News & Notes from St Peter's

November 2026

Date	Time	Service	Readings
1st November All Saints	**8am**	**Holy Communion**	**1 John 3. 1-3**
	10am	**Holy Communion**	**Matthew 5. 1-12**
	4pm	**Wild Worship**	
	6pm	**All Souls' Service**	
3rd November	7pm	Evening Prayer	
5th November	10am	Holy Communion	Philippians 2. 12-18 Luke 14. 25-33
8th November Remembrance	**8am**	**Holy Communion**	**Micah 4. 1-5** **Matthew 25. 1-13**
	10.45am	**Act of Remembrance**	
	4pm	**Peter's Praise**	
	6pm	**Requiem Eucharist**	**as per 8am**
9th November	7pm	Evening Prayer	
11th November	10am	Holy Communion	Titus 3. 1-7
	10.45am	Act of Remembrance	Luke 17. 11-19
15th November 2 before Advent	**8am**	**Holy Communion**	**1 Thessalonians 5. 1-11** **Matthew 25. 14-30**
	10am	**All Age Communion**	**Revelation 21. 1-6** **Matthew 6. 19-21**
	4pm	**Peter's Praise**	
16th Nov	7pm	Evening Prayer	
18th November	10am	Holy Communion	Revelation 4 Luke 19. 11-28
22nd November Christ the King	**8am**	**Holy Communion**	**Ephesians 1. 15-end**
	10am	**Holy Communion**	**Matthew 25. 31-end**
	4pm	**Wild Worship**	
23rd Nov	7pm	Evening Prayer	
25th November	10am	Holy Communion	Revelation 15. 1-4 Luke 21. 12-19
29th November Advent Sunday	**8am**	**Holy Communion**	**Isaiah 64. 1-9**
	10am	**Holy Communion**	**Mark 13. 24-37**
	4pm	**Peter's Praise**	
	6pm	**Carol Service**	

Team

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Assistant Curate Revd Dr Hilary Halstead
Lay Ministers Clare Pearce & Sue Pinington

November Diary

November 1st
6pm All Souls Memorial Service
November 2nd NHS blood donation in the Hall and Hervey Room all day
November 3rd 7pm WFV Allotments AGM in the Hall
November 4th
7pm Standing Committee meeting at The Rectory
November 10th 2pm Tea@2 in the Hervey Room
November 14th 12pm Charitable Enterprise Committee Lunch
November 17th 2.15pm Mothers' Union meet in the Hervey Room
7.30pm WFGS meet in the Hall
November 22nd
3pm Midlands Meet in Church: The Guild of Musicians & Singers
November 24th 5.30pm Ekins meeting in the Hervey Room
November 25th 2.15pm Songs of Praise at St John's
November 26th 1pm Cynthia Spencer Singers in the Hall

Every Wednesday in term time –
1.30pm Tiny Tots
Every Thursday –
9am Morning Prayer on Facebook
11am Holy Communion at St John's
7pm Choir Practice

1st & 3rd Sundays in term time -
6.30pm Youth Café for Years 7-9 at the Church Hall
(This month November 1st & 15th).

Every 3rd Sunday – breakfast will be served in the Hervey Room after the 8am service.
All are welcome

Dear Friends

'Once, on being asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come, Jesus replied, "The coming of the kingdom of God is not something that can be observed, nor will people say, 'Here it is,' or 'There it is,' because the kingdom of God is in your midst.'" *Luke 17.20-22*

November is the month when Christians intentionally remind ourselves that we are called to proclaim the Kingdom of God. This is the Kingdom where children are the greatest, and human ideas of power and status are turned on their head, for all are loved and respected. This is the Kingdom where the hungry are fed, the humble lifted high and the mighty toppled. It can be hard to get into for those who want to hang on to status, human authority or wealth, but the doors are flung wide open for those who are generous in heart, who seek to enable others and most importantly who love and serve the Lord our God.

Our month of intentionally thinking about God's Kingdom reaches its height on November 22nd with the feast of Christ the King, and our reminder that God's son, who was willing for us to live a poor and humble human life, to suffer and to die for us, now reigns as the example of all that Kingdom citizens must be. Jesus is, he tells us, gentle and humble in heart, and he offers us rest for our souls. He calls on us to learn from him – to go against the ways of this human world and to choose the ways of gentleness and humility, of love and service. And we will find rest and joy as we choose the way of God's Kingdom.

It does mean standing out from the crowd, going against the flow. There isn't a church formula – it isn't about what kind of church music you like, or what translation of the Bible you read – it's about how you live. People around you won't always be understanding. But we're not seeking human approval! Rather, we are living as citizens in God's Kingdom, God's way.

