# PETERBOROUGH PARISH CHURCH

## ST JOHN THE BAPTIST AND ST LUKE'S

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# Welcome to St John's and St Luke's

## Christ the King – 22nd November 2026

**9.15am Eucharist at St Luke's**
**11am Eucharist at St John's**

*President: Revd Canon Michelle Dalliston*
*Preacher: Revd Saji Dominic*

**Hymns this Sunday:**

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| Processional | 769 | Rejoice! The Lord is King |
| Offertory | 489 | From heaven you came |
| Communion | 700 | King of Kings, majesty |
| Recessional | 612 | Christ triumphant |

**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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The Feast of Christ the King marks the end of the Kingdom Season and the end of the old Church Year.
We've been remembering the saints and souls of the faithful and and now we celebrate Jesus as King of all heaven and earth!
We long for his kingdom to come on earth as in heaven.

## Services this Week

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| 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 22nd November: Christ the King***
*Ezekiel 34:11-16,20-24, Psalm 95:1-7, Ephesians 1:15-23, Matthew 25:31-46*
***Readings for 29th November: Advent Sunday***
*Isaiah 64:1-9, Psalm 80:1-8. 18-20, 1 Corinthians 1:3-9, Mark 13:24-end*

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## Motet for Sunday: King of all ages - Paul Isom (b.1959)

This uplifting setting of a 10th century Latin text translated by the monks of Mount St Bernard Abbey features a well crafted and memorable tune which receives different treatments in each verse. This approachable and enjoyable piece ends with a rousing and triumphant 'Amen!' 'King of all ages, throned on high, Yet saviour too of those with faith, Death at your onslaught died in fear, And grace triumphant rules supreme.'



## 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 running up until 16th December.

## 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 have included a 12 hour Music Marathon, Severina & Donatas's Bike Ride Challenge, the Quiz Night, and a successful application to the ON Organ Fund. Through all this and many generous donations already we have raised over £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're making some more decorations after the service today if you'd like to join in and willl be decorating our Tree at the Cathedral on Thursday 26th so do let Caty Jepps (our Ministry Experience Volunteer) know if you can help. 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!

# Looking Ahead

**Churches Together Annual Advent Reflection Day - 28th November**

The Churches Together Advent Reflection Day is on Saturday 28th November, 10am to 3pm at Park Road Baptist Church and 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

**Christmas Craft Fayres - 28th November and 5th December**

Come along and pick up some fabulous crafts for Christmas gifts at our two Christmas Craft Fayres on Saturday 28th November and 5th December as part of our Saturday Cafes - all from 10am-3pm - look forward to seeing you there!



**Advent Begins on Advent Sunday 29th November**

Advent Sunday is 29th November when a new church year begins and the wonderful themes of Advent help us to look back to the promises of God and the joy of the first Christmas and forward to the time when the King of all the ages returns in his glory.

The Church of England's Advent & Christmas Resources this year are based on **'The Gift of Christmas'** - you can access daily prayers and reflections for Advent here https://www.churchofengland.org/faith/advent-and-christmas/gift-christmas and check out the special Advent Prayer Trees and Prayer Cards in the Lady Chapel at St John's and on the Prayer Table at St Luke's

Join in with the **Advent Procession** at the Cathedral at 6pm on Advent Sunday and come along to our Christmas events - **St John's Christmas Concert** with the City of Peterborough Concert Band and St John's Choir on Friday 11th December at 7.30pm and **Carols for the City by Candlelight** on Sunday 13th December at 6.30pm. See the Christmas Posters and flyers for further details.

**Christmas Piccolo** for pre-schoolers and their parents and carers is on Thursday 3rd December 10.30am-11.30am featuring the City of Peterborough Concert Band and all your Christmas favourite songs and carols. Don't forget to wear your Christmas Jumper!

**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.

**Blessing our City** - if can you can spare another tub of chocolates please help us bless our local businesses so we can take then a little gift bag with some chocolates and a prayer card as a reminder that we are praying for them, their customers and staff at this busy time of year.

**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 will 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 cityalightyouth@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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