

### May Diary

**May 3<sup>rd</sup> 11am** APCM after the 10am service  
**May 4<sup>th</sup> & May 25<sup>th</sup>** Bank Holiday (office closed)  
**May 9<sup>th</sup> 12pm** Christian Aid Lunch in the Hall  
**May 11<sup>th</sup>** NHS Blood donation in the Hall all day  
**May 12<sup>th</sup> 2pm** Tea@2 in the Hervey Room  
**May 16<sup>th</sup>** Church Family Day in the Hall  
**May 19<sup>th</sup> 12.30pm** Deanery Chapter in the Hall  
**2.15pm** Mothers' Union in the Hervey Room  
**7.30pm** WFGS in the Hall  
**May 20<sup>th</sup> 2.15pm**  
 Songs of Praise at St John's  
**May 21<sup>st</sup> 2pm** Bible Book Group  
**May 24<sup>th</sup> 12pm** Baptism of Aoife  
**Every Thursday** – Morning Prayer on Facebook 9am  
**Every Wednesday in term time** – **1.30pm** Tiny Tots  
**Every Thursday - 11am** Holy Communion at St John's  
**7pm** Choir Practice – term time only (6.30pm for school age choristers)  
**1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays 6.30pm** - Youth Café for Years 6-8 at the Church Hall & Youth Life for Years 9 and above at The Rectory (May 3<sup>rd</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> this month ). Term time only.

Date	Time	Service	Readings
3 <sup>rd</sup> May	8am	Holy Communion	Acts 7. 55-end
Easter 5	10am	Holy Communion	John 14. 1-14
	4pm	Peter's Praise	
4 <sup>th</sup> May	7pm	Evening Prayer	
6 <sup>th</sup> May	10am	Holy Communion	Acts 15. 1-6 John 15. 1-8
10 <sup>th</sup> May	8am	Holy Communion	Acts 17.22-31 John 14.15-21
Easter 6	10am	All Age Communion	Zechariah 8. 1-13
Rogation	4pm	Peter's Praise	John 14. 15-21
	6pm	Songs of Praise	
11 <sup>th</sup> May	7pm	Evening Prayer	
13 <sup>th</sup> May	10am	Holy Communion	Acts 17. 15,22-18.1 John 16. 12-15
17 <sup>th</sup> May	8am	Holy Communion	Acts 1.6-14
Thy Kingdom Come	10am	Holy Communion	John 17.1-11
	4pm	Peter's Praise	
18 <sup>th</sup> May	7pm	Evening Prayer	
20 <sup>th</sup> May	10am	Holy Communion	Acts 20. 28-end John 17. 11-19
24 <sup>th</sup> May	8am	Holy Communion	Acts 2. 1-21
Pentecost	10am	Holy Communion	John 7. 37-39
Thy Kingdom Come	4pm	Wild Worship	
25 <sup>th</sup> May	7pm	Evening Prayer	
27 <sup>th</sup> May	10am	Holy Communion	1 Peter 1. 18-end Mark 10. 32-45
31 <sup>st</sup> May	8am	Holy Communion	Isaiah 40. 12-17, 27-end.
Trinity Sunday	10am	Holy Communion	Matthew 28. 16-end.

#### Team

**Rector:** Revd. Canon Beverley Hollins 07887 740117  
**Churchwardens:** Joy Matsell & Phil Norris  
**Lay Vice Chair:** John Fazackerley  
**Assistant Priests** Revd. Canon Michael Webber & Revd. Doug Spenceley  
**Assistant Curate** Revd Dr Hilary Halstead  
**Lay Ministers** Clare Pearce & Sue Pingleton

#### Safeguarding

Everybody has the right to be safe from harm. If you or someone you know might not be safe, call Joy or Canon Beverley  
**Parish Safeguarding Officer**  
 Joy Matsell,  
 07906 378617

#### Contact Us

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## Welcome to our May Newsletter!

