PETERBOROUGH PARISH CHURCH

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST AND ST LUKE'S

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Welcome to St John's and St Luke's

Remembrance Sunday – 8th November 2026

9.15am Eucharist at St Luke's
10.55am Eucharist at St John's

There will be an Act of Remembrance at both churches as well as the Civic Act of Remembrance which takes place at the War Memorial in Bridge Street beginning at 10.55am. Those attending there will be able to join in with the service at St John's which follows.

Hymns this Sunday:

Processional	746	O God, our help
Offertory	713	Lord of all hopefulness
Communion	437	'Come to me', says Jesus
Recessional	675	Immortal love for ever full

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.

HOLY COMMUNION

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 are not permitted during any service.

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On Remembrance Sunday we recall the Great Wars and conflicts past and present where people of all ages and nationalities have given their lives in the cause of peace. As we remember, we pray for those whose memory we cherish, and in a world of increasing conflict once again, we pray for the lessons of war to strengthen our commitment to peace and mutual flourishing. As Christians we are inspired by Christ's example and command – 'greater love has no-one than this: to lay down one's life for their friends' and 'love one another as I have loved you.'

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 8th November: Remembrance Sunday

Wisdom of Solomon 6:12-16, Psalm 70, 1 Thessalonians 4:13-end, Matthew 25:1-13

Readings for 15th November: Second Sunday before Advent

Zephaniah 1:7. 12-end, Psalm 90:1-8,12, 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11, Matthew 25:14-30

Motet for Sunday:

So they gave their bodies to the commonwealth - Peter Aston (1938-2013)

The text is part of a funeral oration reputedly given by Pericles (c.495-429 BC), an Athenian statesman, delivered near the start of the Peloponnesian War. As well as praising the dead, the text reflects on themes of freedom and justice. Aston cleverly references the Last Post in the haunting final phrase of this thoughtful and emotive setting.



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!

Breast Cancer Now

A huge thank you to all those who came to the Saturday Cafe raising money for Breast Cancer Now as part of Breast Cancer Awareness month, those who took part in the sweepstake at the Beetle Drive, or bought pins. Together, we raised a huge £357.83 - Thank you!

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.



Poppy Cascade
An amazing band of knitters and crocheters have been working on 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 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.



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. Thanks to some amazing fundraising efforts so far with the 12 Music Marathon, Severina & Donatas's Bike Ride Challenge, a successful application to the ON Organ Fund and many generous donations already we have almost £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. Please 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

Wednesday Cafe - 11th November
This week, we welcome students from Marshfields School to run our Wednesday Cafe from 10am-12, along with students from The Peterborough School for their termly mini concert from just after 11am. As it is Armistice Day, there will be a short prayer of Remembrance and 2 minutes silence kept at 11am.

Open Mind Cafe - 12th November Our monthly Cafe for people from the LGBTQ+ community and allies is this Thursday from 12-2pm. Safe space and lunch for all.

Little Lukes Playgroup is on each Friday at St Luke's from 10-11.30am for babies, toddlers and their parents and carers. Come and join us!

Safeguarding Sunday - 15th November
Our Sunday Services next week will highlight Safeguarding and the ways in which we all share in keeping each other safe and our church family a welcoming and inclusive place for all. If you have any concerns about safeguarding, please speak to Rhi Bradley-Stow, our Parish Safeguarding Office - contact details are on the front of this Pewslip and on the blue Safeguarding Posters and Photo Posters and Info in both churches.

Looking Ahead

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. St John's will be open 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 7pm we will offer mulled wine and mince pies followed by a service of Compline by candlelight at the end.

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!

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 the 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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