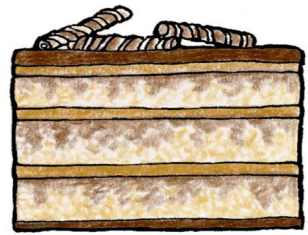
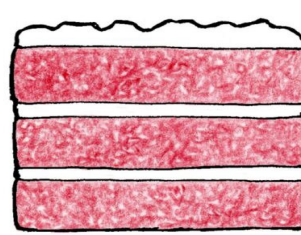
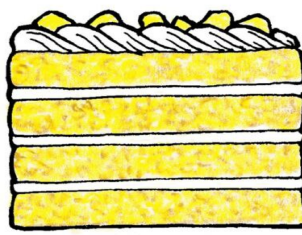
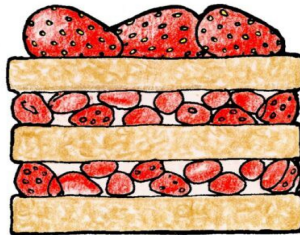
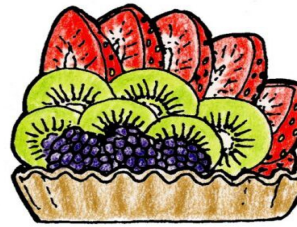
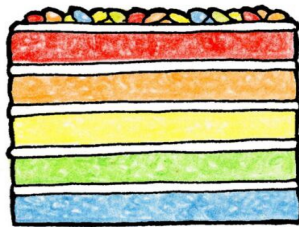
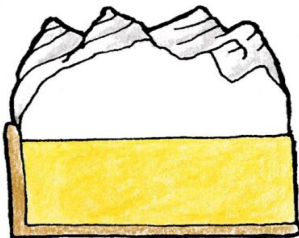
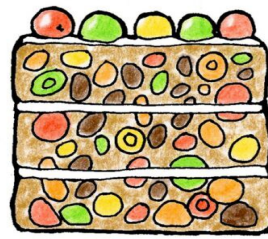
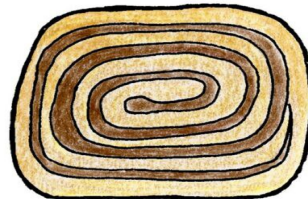
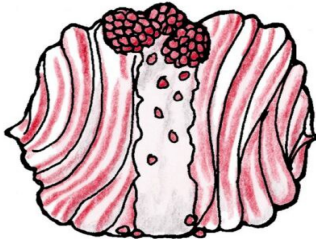
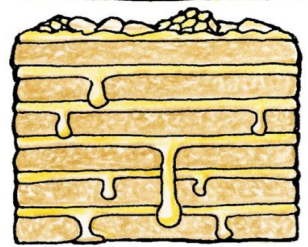
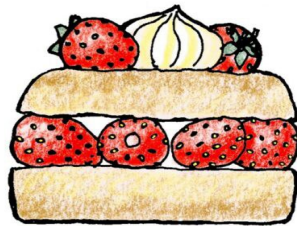
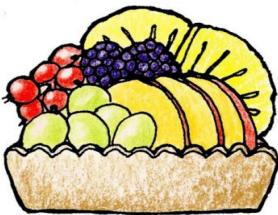
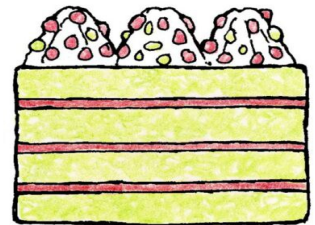
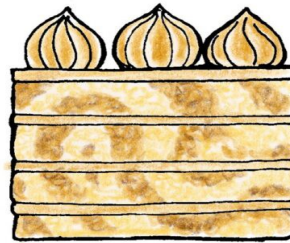
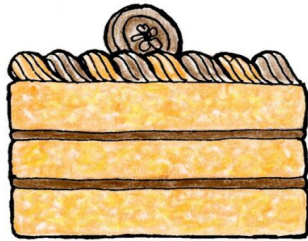
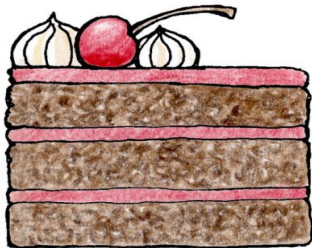


September 2026



Taste and see that the Lord is good.
The Lord's words are sweeter to me than honey.
Ps 34:8, Ps 119:103



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A message from Kath Pickering



Rev Kath writes:

September is the start of a new term, and a new year for many. The academic year begins for students and teachers, and we pray they have a good start to their term. New book bags, school shoes, lunch boxes and academic diaries will make their debut as schools, colleges and universities re-open. Some children and young people will face the start of a new level of education, while others will find it strange to move to the next steps.