At the heart of this month is the work of the Holy Spirit. We remember that the risen Jesus breathed the spirit on his disciples before returning to heaven, leaving them with the commission that has been passed on through the generations and to us: "go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you." (Matthew 28. 19-20). Even though he was ascending to the Father's side, Jesus went on to promise: "And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

It is through the spirit that we know our Lord's presence with us here on earth. As we grow in prayer and in knowledge of God by reading the scriptures and worshipping together with other Christians, we become more and more attuned to hearing, or perhaps sensing, the presence and intentions of God through the Holy Spirit. We celebrate the coming of the Spirit in power on Pentecost Sunday, which this year is May 24<sup>th</sup>. The church celebrates a short ecumenical season of prayer from the feast of the Ascension (May 14<sup>th</sup>) until Pentecost, which this year has the theme 'God with us'. Prayer resources will be available in the church for anyone who would like them to use during this time.

We're glad to welcome Paul Minton, trainee Lay Reader from Flore parish, who is on placement with us throughout May. You will see him at events and services throughout the month and he'll be preaching for us on Trinity Sunday. Do say hello and have a chat with him if you see him.

Looking a bit further ahead, there are some very special services coming up in June and July. There will be more details in future newsletters, but do please note the dates and make sure you are here. Every single person is wanted and welcomed.

**On Sunday 10th May at 6pm we have a Songs of Praise service. Come and join us to enjoy singing your favourite hymns and find out about why they were chosen.**

**June 3<sup>rd</sup> 10am** a service on stewardship with the fabulous Archdeacon of Northampton, Ven. Richard Ormston.

**June 21<sup>st</sup> 10am** confirmation service led by Rt Revd Ed Condry. Please pray for our candidates as they prepare for the service.

**June 27<sup>th</sup> 4pm** at Peterborough Cathedral Revd Hilary's ordination as a priest

**June 28<sup>th</sup> 10am** Revd Hilary's first presiding at communion

**July 5<sup>th</sup> 10am** Golden anniversary celebration communion for Canon Michael, with guest preacher Rt Revd Brian Castle.

All those good things are coming up at St Peter's in June and July. But getting back to May there's one more exciting event to share with you: the visit to our diocese of our brand new Archbishop of Canterbury.



Ours will be her first diocesan visit, which is extra special. Archbishop Sarah will be preaching at evensong at Peterborough Cathedral at 3.30pm on May 17<sup>th</sup>, so perhaps you might consider getting together, sharing cars, and heading over to our mother church for this very special service.

May God bless you

**Beverley**

**Pastoral Concern?** If you or someone you know need support, or communion at home or in hospital, please call Sue or Canon Beverley

**Anna Chaplain and Lay Pastors' Coordinator**  
Sue Pinington, 07710 774990

### **Life Groups:**

If you are interested in joining a Life Group, contact Wendy Wheeler, 07711 828985

## Bible verse of the month

Jesus told the Samaritan woman:  
“The time is coming—indeed it’s here now—when true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth. The Father is looking for those who will worship him that way. For God is Spirit, so those who worship him must worship in spirit and in truth.”

Jonn 4.23-24

The Holy Spirit is the presence of the Lord our God in and around us. In the Spirit we come to know God. When we allow the spirit to lead and guide us it isn’t like becoming mindless puppets, unable to make decisions for ourselves. Rather, it is the closest and wisest of friends helping us to make the very best of decisions. We are not overcome, but are in partnership with the spirit. So this month, try praying ‘Come, Holy Spirit’ and allowing the peace that the spirit brings to soothe you, the joy that the spirit brings to lift you, and the wisdom that the spirit brings to guide you to better decisions than you could have imagined for



### ECO TIP FOR MAY

Support pollinators. Nothing says Spring like the buzz of a bee! But these precious pollinators are declining due to habitat loss, climate change and agricultural intensification. Wednesday 20 May is World Bee Day, so look around to see how you can



improve habitats for bees and other pollinators. Read more about bees, butterflies and



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more information.**

habitats that support them in our Target 25 resources at:

[arocha.org.uk/what-we-do/target-25](http://arocha.org.uk/what-we-do/target-25).