Thank you to all who joined in the Kingdom task of helping those in need at Harvest. We were able to donate enough food for 40 families. This is wonderful and I'm very grateful to everyone who brought items. The need, and the Kingdom task, continues, so here are some ways you can support those in need this month:

- Keep on bringing items for Weston Favell FoodBank and putting them in the collecting box in the North Porch. Don't worry if you can't bring much – every item makes a difference.
- Support the Baby Basics Christmas appeal, which starts this month. Again, you might only be able to afford something small – please do what you can, don't worry about what you can't. A list of items you can donate is elsewhere in this newsletter, or on the box in the church porch. If you can afford to donate a bigger item, such as a Moses basket, and would prefer for someone else to order it, please speak to me.
- Donate unwanted or worn-out shoes, which we take to Weston Favell Primary School to be processed by Shoe Aid.
- Gifts of toys and books (good quality as these will be Christmas gifts) can go to the NLive Christmas collection, which should be in the Church Hall during this month.
- In December we'll also be welcoming money donations to a collection for the Hope Centre – more details about that next month.
- Please note that we do NOT accept donations of clothing at church. Unwanted clothes should be donated directly to charity, for example by using the donation points at Weston Favell Parish Hall, by Bush Hill shops or in the car park at the Weston Favell Centre.

May the Lord bless you



LUNCH IN THE CHURCH HALL: SATURDAY 14 NOVEMBER FROM NOON FOR NORTHAMPTON STREET PASTORS.

Please make a note in your diary to come to our next fundraising lunch, where you will be asked to donate as generously as you can for a cooked main course, followed by the usual tempting array of desserts to choose from, plus tea and coffee and the usual fun of the raffle. We will hear about the valuable work that the wonderful Street Pastor volunteers do in town, to keep people safe in the community, at times when I for one am hopefully safely tucked up in bed! They work in partnership with the police and local council, supplementing their services with necessary caring and unthreatening help and support.

If you are unable to come to the lunch, but would like to make a financial donation towards their work and training, there are 2 ways you can do this:-
Through the Church Office, handing in your donation in an envelope clearly marked Street Pastors, with your name and GA if you authorise Gift Aid.
or with a bank transfer to PCC of Weston Favell, 20-61-51, account number 20345229, with the reference STREETPGA. If your identity isn't clear from what you add to the reference or your bank account, please email the Church Office - stpeterswestonfavell@yahoo.co.uk to confirm your donation. All are welcome and we look forward to your support and fellowship.

Rosemary Pestell, on behalf of the CEC of the PCC

LOOKING FORWARD TO LENT



Advance notice:
Saturdays in Lent 2025 fall on:

13th, 20th, 27th February, 6th, 13th , 20th March

This could be your chance to raise a substantial amount of money for a registered charity of your choice by providing a delicious simple lunch of home-made soups and bread in the Church Hall for 50-80 people.

Please contact me on 07785231943, or email: rjcallis@hotmail.com or via the Church Office. The closing date for applications is 16th January 2026.

Richard Callis, on behalf of the Charitable Enterprise Committee

Remembrance Sunday November 8th 2026

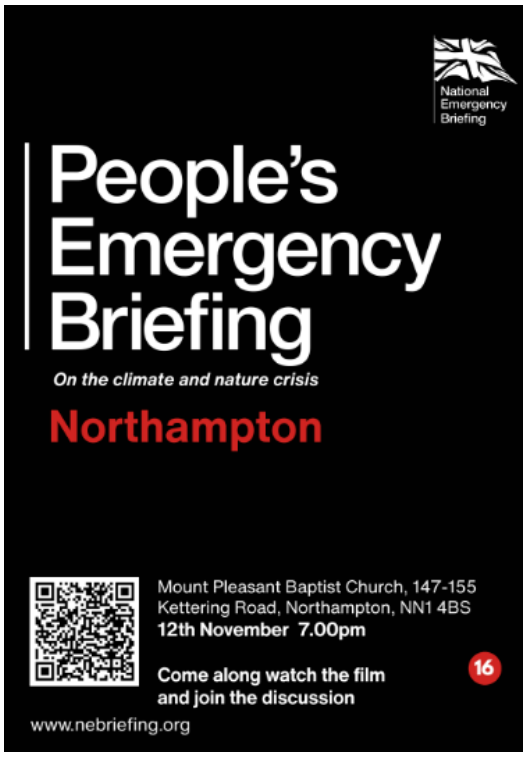


Please join us at the village War Memorial for an Act of Remembrance starting at 10:45am. This year we will start our parade from the Church Hall car park . The uniformed organisations, choir and ministers are asked to be ready to parade by 10:40 at the latest. The plan is to parade across to the church, through the church coming out of the south door and onto the grass by the East Window. After the ceremony we hope the uniformed organisations will parade back to the car park for dismissal.