Our lovely long summer will be drawing to a close, and autumn will hopefully bring the rain we are needing for gardens, farms and reservoirs. Autumn also brings change – leaves turn colour and fall, shorter days and colder weather set in. We are moved closer to the barrenness of winter when summer warmth seems distant and the lush growth of spring and summer looks dormant and even dead. And yet even the autumn and winter seasons create the possibility of next spring's sprouting. What looks barren and changed now is resting and making space for new growth in the next season.

For those who love summer, it is a sad thing. (Though for many who struggle with heat, it may be a welcome relief!) I love the warmer weather, so the autumn changes take me awhile to adjust to. Thankfully I also love a romp through autumn leaves, so once I get used to it, I usually love it! And this year after a long, dry summer, even a bit of rain may be welcome.

At St Peter's September marks the start of Creation Season, and we start the new term with some changes as well (read further for more details). Our Friday Coffee and Food Pantry will see some changes. These may seem sad, or just take a bit of adjustment, like getting used to shorter, colder days. But just like the natural seasons, these changes will be good, and may be necessary to allow for the next season to bring new growth for our church and community. Alongside those changes, will be new opportunities to grow your faith, like our Bible Course beginning late September. Our September Sundays will include an opportunity to hear about the exciting re-launch at St Aidan's Church, and mark Disability Awareness Sunday when we think about how we can be a more accessible church. It will be a busy month and start to the new term!

Whether you have seen many seasons of change at St Peter's, are newer to our church family or plan to join us this autumn, my prayer is that in the change of seasons you find new ways to encounter our unchanging God and discover a faith to hold you every day.

Blessings, *Rev Kath*

New seasons starting from September:

FRIDAY COFFEE

Our **Friday Coffee** is changing! – with a new location and new time.

Currently we meet in the church hall on Friday mornings and this has been running as a fundraiser, warm space and connection point for many years as part of Mothers' Union, and St Peter's Church. We so appreciate all who have been part of it in any way over all those years. But it is time for something new!

From September, **Friday Coffee** will be held from **9:30 am-10:30 am in St Peter's Church**. This means we can have the church open more and encourage the community to pop in for a visit, cuppa, to sit and pray, or just to have a look around. We know people often look for times our church is open and this will help us do so. For those who join us regularly, we hope you'll continue to do so in the new space. We'll still have the kettle on, and welcoming space to sit and chat!



Friday Coffee Morning
Every Friday in the Church
9:30 am—10:30 am



FOOD PANTRY

Our Food Pantry is relaunching. We are partnering with We Are One (Outreach North East) to share ideas, resources and best practice and help us keep developing the ways we serve our community. Our foodbank is run by a great team of volunteers who regularly give their time and energy to help support the community, and we are so very grateful to them all.

To allow for rest and team training, the foodbank will be **CLOSED** on **Monday 7 and 14 September** and will relaunch on **Monday 21 September** as **The Foodbank @ St Peter's** and running alongside it **The Kitchen @ St Peter's**.

The Foodbank @ St Peter's will relaunch starting **Monday 21 September**, offering food parcels for those in financial hardship. The Foodbank will run alongside The Kitchen from 10:00 am - 11:30 am (but with a quieter session of The Foodbank from 11:00 am - 11:30 am for those who only require a food parcel). ID and proof of financial hardship/means-tested benefits will be required each time you visit the food bank. Please also bring 2 carrier bags when you visit.

The Kitchen @ St Peter's will be re-launching from **5 October** and will be open Mondays 10:00 am - 11:00 am (food served from 10:00 am - 10:45 am) with a warm space and simple meal for anyone suffering food poverty.

How can I help?

Donate non-perishable food: Both our Foodbank and Kitchen run entirely on donations. You can donate food by dropping it off to St Peter's Church when the church is open (most Sunday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday mornings – check our church website for timings). Donations can also be dropped off at the St Peter's church hall when it is open.

Financial Giving: One off or regular financial donations can be made through St Peter's Church. If you want to donate specifically to the Foodbank and Kitchen, please add a reference to your payment, or contact us to let us know.

Make a pot of soup/stew or similar: From October, we will be serving a hot meal at The Kitchen. If you'd like to bring a pot of homemade soup/stew let us know!

Harvest donations: Is your organisation, group or business doing a Harvest food collection or event? Would you consider donating them to support the St Peter's Foodbank?



The Foodbank at St Peter's

Mondays 10:00 am - 11:30 am

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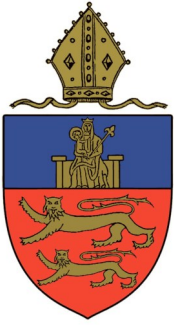
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Food Parcels for those in need
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Pastoral Letter – June 2026 Deanery developments

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

New deaneries

On 1st July a number of our deaneries will merge to form new deaneries. I wanted to write to share with you what is happening and to invite your prayers for the people and parishes who are forming these new relationships.

As part of Time to Change Together, we have been looking at the diocese through the lens of Deanery Partnerships. These are based on the current local authority areas and have helped us to re-picture our patterns of mission and ministry.

