



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

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## Welcome to St John's and St Luke's 5th Sunday of Easter - 3rd May 2026

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

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

*President and Preacher: Revd Lex Bradley-Stow*

### Hymns this Sunday:

Processional 584 All my hope on God is founded

Offertory 365 Let us build a house

Communion 437 'Come to me', says Jesus

Recessional 818 To God be the glory



**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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In today's Gospel reading from John 14:1–14, Jesus speaks words of comfort and assurance to his disciples before his departure. He calls them—and us—not to let our hearts be troubled, but to trust in God and in him. Jesus reveals himself as the way, the truth, and the life, promising that those who believe in him will know the Father and share in his work.

**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
	7.30pm	Healing Service at St Luke's
Friday:	12noon	Eucharist at St John's

## **Motet: The Call RV Williams (1872 - 1958)**

The Call is the fourth of 5 Mystical Songs, settings of texts by the priest and poet George Herbert (1593 - 1633), often sung by a Baritone soloist. This simple setting reflects the heartfelt emotion of the text by using short phrase that almost seem to sigh, the music takes a back seat, pushing the text very much to the fore. 'Come, my way, my truth, life: Such a Way, as gives us breath: Such a Truth, as ends all strife: Such a truth as killeth death.'



### **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*

### **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*

**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.

## **Music Marathon Success!**

A huge thank you to everyone who helped with the 12 hours Music Marathon last Saturday - especially to Geoff & Marjorie Hadnam and friends for the organisation and wonderful and varied music performance throughout the day. Also to our Director of Music, Jeremy, and our Choir for their fantastic support - and to everyone who took part, welcomed, raised funds, baked cakes and served in the all day Cafe - it was a great day all round. 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 5th May. Homemade organic food available in the Café from 12noon and the concert begins at 1pm. All are welcome.



## **Piccolo**

Our monthly concert for little ones is this coming Thursday 7th May - doors open at 10am with refreshments available and the concert starts at 10.30am. A small charge for entry - 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 people. 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.

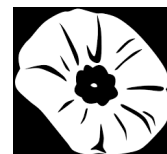
## **APCM 17th May 2026 and Deanery Synod reps.**

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 - and Nomination Forms are now available in church at the back

We are also this year electing 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 - 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.

## **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 (see note above).



# Notices

## **Thank you Judy!**



We said an enormous thank you to Judy for the last 20 years of managing the Saturday Cafe (and 40 years serving coffees and cakes to allcomers!) with a floral and musical tribute last Saturday. We also thanked Barbara Davies for almost 15 years in the Cafe too - thank you to you both and bless you as you enjoy more restful Saturdays for the future!

## **We are now 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.



## **Revd Becka's New Ministry**

Our lovely Becka has now been installed as Deanery Partnership Estates Lead and Rector of Great and Little Coates with Bradley (Parish of West Grimsby) in the Diocese of Lincoln. Many of us travelled through the Lincolnshire Wolds to attend a lovely service on 30th April. She has asked us to continue to pray for her as she begins this new ministry and for the people she will serve and who will share together in this new beginning.

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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 - including this week the 3rd May and third Sunday at St John's - next one will be 17th May.

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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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