The church hall car park and this section of High St will be closed to traffic and closed off with barriers for the duration of the service. All are welcome at this community event to remember all those who gave their lives in times of war to allow us to live in freedom.

If you are able to help with the practical stewarding of this event please let the church office know.

Revd Hilary



People's Emergency Briefing
on the climate and nature crisis

Our Ecumenical Eco Group of Churches is one of three churches within the Peterborough Diocese to be screening this film at the Mount Pleasant Baptist Church, Kettering Road, Northampton, NN1 4BS on November 12th at 7pm.
Contact northamptonecuecogroup@gmail.com or facebook.com/groups/ecuecochurches for free tickets.

Contact Us: The Church Office in the Church Hall is open on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays (term time) 9am-12pm.
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Website
www.achurchnearyou.com/church/16484
or find us on Facebook search 'St Peter's, Weston Favell'

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

In an emergency call 999

Can you make a donation to St Peter's? Use your smartphone camera to connect using this QR code, or contact the office for more information.

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

Vision update

How we're making our vision happen

ECO TIPS FOR NOVEMBER: Winter creeps in, homes are really important. God calls us to give nature a home, too. Does your garden have a bird feeder? Could your balcony or windowsill do with some plant life? If you don't own the house you could make a case to the homeowner for a bird box, hedgehog highway or whatever. (For a hedgehog highway do make sure the neighbours are OK with you making a small hole in a shared fence). Why not gather your housemates, friends and family to discuss how a new recycling, heating or transport arrangement might work for you all - you'll go further together!







Photos from the Celebration of Lay Ministry on September 26th at Peterborough Cathedral when Clare and Sue had their licences renewed for the next six years. The third photo is of Paul Minton who did a placement with us earlier in the year as part of his Lay Reader training. He was also licensed at the same service and is seen here with Bishop Alex, our new Bishop of Brixworth.





Food parcels for families in need



You may remember that the Lent Lunch organised by Mothers' Union earlier this year was to raise money for three different projects. One of them was our branch project to provide food parcels for families in need of additional support during school holidays. Thanks to your generosity, added to that of our Mothers' Union members, we have developed a partnership with Weston Favell Academy. At Easter and for the summer holiday we provided 12 bags of food and I'm delighted to say we were able to increase that to 18 bags for the October half term break. We have committed to provide the bags five times a year which will mean that all holidays are covered as the school now organises hampers for Christmas.

As it grew, we decided that our project really needed a name and in discussing this remembered our dear friend Christine White who was incredibly generous in supporting families in need. After a great deal of thought and consideration we have decided to call our project 'Christine's Cupboard'. The logo developed from the idea that 'Christine's Cupboard' was always open to those in need. What you see below is the label that will be included in all the future food bags we provide.

Christine's Cupboard
Mothers' UNION
St Peter's Weston Favell
With love from St Peter's Weston Favell Mothers' Union

Each bag that we provide contains a mix of dried, packet and canned food to the value of £15. We are fortunate that we are supported by Morrisons in what we do and are also investigating other sources of funding to make this project sustainable and potentially increase the number of food bags we can provide.

Would you be able to help us do this either by making a one-off donation of £15 to fund one bag, committing to £15 five times a year or giving an annual donation of £75 to cover the cost of a bag for each holiday period? Or indeed any other amount you are able to donate.

We will soon have small paper bags available in church into which you can place a cash donation or we can arrange for donations to be transferred to our fund by BACS. Please either speak to Josephine or myself if you are able to contribute to this very worthy cause. Or you can contact me by email at clarepearce.mothersunion@gmail.com

With many thanks for all your support -
Clare Pearce on behalf of all members of St Peter's Mothers' Union.

Term 1 Update from Weston Favell Primary School

What a wonderful first term we have had at Weston Favell CE Primary School. It has been particularly delightful to observe our new Reception children settling into school life with such ease and confidence.

In our collective worships we have been reflecting upon our school vision, Living life in all its fullness – John 10:10, and I have launched our whole-school Bible story: The Parable of the Mustard Seed which underpins our school vision. Children will be working with this narrative in the coming weeks to create a whole school 'Mustard Seed Vision Tree' to celebrate our vision and biblical text. The whole school have also celebrated 'Belonging and mattering' through our 'Culture Day' this term. Our children arrived in such a vibrant array of colours, each piece of clothing representing their unique culture, faith, family heritage or community, filled me with joy. One particularly touching moment came when a child visited my office to share Irish tea, chocolate and spices—a generous gesture that embodied the spirit of the day perfectly.

