



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

Harvest Festival

4th October 2026

9.15am Festival Eucharist at St Luke's

11am Festival Eucharist at St John's

President: Revd Michelle Dalliston, Preacher: Revd Lex Bradley-Stow

Hymns this Sunday:

Processional	282	Come ye thankful people
Offertory	283	Fill your hearts with joy and gladness
Communion	533	All things bright and beautiful
Recessional	290	We plough the fields



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 or to our Clergy. 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

This Sunday is Harvest Festival when we come together in thanksgiving for all God's gifts to us in creation and for the fruits of the earth that we are given for food. The Harvest gifts we bring are given to Peterborough Foodbank so that we share God's abundance with those in need. We celebrate together at St John's with a Harvest Lunch after the main service from 1pm. Do come along - all are welcome!

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
	7.30pm	Healing Service at St Luke's
Friday:	12noon	Eucharist at St John's

Readings for 4th October: Harvest Festival

Deuteronomy 8:7-18, Psalm 65, 2 Corinthians 9:6-15, Luke 12:16-30

Readings for 11th October: St Luke's Patronal Festival

Isaiah 35:3-6, Psalm 147:1-7, 2 Timothy 4:5-17, Luke 10:1-9

Sunday's Motet: Thou visitest the earth by Maurice Greene 1695 - 1755

'Thou visitest the earth' was originally published in 1743 as a movement within a much larger verse anthem, Thou, O God, Art Praised In Sion. Setting a text from Psalm 65, this graceful and dancing anthem celebrates God's many blessings and gives thanks for a plenteous harvest.



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:

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

We give thanks at our Harvest Festival services for all the responses to our Stewardship Review so far as we give thanks for God's generosity to us in creation and all the blessings we receive. If you haven't yet had a Stewardship Pack please see the leaflets at the back of both churches and ask any of the clergy team, or our Treasurer, Lucy Georgiou, for more information. Thank you for all you give and do!

The Week Ahead



Service of Reflection and Prayers for Healing – 7th October

Our monthly Healing Service will take place on Wednesday 7th October at 7.30pm at St Luke's – a peaceful time of prayers and reflection with anointing – come for yourself and come with the needs of those you love and care for, and for the suffering of the world.



Open Mind Cafe - 8th October

Our monthly LGBTQ+ and allies mental health and wellbeing meet up group is this Thursday from 12-2pm serving a light lunch and with time to chat and be together.



Little Lukes our new Toddler and Playgroup is on Friday mornings 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 it is 50p. Please share the info with family and friends.

Looking Ahead



St Luke's Patronal Festival

We're celebrating St Luke's Patronal on Sunday 11th October with a joint Parish Festival Eucharist at St Luke's at 10.30am followed by a Bring & Share Lunch. **THERE IS NO SERVICE AT ST JOHN'S ON THE 11th October - which is also the Great Eastern Run so roads into the city centre are closed.** All are welcome at St Luke's!

St Luke's 125th Celebrations

St Luke's is 125 years old this October! There are a series of events throughout the month including a history display, artists' exhibition, book and plant sale, and Songs of Praise on 25th October at 6pm. See posters for further info. Please also join in with the Birthday Card Challenge - send a Happy Birthday Card to St Luke's so we can decorate the church with at least 125 Birthday Cards! Pass to one of the clergy asap!



St Luke's Beetle Drive

As part of our celebrations at St Luke's for the Patronal, we are holding another Beetle Drive on Friday 16th October at 6.30pm. It will be a family-friendly evening suitable for all ages, with a fish and chip supper and prizes for the winners! Tickets cost £12 each and choose from fish, sausage or mushrooms & chips. Bring your own drinks or a mug for free tea/coffee. Book your place with Revd Carol at carol@stjohnsandstlukespeterborough.org.uk

St Juke's All Sorts Evening



Come and celebrate both patronal festivals at St Luke's and St Jude's with our amazing St Juke's All Sorts Evening. A night of fun, food and fellowship and bring a song to sing, an instrument to play, a joke to tell, and food to share on Friday 23rd October, 6.30pm at St Jude's Hall, Cranford Drive PE3 7EW.

Ministry Experience Scheme news!



This year we welcome Caty Jepps to join the MES team for Peterborough Deanery - she is sharing a placement with us and Werrington Parish and will be with us for the second and third Sundays each month, supporting our new Junior Church activities and sharing in various aspects of our parish ministry including supporting the new Little Lukes Toddler Group.

St John's Community Support Hub - One Church Hub



The Community Support Hub offers 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, 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. We meet this Sunday 4th October 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 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. 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 Charity registration number 1127813

