isaiah 40:12-17, 27-end, Psalm 8, 2 Corinthians 13:11-end, Matthew 28:16-end

Archbishop of Canterbury's visit

Archbishop Sarah Mullaly visited Peterborough Diocese last weekend, the Evensong service at the Cathedral was wonderfully attended by people from all over the diocese. Archbishop Sarah preached a brilliant sermon encouraging us all in the work that is happening in the diocese. You can catch up with the highlights of her visit here:



www.youtu.be/8ltV3fS0z_Y?si=cvbB3h8GreE_mPaB And there is a video of Evensong here: www.youtube.com/live/HpTf_rvpVuU?si=wAdDiEV9ZFt7WC3Y

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

Tuesday Till Two Concerts Spring Season

Our 2026 Season of Tuesdays Till Two Lunchtime Concerts continues this week on Tuesday 26th May. Homemade organic food available in the Café from 12noon and the concert begins at 1pm. All are welcome.



Family Fun Half Term Activity Session

Our holiday time free Fun Session is this coming Wednesday 27th May at St John's from 10am-1pm with a whole host of activities featuring Pentecost and dinosaurs to link up with the Titanosaur Exhibition at the Cathedral! All ages welcome and refreshments available too!

Come & See

Our last session exploring the Eucharist takes place on Thursday as we complete the 6-week course we began in Lent. Join Canon Bill for Morning Prayer at 9am at St Luke's followed by the session until 10.30am, or Revd Michelle at The Deanery at 7pm 28th May. All welcome.



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 23rd 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.

Looking Ahead

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.



Churches Together Prayer Breakfast

The next Churches Together Prayer Breakfast is being held on the 6th June at 8am at Park Road Baptist Church. 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.

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 Curates at St John's and St Luke's!



Joining us in the summer as our curate will be Carol Tarver who will be ordained deacon at The Cathedral on Sunday 28th June at 11am. All are welcome to attend the service to support Carol (and Chris Royle, also being ordained deacon this year). Please pray for Carol, her husband Alan and their family as she prepares for this new beginning. We look forward to welcoming her!



We will also be welcoming Revd Saji Dominic, who having joined the Church of England following ministry in the Roman Catholic Church, comes to us following his first year of curacy at St Botolph's, Longthorpe, to experience Church of England ministry in a civic Church setting. We look forward to welcoming him, his wife Manjila, and daughters, Ava and Avia, at our Patronal Festival at St John's on 21st June.



Head of Operations

Brian Bell has been appointed as our Head of Operations for the parish to help us with operational management and to support our growth in activities and mission. Congratulations Brian and we look forward to you beginning your new post with us from the beginning of June!

Our Ministry with Children & Young People:

Our Together Family Service runs twice a month at 9.15am - first Sunday at the Cathedral and third Sunday at St John's Come along on 7th June to the Cathedral.

Half Term Fun There are two opportunities for family fun in half term - see above about Wednesday 27th May for our fun morning with crafts and activities here at St John's 10am-1pm. On Thursday 28th the next Deanery Youth Event is happening at Emmanuel Church Werrington, 1-4:30pm, looking at the fruits of the Spirit for ages 8-14. All welcome!

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. Find us on [facebook.com/stjohnspeterborough/](https://www.facebook.com/stjohnspeterborough/) and at www.stjohnsandstlukespeterborough.org.uk

