PETERBOROUGH PARISH CHURCH

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST AND ST LUKE'S

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Welcome to St John's and St Luke's

Safeguarding Sunday – 15th November 2026

9.15am 'Together' Family Service at St John's
Led by: Revd Lex Bradley-Stow

9.15am Eucharist at St Luke's
President: Revd Saji Dominic, Preacher: Revd Carol Tarver

11am Eucharist at St John's
President: Revd Saji Dominic, Preacher: Revd Lex Bradley-Stow

Hymns this Sunday:

Processional	676	Immortal, invisible
Offertory	454	Love is his word
Communion	805	There is redeemer
Recessional	766	Praise my soul

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.

Photos and videos are not permitted during any service.

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Welcome to St John's and St Luke's

Today is Safeguarding Sunday when we consider together how we can be a safe place for everyone and create a safe and healthy culture in the life of our church. Everyone is welcome here, everyone's voice matters and everyone should be safe and treated with care and respect.
The theme for this year's Safeguarding Sunday is **'Love Protects'** - in 1 Cornithians 13 we hear just this and it shows us what love looks like in real life. In its simplest terms, safeguarding is about loving each other, and protecting those in our care. It helps us see that safeguarding isn't about compliance, regulations or box-ticking, but about the very heart of what it means to follow Jesus.
"Let us love not in word and speech, but in action and truth." (1 John 3:18)

Safeguarding Concerns If you have any concerns about safeguarding, please speak to Rhi Bradley-Stow, our Parish Safeguarding Officer. Contact details are on the front of this Pewslip, on the blue Safeguarding Posters, Photo Posters and Info in both churches. Please also see our new 'A Safe Church' display board at the back of St John's

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 15th November: Safeguarding Sunday
Zephaniah 1:7. 12-end, Psalm 90:1-8,12, 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11, Matthew 25:14-30
Readings for 22nd November: Christ the King
Ezekiel 34:11-16,20-24, Psalm 95:1-7, Ephesians 1:15-23, Matthew 25:31-46

Motet for Sunday: Listen Sweet Dove Grayston Ives (b.1948)
Ives is a former member of the King's Singers, later organist of Magdalen College, Oxford. His setting of George Herbert's text has a simple folk-song like melody with astringent harmonies underneath.



Prayer Cycle
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!

The Cards for Good Causes Stall
is now open in St John's and you can visit to buy a wonderful selection of Charity Christmas Cards, Advent Calendars and other gifts on Monday-Saturday between 10am-3pm. If you can spare an hour or two to help with the stall, please speak to Brian Bell, our Head of Operations.

Breast Cancer Now

A huge thank you to all who helped raise funds for Breast Cancer Now as part of Breast Cancer Awareness month at last Saturday's Cafe, as well as those who took part in the sweepstake, or bought pins. Together we raised just over £400. Thank you!

Poppy Cascade



An amazing band of knitters and crocheters have created more than 3,000 poppies to make a poppy cascade for this year's Remembrance season. Huge thanks to June Swingler, the Good Yarn group, our Flower Team for their beautiful displays and everyone involved in 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.

St John's Organ Appeal



We're raising £10,000 for urgent repairs to the organ keyboards and mechanism - plus a bit more for future contingencies. Amazing fundraising efforts so far: 12 hour Music Marathon, Severina & Donatas's Bike Ride Challenge, Quiz Night, successful application to the ON Organ Fund and many generous donations already we have raised £6,500! We need to secure the remainder before January when the work will be carried out so we have now launched a public appeal which has already raised just over £1,000. Please help us reach the total - see the link and share if you can - thank you!
https://www.zeffy.com/en-GB/donation-form/please-help-our-organ-sing-for-generations-to-come

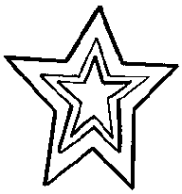
The Week Ahead

Christmas Tree Festival - Decoration Making

We are once again taking part in the Christmas Tree Festival at the Cathedral which opens on Friday 27th November. We'll be decorating our Tree in situ on Thursday 26th so do let Caty Jepps (our Ministry Experience Volunteer) know if you can help. Caty and Gemma Doherty will have some decorations for us to make together after the service at St John's this Sunday, and we will continue with these on Sunday 22nd too. Please also feel free to bring in other decorations from home to add to the collection!

Little Lukes Playgroup is every Friday in termtime at St Luke's from 10-11.30am for babies, toddlers and their parents and carers. Play time, activities, healthy snacks and a story time with songs and actions. Come and join us!

Christmas Light Switch On – 20th November



The big Christmas Light Switch On is on Friday 20th November with an evening of celebration from 5-7.30pm in Cathedral Square. St John's will be open from 5pm along with the Cards for Good Causes Stall. If you can help as a welcomer for any who come to visit and might be looking for a space for peace and prayer then please let Brian know. From 6pm we will offer mulled wine and mince pies with a service of Compline by candlelight at the end of the evening.

Parish Sunday Lunch Out - 22nd November

Our next Sunday Lunch Out is on 22nd November at Wildwood at 1.30pm. Please sign up on the lists in both churches and come and enjoy!

Looking Ahead

Churches Together Annual Advent Reflection Day - 28th November

The Churches Together Advent Reflection Day is on Saturday 28th November from 10am to 3pm at Park Road Baptist Church. The Day is being led by the Very Revd Chris

Dalliston, Dean of Peterborough. Come and spend time with those from other churches and reflect upon the true meaning of Advent and Christmas. Coffee and tea will be provided. There is a suggested donation of £5. Places need to be booked via Denise Thomas on 01733 834736 or office@peterborough-stmarys.org.uk

HMP Peterborough is asking for donations of tubs of chocolates so they can give some to those spending time in prison this Christmas. If you would like to bring your tubs of Heroes, Quality Streets, Roses or Celebrations to the office we will deliver them to the prison on 8th December. Thank you.

Night Shelter Returns The Light Project Peterborough has secured funding to restart the Winter Night Shelter for people who are homeless in December and January. City Centre churches are planning to work together to provide a 7 night a week provision with different churches or groups of volunteers supporting one night each week. If you would be interested in helping out, to share in providing an evening meal, or breakfast, or to support the night shift team of volunteers, please speak to Revd Michelle.

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 and helps people in need with CRF applications. 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.

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@stjohnsandstlukepeterborough.org.uk

City Alight Youth – Our Youth group for young people aged 7+ meets every Friday 5.30-7.30pm during term-time for activities, games, crafts, discussions and trips out. Once a month we have a family night too - watch this space for more info and come and join us. For more info email our youth work team at citylightyouth@gmail.com

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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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