Sow a pollinator-friendly seed mix, make or buy a bee hotel, let some wild flowers grow in your garden, and don’t use pesticides. Pray that our pollinator populations will increase. For more about World Bee Day visit: [awarenessdays.com/awareness-days-calendar/world-bee-day/](http://awarenessdays.com/awareness-days-calendar/world-bee-day/)



## Committee Update

*News from the groups that make us tick!*

### Report from PCC held on 14 April 2026

The first part of the meeting was an important review of the culture surrounding Safeguarding at St Peter's. We shared our views on the strengths and weaknesses in our culture and suggested ways in which the culture could be improved. In general we felt that the culture was strong, but that it might be possible to enhance it further. The safeguarding team will further consider the suggestions.

We considered and approved the annual report and accounts to be submitted to the APCM. We noted the income and expenditure for the quarter to 31 March and the overall financial position.

We received the report from the Rector. We noted that Sarah Heslop was retiring as headteacher at Weston Favell CE Primary School in July and agreed to mark her long association with the school with a gift from the church. We agreed that the Church Family Day in May should be cancelled due to lack of interest.

We agreed a revised Environmental Policy and discussed the Eco Development Plan proposed by the Eco committee.

We received reports from the Charitable Enterprise and Legacy committees.

We received a report on the Diocesan Synod. Of particular interest may be [a recording of the Presidential Address](#) given by Bishop Debbie during which she introduced [the emerging Diocesan vision and strategy](#).

This was the final meeting of this PCC and there are people stepping down, not all standing for re-election for Deanery Synod or PCC again. The Rector in her report thanked everyone for their service.

**John Fazackerley - Lay Vice-Chair of PCC**

### 9<sup>th</sup> MAY LUNCH FOR CHRISTIAN AID

Do please join us for lunch in the Church Hall at noon on 9<sup>th</sup> May to launch Christian Aid Week 2026. We would like you to bring your own simple main course, such as sandwiches or a salad. We will provide an array of tempting desserts, plus tea or coffee, for which we will ask you to make a generous donation for Christian Aid. There will be the usual fun of the raffle and the opportunity for fellowship with friends old and new, as well hearing about the valuable work of the charity and the difference your



donations can make to people's lives in poorer and troubled areas of the world. Should you wish to make a contactless payment rather than giving cash, there will be an opportunity to do so.

If you're unable to come to the lunch but would like to make a donation to Christian Aid, you can give it to Cathy in the Church Office, in a clearly marked envelope, with your name and whether you authorise gift aid.

Alternatively, you can do a bank transfer to PCC of Weston Favell, 20 - 61 - 51, account number 20345229, with the reference CHRAIDGA - the GA indicating that gift aid can be claimed. If your identity isn't clear then please send an email to [stpeterswestonfavell@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:stpeterswestonfavell@yahoo.co.uk), confirming your donation.

All are welcome and we look forward to seeing you.

**Rosemary Pestell, on behalf of the Charitable Enterprise Committee of the PCC.**

## SPRING HARVEST 2026

The week before Easter, my Mum and I enjoyed a wonderful week at Spring Harvest. The whole of Butlins



Skegness was taken over by 1000s of Christians of all ages and denominations. We did a range of bible study, family fun worship and hot topic seminars that we picked out from the extensive programme of events. We also enjoyed walks on the beach and a meal out each night at a different restaurant, where we discussed the day's events (and the weather) over a glass of wine.

Unfortunately, I forgot to take any pictures so can't prove how gloriously sunny it got on Skeggy beach, and just how many windmills there are now, beyond the golden sands.

After such a great week I returned home refreshed and encouraged. For me the key learning was to be more open about my faith with non-Christians, something that has always made me nervous, especially at work. Since then I have posted on the staff intranet - I don't know if anyone will react but it feels good to be open about my faith and maybe it will encourage other Christians.

