



PETERBOROUGH PARISH CHURCH
ST JOHN THE BAPTIST AND ST LUKE'S
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Welcome to St John's and St Luke's

Bible Sunday - 25th October 2026

9.15am Eucharist at St Luke's

President: Revd Canon Helen Dearnley, Preacher: Revd Carol Tarver

11am Eucharist at St John's

President: Revd Michelle Dalliston, Preacher: Revd Carol Tarver

6pm Songs of Praise at St Luke's

Hymns this Sunday:

Processional	676 Immortal, invisible
Offertory	604 Brother, sister, let me serve you
Communion	422 Alleluia, sing to Jesus!
Recessional	477 Go forth and tell! (Tune 394)



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.



Safeguarding is at the heart of all we are and do and is everyone's responsibility to keep each other safe. If you have any concerns for yourself or others please speak to our Parish Safeguarding Officer at safeguarding@stjohnsandstlukespeterborough.org.uk or 07784 254610. See the blue Safeguarding Posters at the back of church for more info.

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 give thanks for the gift of Holy Scripture, God's living word that continues to guide, challenge, and encourage us. In today's Gospel, Jesus reminds us that while heaven and earth may pass away, his words will never pass away (Matthew 24:35).

As we celebrate Bible Sunday, may we listen afresh for God's voice in the Scriptures and be strengthened to live faithfully in hope, wisdom, and 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 25th October: Bible Sunday

Nehemiah 8:1-4a, 8-12, Psalm 119:9-16, Colossians 3:12-17, Matthew 24:30-35

Readings for 1st November: All Saints' Day

Revelation 7:9-end, Psalm 34:1-10, 1 John 3:1-3, Matthew 5:1-12



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 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!

Daily
Prayer

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

We gave thanks for all the responses to our Stewardship Review. Thank you for such generous giving of time, talents and finances. If you haven't yet had a Stewardship Pack please ask any of the clergy team, or our Treasurer, Lucy Georgiou, for more information. Thank you for all you give and do!

Beetle Drive

Thank you to everyone who took part in last week's Beetle Drive at St Luke's! Thank you to Lex, Carol & Emma for organising such a great evening and just over £200 was raised.

St Luke's 125 Celebrations

It's been a wonderful month of celebrations and events for St Luke's 125th Birthday - thank you to everyone who has taken part and to Evie especially for coordinating and supporting it all. This weekend continues the celebrations at St Luke's with a Family Music event on Saturday from 1.30-3.30pm and Songs of Praise at 6pm on Sunday followed by cake! Do come along if you can.

The Week Ahead



Family Fun during Half Term.

On Wednesday 28th October we will be holding our next Family Fun event between 10am and 1pm. Autumn and Halloween-themed free crafts and activities with refreshments for all the family. We'd love to see you there.



Fright & Light Party

Our Youth Group Halloween Party is on Friday 30th at St John's from 5.30-7.30pm. Come along for a whole family event - dress up in your favourite Halloween costume and come and celebrate the light that drives all our fears away! Hot dogs provided!



Little Lukes Toddler and Playgroup is taking a break for Half Term but will return on Friday mornings from 6th November at St Luke's from 10-11:30am. Lots of toys and fun, with a Bible story and interactive songs at the end. All preschool children and their carers are welcome. Small charge of £2 per family for up to 2 children - for each additional child 50p. Please share the info with family and friends.



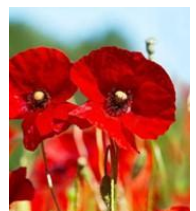
All Saints & All Souls Sunday 1st November

Sunday 1st November is the day we celebrate All Saints - the famous saints of old and those known to us among our family and friends whose examples have inspired us in our faith journey. At 4pm on Sunday 1st November we hold our Service of Remembrance where we read the names of those we have loved and lost and light candles in their memory. Do add names to the lists at the back of both churches and invite family and friends to come along to this special time of remembrance. Refreshments are served afterwards.



Remembrance Sunday 8th November

All are welcome to the Civic Act of Remembrance at the Town Hall in Bridge Street on Sunday 8th November which begins at 11am and is led by Revd Michelle with Bishop Debbie giving the blessing. There will also be an Act of Remembrance and Wreath laying inside St John's if you prefer not to walk to Bridge Street.



Poppy Cascade

An amazing band of knitters and crocheters have been working on 3,000 or so poppies to make a poppy cascade for this year's Remembrance season - huge thanks to June Swinger and the Good Yarn group and everyone who has helped with this special way of remembering all those who have died as a result of war, and all who work to keep peace in difficult times.

Looking Ahead

Churches Together Prayer Breakfast

The next Churches Together Prayer Breakfast is being held on the 7th November at 8am at Park Road Baptist Church. This is a chance to join in worship with members of the other Churches in the City Centre, followed by a chance to chat and socialise over breakfast.

St John's Community Support Hub - One Church Hub

The Community Support Hub offers a welcome to everyone, with food and support, link ups with health and social support, and 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, Wednesday 10.30am-1pm at Park Road Baptist Church, Thursdays 12-2pm at St Mark's & Fridays 11am-2pm at St John's.



Sol Cowne Gemmell is the Hub Coordinator for the One Church Hub joint project between St John's, St Mark's and Park Road Baptist Church, who helps people in need with CRF applications. You can read more about the scheme here:

<https://www.peterborough.gov.uk/money-and-benefits/crisis-and-resilience-fund/crisis-payment-scheme>

Please visit on one of the one church hub days and ask to speak to Sol, or email to arrange a meeting: hubcoordinator@stjohnsandstlukespeterborough.org.uk

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. Drop in and see us with any questions or support needed.

We are Recruiting - come and join our Amazing Team!

We are calling out for volunteers - specifically to help with the Hub on Tuesdays and Fridays, our Saturday Cafe and our Cards for Good Causes Stall which will begin on Saturday 24th October. Please let our Head of Operations, Brian Bell, know if you would like to find out more 07761 343670 or volunteering@stjohnsandstlukespeterborough.org.uk

Our Ministry with Children & Young People:



Together Family Service runs twice a month at 9.15am - first Sunday at the Cathedral and third Sunday at St John's. A relaxed and interactive service for children and families with activities, coffee and cake!

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 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 activities, games, crafts, discussions and trips out. We are currently not meeting until Friday 30th October. Once a month we have a family night too - watch this space for more info and join us. For more info email our youth work team at cityalightyouth@gmail.com



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'St John the Baptist Peterborough': www.easyfundraising.org.uk



Keep in touch: Our parish **Whats App Group** is a great way to keep in touch with all that's going on and share news with the church family. Let Revd Michelle or Revd Lex know if you'd like to join.

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