



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

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Welcome to St John's and St Luke's

Eighth Sunday of Trinity - 26th July 2026

9.15am Eucharist at St Luke's

11am Eucharist at St John's

President: Canon Helen Dearnley

Preacher: Revd Saji Dominic

Hymns this Sunday:

Processional	766	Praise my soul the king of heaven
Offertory	787	Take my life and let it be
Communion	785	Such love, pure as the whitest snow
Recessional	569	The kingdom of God is justice and joy



COMMUNION



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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Jesus tells more parables of the kingdom - things that his hearers can relate to and yet also miraculous - a tiny seed that grows into a plant so tall that all the birds of the air can make their nests there; leaven that causes dough to become light and airy bread; a pearl so fine that a merchant would give up everything they have in exchange for it! We can understand these stories by heart even if there's no easy explanation. Just so is the kingdom of God - something that our hearts recognise and respond to!

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
Friday:	12noon	Eucharist at St John's

Readings for 26th July: Eighth Sunday after Trinity

1 Kings 3:5-12, Psalm 119:129-136, Romans 8:26-39, Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Readings for 2nd August: Ninth Sunday after Trinity

Isaiah 55:1-5, Psalm 145:8-9, 15-22, Romans 9:1-5, Matthew 14:13-21

Motet: Jesu, the very thought - Edward Bairstow (1874-1946)

Today's motet is an English translation of Jesu, dulcis memoria, written by St Bernard of Clairvaux, by the lyricist, translator and Clergyman, Edward Caswell (1814-1878). Its intertwining vocal lines recall the polyphonic nature of Renaissance settings in a rich, romantic idiom, displaying Brahmsian influence, dramatic and spacious, evoking great cathedral spaces such as York Minster, where Bairstow was organist from 1913 until his death in 1946.

Parish & Cathedral Family Garden Party at The Deanery

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

Prayer and Pastoral Care

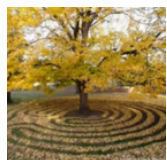
Join in with the ongoing prayer in the life of our parish as we ask God to guide us in our mission and to help us grow in discipleship. Come along to any of our weekly services or join in at home with simple Daily Prayer leaflets (available from both churches) or via the Church of England website or Daily Prayer App:

www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-service-daily-prayer

There are plenty of prayer resources too on the prayer tables in both churches for you to use in church or take home so feel free to have a look!

Pastoral Visits and Home Communion

Our clergy and Pastoral Team are able to visit you at home and bring communion



to you if you would like that and are unable to attend services at church. Please speak to any of the clergy team if you would like to arrange a visit.

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!

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 meetings are every 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month. Materials are provided for beginners - come and join us!

Looking Ahead

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 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.



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! **Trinity Street carpark access has been extended until 4.30pm.**

Parking in the City Centre

Throughout August there will be free parking after 3pm in all the Council run car parks in the City! This is all part of efforts to encourage a vibrant city centre so why not stay in after the morning service and make a day of it and support our local cafes and restaurants?

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. Support is available every day of the week - Mondays 2-4pm at St Mark's, Tuesdays 10-12 at St John's, Wednesdays 10.30am-1pm at Park Road Baptist Church, Thursdays 12-2pm at St Mark's and Fridays (from August 7th) 11am-2pm at St John's. We offer food, advice and support and everyone is welcome!



Good News! Thank you to all our kitchen volunteers who help prepare, cook and serve food for the Hub and church events. Thanks to you we have been awarded a 5 Star Food Hygiene Rating following our recent review and check!

Digital Hub Open on Tuesdays 10am to 12: St John's Digital Hub offers support to anyone who finds the digital world challenging and is one of several Digital Hubs in Peterborough providing a welcoming space where people can get free, friendly help to build their confidence online. We are open on Tuesdays 10-12 offering one-to-one support to get online and answer questions you may have.



Organ Appeal Quiz Night



The next special fundraising event for the Organ Appeal is a fun evening with Quiz Night and sausage and mash supper at Milton Golf Club on Saturday 12th September. Book your place with Geoff and Marjorie Hadnam as soon as you can. Thank you for all your support so far with the Appeal and you can make a donation anytime (please use the Gift Aid envelopes if you can). 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 2nd August 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. The Junior Choir are currently on their summer break and will return on 6th September. 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 - watch this space for more info when we return on Friday 4th September! For more info email our youth work team at 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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