



PETERBOROUGH PARISH CHURCH

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST AND ST LUKE'S

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Welcome to St John's and St Luke's

Sixth Sunday of Trinity - 12th July 2026

9.15am Eucharist at St Luke's

11am Eucharist at St John's

President: Revd Saji Dominic

Preacher: Revd Michelle Dalliston

Hymns this Sunday:

Processional	721	Love divine, all loves excelling
Offertory	290	We plough the fields and scatter
Communion	628	Father of heaven, whose love profound
Recessional	484	You shall go out with joy



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

In today's Gospel from Matthew, we hear Jesus telling the Parable of the Sower - a sower sows seed generously and indiscriminately.

It falls in very different places - some springs up abundantly but some doesn't take root, and some is choked by weeds. The Parable shows us both God's generous and indiscriminate sharing of his love and goodness with everyone, and also that the part we play, how we receive it and live it out, makes a real difference in its fruitfulness and growth for us and others!

Services this Week

Tuesday:	9.15am	Morning Prayer at St John's
	4pm	Evening Prayer at St John's
	9.15am	Morning Prayer at St John's
Thursday:	7.30pm	Peterborough Pride Service at St John's
Friday:	12noon	Eucharist at St John's

Readings for 12th July: Sixth Sunday after Trinity

Isaiah 55:10-13, Psalm 65, Romans 8:1-11, Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Readings for 19th July: Seventh Sunday after Trinity

Isaiah 44:6-8, Psalm 86:11-end, Romans 8:12-25, Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Motet: Jesu, Dulcis Memoria (Tomas Luis de Victoria 1548 - 1611)

This morning's motet is more accurately described as a polyphonic setting of a Eucharistic hymn, the text of which is attributed to St Bernard of Clairvaux. Though short, this profound and moving setting, by Spain's master of the Renaissance, is especially memorable. 'The sweet memory of Jesus, giving true joy to the heart, but more than honey and all things, His sweet presence.'

St John's Choir Evensong at Castor Sunday 12th July at 5pm

This afternoon our fabulous Junior and Adult choirs are singing Choral Evensong at the beautiful church of St Kyneburgha's in Castor, PE5 7AX. The service, led by Canon Bill Croft (who is offering cover during the vacancy there) and the clergy of St John's, begins at 5pm and will include music by Ireland, Dyson and Rutter.

Do come and support our choirs as they share the good news of the gospel and our faith community here at St John's far and wide and enjoy the refreshments after!

Bike Ride for the Organ Appeal!

Severina and Donatas rode 50 miles last Sunday morning to raise funds for the Organ Appeal - and literally rode straight into St John's to join us for the 11am Eucharist! Huge thanks to them for their amazing efforts and to everyone who sponsored them - they smashed their £500 target thanks to such generosity from you all and they have now raised over £1000!!! Well done Severina & Donatas!



Hazel Rixon RIP The funeral for Hazel, Maria Steel's mother, will be on Monday 13th July at 2.45pm in Bridgend. Our love and prayers are with Maria & Gordon and their families in their loss and as they prepare for the funeral.

The Week Ahead

Morning Prayer Time Change

Daily
Prayer

Morning Prayer on Tuesdays and Wednesdays now begins **at 9.15am** and we gather in the Lady Chapel for a short time of prayer at the start of the day. Everyone is welcome to join in person when you can - it's a wonderful way to begin each day! You can also join in via the Daily Prayer app, downloadable from the Church of England website or via the QR code on the leaflets.

Wednesday Cafe



Our Wednesday Cafe runs weekly from 10am-12noon with freshly brewed coffee and cakes throughout July so do drop in for a break while you are doing your shopping and do let others know about this great Cafe in the City Centre!

Pride Service & Pride Weekend



As part of this year's Pride celebrations we are once again hosting a Pride Eucharist Service at St John's - on Thursday 16th July at 7.30pm. Everyone is welcome and there will be light refreshments served afterwards too. You are also all invited to join in with Peterborough Pride

Weekend on Saturday 18th July - gathering at Stanley Rec at 12.30pm for the Pride March which begins at 1pm and will walk via the Cathedral and St John's to the Embankment where there will be stalls, live music, entertainment and food stalls etc. All are welcome to join this joyous celebration in the heart of Peterborough.

Farewell to Honour!

Sadly the time for Honour's placement with us as our Youth Worker is coming to an end on 19th July and we will say farewell and thank you to her for her amazing work in growing our City Alight Youth Group over the last three years. Please pray in thanksgiving for Honour and her wonderful ministry and for her as she finishes her degree and looks for a paid post to continue in youth work.

Looking Ahead



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 - it's a whole family affair!



We Build Wednesdays

The theme for this year's Window Wednesdays Family Fun sessions every Wednesday in August from 10am-1pm is lego-inspired! Working in partnership with the Cathedral and their summer exhibition we will be doing all kinds of activities based on building and creating with small plastic bricks! There will also be prayer trails in both the Cathedral and St John's. All families are welcome, and if anyone has any spare lego or duplo etc, please let Revd Lex know.

Parish Picnic

Our annual summer picnic this year is on Sunday 9th August and we'll meet outside in St John's Square with live music from harpist, Eleanor Turner. Bring your picnic and come and join in!

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 25th July from 10am - 12 and then every 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month. Materials are provided for beginners - come and join us!

Bishop of Brixworth Consecration

The Venerable Alex Hughes will be consecrated as a Bishop at Westminster Abbey on Thursday 16th July at 11am. Please pray for Alex as he begins this new ministry and we look forward to welcoming him in the autumn when he will formally take up his role as Bishop of Brixworth, working alongside Bishop Debbie and sharing in leading us in the Diocese of Peterborough.

St John's Community Support Hub - New One Church Hub



The Community Support Hub at St John's is now part of a joined up 'One Church Hub' working more closely with the Hubs at St Mark's Church, Lincoln Road and Park Road Baptist Church. Together we offer a welcome to everyone, with food and support, including the Digital Support Hub and link ups with health and social support where needed, as well as assistance with applications to the Crisis Resilience Fund. Throughout July, we will be open on Tuesdays only at St John's from 10-12 offering breakfast, advice and support. We'll be closed on Fridays in July as we carry out training and preparation for this new phase of Hub work. Thank you to all our existing volunteers - and if this is something you would like to find out more about then please speak to Revd Michelle or Malikia.

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 19th July 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 dom@stjohnsandstlukespeterborough.org.uk



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



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

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