For the first time, Spring Harvest has allowed early bookings for next year so we have booked for 2027 already. If anyone wants to know more, visit: [springharvest.org](http://springharvest.org) or talk to me, **Wendy Wheeler**.

### Stewardship – Generous Giving - 2026

It's three years since St Peters addressed Stewardship, or Generous Giving, in a major way. Thanks to the generosity of church members, past and present, we have been able to continue as a beacon of God's presence in our local community and many

of you have will have benefited from support from and involvement with St Peters in many years.

St Peters depends on individual giving; There is no central magic pot of money. In the last few years our expenditure has exceeded our income. We all know that costs continue to rise. But incomes have continued to rise as well. Has our giving? Largely not.

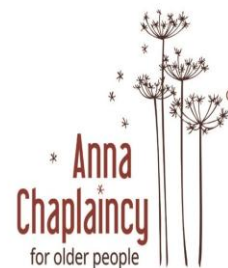
So, in May and June this year we will be addressing this issue again, seeking to put St Peters on a more sustainable financial footing. Look out for coverage in our services and for personal letters.

Thank you.

**John Fazackerley**

Chair of Stewardship Committee

*Vision update*  
*How we're making our vision happen*



## Offering spiritual care in later life

Every Thursday morning at 11am we have a Eucharist service at St John's Home. I plan and lead most of the services, very ably assisted by Mary or Jenny, while Clare and Canon Beverley also have regular slots. Over the years so many residents have said that they had been unable to get to church for a long time and are so grateful that they can now receive communion or a blessing in a relaxed and joyful atmosphere.

I also take communion to people in their rooms, or pray with them, or just stop for a chat.

There is a monthly Songs of Praise service in St John's which is well attended by residents and some from St Peter's who come and sing familiar hymns or worship songs and listen to a few readings, some Bible based and some secular. It is great fun, and we get tea and biscuits afterwards!

We are now also blessed to have pianists who play for our services there. All the services at St John's are open to anyone; just turn up on the day and you'll be very welcome.

I go to the monthly Tea@2 meetings and catch up with the organisers and attendees there.

I take home communion to some who are regularly unable to get to church and organise requests for those who may be newly unwell. I also visit people in hospital. I co-ordinate the Lay Pastors within the parish; trying to ensure that most people have someone who keeps a regular watchful eye on them without being intrusive. If you have no idea who your Lay Pastor is, please let me know and I'll see what I can do to fill the gaps!

I feel my ministry at St Peter's as Anna Chaplain is not just for the more senior members of our church, but for all who may need a chat, a prayer, a visit, or home communion at any stage of their life. Please let me know if you have concerns about anyone, or if you are aware that someone has been missing from our congregation for a week or two. If I haven't been told someone is unwell, then I cannot arrange a phone call or a visit!

More recently, I have been learning the ropes within funeral ministry, and I find it a great privilege to now be able to walk alongside those who have been bereaved, and take funeral services.

Anna Chaplaincy continues to grow in the Diocese, with great support from Bishop Debbie. We have regular online and

in-person meetings locally, organised by Liz Kelly from Abington Church, who leads the ministry for the diocese.

If you are interested in training as an Anna Chaplain, or to become an "Anna Friend", please let me or Canon Beverley know and we'd be very happy to have a chat 😊.

**Sue Pinington**

## Greenbelt 2026



This year's Greenbelt Festival takes place from the 27<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> August at Boughton House. If you haven't been before, do consider going this year as being part of it is an amazing experience.

It is well known as a family-friendly intergenerational event, rooted in Christianity, with a wide range of activities including music, theatre, comedy, worship, workshops and talks. There are stalls to browse and plenty of options for food and drink.



Weekend tickets are already available, day tickets go on sale in May. Sadly, after ten years, this is the last year the festival will take place at Boughton House. A new venue is yet to be found and it is possible the festival will take a break in 2027. All the more reason to make the most of it being held so close to us and go this year!