Our Harvest celebrations were a particular highlight. I thoroughly enjoyed the Harvest Service written and led by our Year 3 classes at St Peter's, who spoke clearly and articulately. It was wonderful to sing along to my favourite Harvest songs, Harvest Samba, Harvest Hymn and Make a Difference. It was fantastic to see so many families join us at St Peter's, to the point of standing room only!

I thoroughly enjoyed 'Cookies with Mrs. Cook' to end the term, where the highest scoring Superstars from each class for Autumn term 1, enjoy a special treat in the Exploratorium. Their enthusiasm was a pleasure to witness, and their success is a credit to them and to their teachers. I am looking forward to our next festive term, which promises to be just as full of learning, celebration and community spirit.
Mrs L Cook, B.Ed. (Hons), CoEPQH, MCCT Headteacher

Safeguarding Report for Newsletter.

Safeguarding is the responsibility of us all. We have a duty of care to report anything that we witness or hear about that causes us to question, think twice about, or niggles at our subconscious.

Here, at St Peter's, we have good Safeguarding procedures which are maintained and kept on an online facility called the Parish Dashboard.

This was developed by the House of Bishops to keep records together for monitoring, management and reporting of safeguarding compliance.

Beverley, Gan and I regularly meet to consider anyone within our church family who we feel might be vulnerable, review our procedures and take into account any new requirements to ensure that all safeguarding compliances are met. We take any actions that need our attention, either by the PCC or ourselves and deal with them.
The Safeguarding and Pastoral Oversight Team (SPOT) meet every two months to review church family members with pastoral needs, or who are vulnerable, to ascertain how they might best be supported and cared for.

Joy Matsell

Bible verse of the month

Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

Romans 5.3-5



In this month of Remembrance we are reminded of just how much suffering there is in the world, and we give thanks for those who persevered through suffering, growing in godly character and offering hope to those around them. We have hope in God who loves us. God doesn't send the suffering, but he allows it. He allows it because he loves us too much to take away our independent thought even when that independence is destructive or selfish. Rather than making a puppet world of people whose lives might be perfect but who have no agency, God gave us free will – and he gave us through his sprit the resources we need to manage when the world is less than it should be. We may face wars or corrupt political regimes, but so long as we seek God and share God's love we will survive and grow. Pray for those in war zones today, that they may have the courage to persevere through suffering.

WFVRA

A CHRISTMAS CAROL

BY CHARLES DICKENS

Performed By

JAMES HORNSBY

A versatile actor with forty years' professional experience

SATURDAY 12TH DECEMBER

ST PETER'S CHURCH : 6.30pm

TICKETS: Adults £10 : Children £5

(including refreshments)

Contact: info@wfvrassoc.co.uk



Weston Favell Village Residents' Association

is hosting a Charity Event in aid of

Cynthia Spencer Hospice

Join us to hear their Choir
whilst enjoying Mince Pies, Cake & Mulled Wine

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Thursday 26th November
St. Peter's Church Hall
1.30pm to 3.30pm

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Cost £6 per person
(Profit to CSH)

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Advanced Booking Essential

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Contact
info@wfvrassoc.co.uk

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BABY BASICS: A guide to what can be donated in the run up to the Christmas Appeal







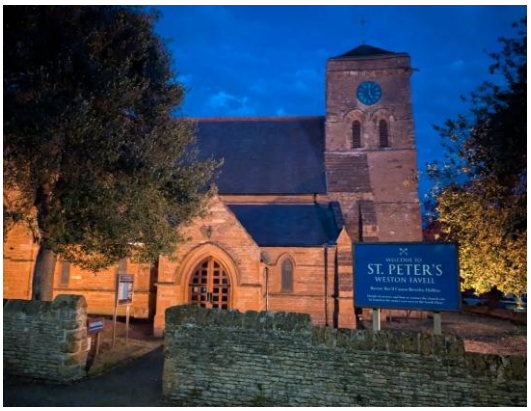
Sunday 6pm services at St Peter's

Sunday 1st November
Memorial Service

Sunday 8th November
Eucharist with Faure's Requiem

Sunday 29th November
Advent Carols by Candlelight

Sunday 20th December
Nine Lessons and Carols





Do you enjoy seeing flowers in church?
By the north door is a list of dates when we would like people to provide flowers or a plant for the pedestal near the pulpit. Please sign up so we can have flowers in church each week for us all to enjoy. If you are happy to provide flowers but are hesitant about arranging them, do speak to Peter Halstead or Clare Pearce and we will pair you up with someone who can help. If you would like to become a member of the team who arrange flowers for our church festivals, please speak to Peter Halstead. Experts and novices are equally welcome – training can be provided.