



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

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Welcome to St John's and St Luke's Fifteenth Sunday After Trinity 13th September 2026

9.15am Eucharist at St Luke's

11am Eucharist & Baptism at St John's

President: Revd Michelle Dalliston

Preacher: Revd Saji Dominic

Hymns this Sunday:

Processional	766	Praise my soul, the King of heaven
Offertory	494	I, the Lord of sea and sky
Communion	430	Bread of heaven
Recessional	667	I danced in the morning



Children & Families are especially welcome at both St Luke's and St John's and there are a variety of 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

Today we reflect on *Matthew 18:21-35*, where Jesus tells the parable of the unforgiving servant. Through this powerful story, we are invited to consider the depth of God's forgiveness towards us and the call to extend that same forgiveness to others. As we worship together, may our hearts be open to God's grace, mercy, and transforming love.

Services this Week

Tuesday:	9.15am	Morning Prayer at St John's
Tuesday:	4pm	Evening Prayer at St John's
Wednesday:	9.15am	Morning Prayer at St John's
Friday:	12noon	Eucharist at St John's

Readings for 13th September: Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

Genesis 50:15-21, Psalm 103:1-13, Romans 14:1-12, Matthew 18:21-35

Readings for 20th September: Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

Jonah 3:10-end of 4, Psalm 145:1-8, Philippians 1:21-end, Matthew 20:1-16

Sunday's Motet: Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake - John Hilton (1565 - 1609)

Published in Henry Bull's *Christian Prayers and Holy Meditations* (1566), this popular work, previously misattributed to Richard Farrant, sets this simple prayer with an air of calm and confident trust. 'Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake, lay not our sins to our charge, but forgive that is past, and give us grace to amend our sinful lives; to decline from sin and incline to virtue, that we may walk in a perfect heart before thee now and evermore.'

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:

Daily
Prayer

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.

'Growing & Giving Together' - Stewardship Review in Creationtide

During September and leading up to our Harvest Festival on 4th October, we are in the season of Creationtide when we give thanks for the gifts of God to us in creation. This year we will also be thinking about our stewardship and giving as we thank God for all the blessings we receive and consider what our response can be as we seek to grow together in faith, love and service. There will be a leaflet and further information available from Sunday 6th September and throughout the month.

The Week Ahead

Heritage Open Weekend - 12th and 13th September at St John's



Come along to St John's on Saturday 12th September (10am to 4pm) and Sunday 13th September (until 4pm) for a fun weekend of free events including activities for children, a history display, tower tours, café open all day and much more! It's a chance to learn lots about the history and heritage of St John's, the Cathedral, our City and local cultural groups. Why not bring along family and friends too?

Little Lukes

Little Lukes, our toddlers group, has started on Friday mornings at St Luke's from 10-11:30am. Lots of toys and fun, with a Bible story at the end. All preschool children and their carers are welcome.

Welcoming Bishop Alex!

The new Bishop of Brixworth, the Rt Revd Alex Hughes, is being welcomed to the Diocese on Sunday 20th September at a special service at Peterborough Cathedral at 3.30pm. Everyone is warmly invited to come along to welcome Alex and Sarah.

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

Ministry Experience Scheme news!

See the latest Prayer Newsletter for exciting news about Liv-Astrid and Roisin as they continue their work as part of the Ministry Experience Scheme. This year we welcome Caty Jepps to join the team for Peterborough Deanery, and she will be sharing a placement with us and Werrington Parish. Caty will be with us next Sunday 13th September for the first time and we look forward to welcoming her.

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 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, 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.

Digital Hub Open on Tuesdays 10am to 12: St John's Digital Hub offers support to anyone who finds the digital world challenging and provides 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.



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. We meet this Sunday 6th September at the Cathedral and then 20th September 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. The Junior Choir 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 and join us when we return on Friday 4th September! For more info email our youth work team at cityalightyouth@gmail.com



Volunteer with us!

Have you thought about volunteering for the church? We have lots of opportunities available - more information can be found at www.go-vip.co.uk/o/St-Johns-church. Please speak to our Head of Operations, Brian Bell, or email him at volunteering@stjohnsandstlukespeterborough.org.uk



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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