



PETERBOROUGH PARISH CHURCH

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST AND ST LUKE'S

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Welcome to St John's and St Luke's

Patronal Festival - 21st June 2026

9.15am Family Service at St John's

Led by Revd Lex Bradley-Stow

11am Festival Eucharist at St John's

President: Revd Michelle Dalliston, Preacher: Very Revd Chris Dalliston

4pm Festival Choral Evensong at St John's

Hymns this Sunday:

Processional	320	The great forerunner (t.46)
Offertory	312	Ye watchers and ye holy ones
Communion	487	Christ is the one who calls
Recessional	748	O Jesus, I have promised



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

This week we celebrate our Patronal Festival at St John's and come together as God's people to worship as one church family with our brothers and sisters from St Luke's and to enjoy food and music, with a welcome for everyone - living out our mission to be a beacon of faith, hope and love in the heart of

our City. We welcome as our guest preacher The Dean of Peterborough, The Very Revd Chris Dalliston, and also welcome The Revd Saji Dominic, to be licensed as Assistant Curate to join our Ministry Team.

We welcome Saji, along with his family, Manjilla, Awa and Avia.

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: Come, dearest Lord - Christopher Gower b.1939 (*First performance*)

After hearing the choir and the story of its recent growth on a visit last year, Christopher very kindly agreed to write an anthem especially for the choirs of St John's. It's particularly pleasing that the first performance of this specially written piece takes place on our Patronal feast, a special day in our calendar. The text, by English theologian and poet Isaac Watts (1674-1748), is a paraphrase of the St Paul's prayer in Ephesians 3.16-21. It asks for faith, inward strength, and a deeper understanding of God's love. This highly expressive setting uses different voicings to achieve textural variety, the harmonic language draws on Christopher's rich history of music making in college and cathedral settings, including his 27 years at Peterborough cathedral. 'Come, dearest Lord, descend and dwell by faith and love in every breast; then shall we know and taste and feel the joys that cannot be expressed.' The full text can be found at hymn 438 in the hymn book.



Readings for 21st June: Patronal Festival

Isaiah 40:1-11, Psalm 85.7-end, Galatians 3:23-29, Luke 1:57-66,80)

Readings for 28th June: Fourth Sunday after Trinity

Jeremiah 28:5-9, Psalm 89:1-4,15-18, Romans 6:12 to end, Matthew 10:40 to end

Parking for our Patronal Festival Celebration Sunday 21st June

The Council have very kindly given permission for extended parking until 6pm on Trinity Street on 21st June for everyone staying for lunch and Evensong.

Baby Photo Competition

Bring along a baby photo of yourself and during the Patronal Lunch we will have a 'guess who' quiz - for a £1 a go as a fundraiser for our Mission Fund.



Maureen Julian RIP and Hazel Rixon RIP We give thanks for the lives of two remarkable women this week - Lai's mother-in-law Maureen, and Maria Steel's mother, Hazel, who have both died in this last week. Maureen's funeral will be at St John's on Tuesday 7th July (more details to follow) and our love and prayers are with Lai & Kevin, and Maria & Gordon and both their families in their loss.

The Week Ahead

Wednesday Cafe



Our Wednesday Cafe is runs weekly from 10am-12noon with freshly brewed coffee and cakes and all served by a wonderful team of students from City College, Peterborough. Drop in for a break while you are doing your shopping and do let others know about this great Cafe in the City Centre!

Ordination of Deacons - 28th June

Our new curate, Carol Tarver, will be ordained deacon at The Cathedral on Sunday 28th June at 11am, along with Chris Royle, from St Luke's, and other ordinands to serve in parishes across the Diocese. All are welcome to attend the service to support Carol and Chris. There will also be a service at St John's at 11am so please feel free to attend whichever service you wish.

Please note, there will be no service at St Luke's on 28th June.

Celebrations for Chris

Chris Royle will be having a post-ordination party at St John's from 1pm on 28th June and all are welcome to come and celebrate with her! Please bring some cakes to share if you can and tea, coffee and squash will be provided.

Looking Ahead

A Good Yarn

Our Good Yarn sessions run during the Saturday Cafe - come and learn how to knit or crochet or bring along your latest project to meet with others while you work! Our next meeting will be Saturday 27th June from 10am - 12 and then every 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month. Materials are provided for beginners - come and join us!



Churches Together Prayer Breakfast at St John's

We are hosting the next Churches Together Prayer Breakfast on Saturday 4th July, meeting for Prayer at 8am in the Lady Chapel followed by a Continental Breakfast in the Cafe. All are welcome to this special way to start the weekend sharing in worship with our friends from the other Churches in the City Centre. **If you've not been before, why not give it a go in July while we are hosting?**

Special Summer Floral Cafe

On Saturday 4th July, our Church Flower Team will be hosting the Saturday Cafe at St John's. Please come along, wearing a flowery hat or clothes and support the Cafe as we try to raise funds for flowers for the church for the rest of the year. Bring your family and friends too and spread the invite as far as you can!





Parish & Cathedral Family Garden Party at The Deanery

Our annual Garden Party shared with our friends from the Cathedral is on Sunday 26th July following on from our morning services. Bring & Share some food - drinks will be provided - as will live music - once again by our wonderful City of Peterborough Concert Band and with an added bonus this year - St Botolph's Ukulele Band! Everyone is welcome - its a whole family affair!

Organ Appeal Quiz Night



Having raised over £2,500 for our Choir & Organ Fund from our amazing Music Marathon, the next special fundraising event is a fun evening with Quiz Night and sausage and mash supper at Milton Golf Club on Saturday 12th September. There are limited places available so book your place with Geoff and Marjorie Hadnam as soon as you can. Thank you for all your support so far with the Appeal - its still possible to make a donation (please use the Gift Aid envelopes if you can) so let's keep going! We need to raise £8,000 for work on the organ so anything you can give in support is much needed and appreciated.

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. Our next service is at St Johns on 21st June as we celebrate St John the Baptist our Patron Saint, and then on 5th July at the Cathedral.

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, 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



Youth Survey

ROC (Redeeming Our Communities) The Community Engagement Charity are running a Youth Survey asking for young people's views on youth safety - please take part at caroline@roc.uk.com or visit www.roc.uk.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