The nine Deanery Partnerships are: North Lincolnshire, North East Lincolnshire, West Lindsey, East Lindsey, the City of Lincoln, North Kesteven, South Kesteven, the Elloes (South Holland), and Boston.

Within these Partnerships, the constituent deaneries have remained unchanged. However, over the last year or so, some of the deaneries have voted to unite with their neighbours, to create larger units in which the sharing of gifts and resources might be more streamlined

Every deanery has been invited to consider its future, in the same way that every church was invited to discern its calling as a Celebration Church, a Community Church, a Local Mission Church, a Key Mission Church, or indeed whether it wishes to explore closing as a place of regular worship.

The Bishop's Staff have been prayerfully considering the expressed wishes of each deanery, and on 1st July we will implement a new pattern in accordance with local wishes. The following deaneries will be uniting:

- Haverstoe with Grimsby and Cleethorpes
- Horncastle with Bolingbroke
- Graffoe with Lafford
- Grantham with Loveden
- Elloe West with Elloe East

In these new deaneries, there will be a coming together of Deanery Synods and Deanery Chapters. Other deaneries continue as distinct units, yet still within their wider Deanery Partnership

I shared this direction of travel with Diocesan Synod in April, but I wanted to write to you now, before the changes take place, so that you can get a sense of what is going on.

My commitment to you

When we began the journey of Time to Change Together, we made a commitment to seek to honour local values, opinions and relationships. Structures were to be organic, locally owned and accepted, rather than 'top down' and enforced. The pattern of Deaneries and Deanery Partnerships that will begin from 1st July honours this commitment.

However, it has become clear over the last few years that some parts of the diocese have worked faster than others to explore and to inhabit the new way of structuring mission and ministry that locates parishes within Local Mission Partnerships and Deanery Partnerships. Sometimes this is because of geography or other unavoidable circumstances, such as unexpected clergy vacancies. Whatever the cause, the result has been that some parishes have been left wondering about who is to be their incumbent and oversight minister for a long time now. This has understandably sometimes had a negative effect on morale, and I apologise to these places - and to the diocese as a whole - for the impact that this has had on you.

Five years ago, when we began this journey, we sought to recognise the ministerial and financial realities from which we cannot shy away: there is an insufficient supply of potential incumbents to meet the needs of the whole Church of England, and so we are competing with other dioceses for clergy, and if we cannot pledge sufficient money to pay clergy stipends, then we will be unable to appoint in many places as well. These realities have only become more acute, and we must face them, urgently.

I see the creation of our new deaneries, and the simplification of local leadership, as part of a pattern in which we increase the speed at which we tackle oversight, deployment, planning and mission across the diocese as a whole. Bishop Jean's arrival means that we can begin to build the leadership teams for North and South that match our two archdeaconries of Stow & Lindsey and Lincoln.

Together, we will continue the work of renewing structures and relationships that is central to our shared life. St Paul's vision of the Body of Christ remains inspirational to what is now Time to Grow Together: we are all different; we all have gifts; we need each other. The whole will flourish as the parts flourish and the parts need to play their part in the whole, otherwise no-one will flourish.

Finally, I would like to thank those colleagues who have served as Rural Dean and Lay Chair and whose term of office necessarily ends because their deaneries are joining with their neighbours. I publicly thanked both current and former Rural Deans and Lay Chairs at Diocesan Synod, but I wish to put in writing my heartfelt appreciation of the dedication of many people in these roles over many years. The responsibility that is carried is frequently weighty, especially by Rural Deans, and on behalf of many parishes, parishioners, clergy and ministers, I am very grateful to you all.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Nicholas Chamberlain".

With my thanks and prayers, The Rt Revd Dr Nicholas Chamberlain Bishop of Grantham
Acting Bishop of Lincoln

Tuesday Open Church Update

We continue to open the church on Tuesdays between 10:00 and 12:30. There have been a few weeks when we were unavailable but a total of 118 adults and 16 children came into church while we were open during the first half of this year.

Unusually, in July we had one morning when not a soul passed through the door but for us to have quiet time in church is always a blessing.

One recent visitor was a lady, Gill D’Roza, who took a lovely set of photographs which she has shared on both the Discovering Lincolnshire and the Lincolnshire Churches Facebook pages.

As always there are so many comments from our visitors about the beauty of our church building.

Joan and Ted

REMEMBER WHEN? A CELEBRATION OF WEDDINGS AND BAPTISMS AT ST PETER’S.

Were you or someone in your family married, christened/baptised or confirmed at St Peter’s Cleethorpes? As part of our 160th Birthday celebrations we are holding a special weekend to remember some of those special occasions at our church. Over the last 160 years we know there have been generations of people who had their family weddings or christenings at St Peter’s, who were confirmed in the church or celebrated other significant family events with us. If so, we’d love to hear from you!

We’d love to host an Open Church event on **Saturday 24 October** with photos and displays from as many people as possible. If you have family wedding dresses, suits christening gowns, accessories or other items we could borrow to display, or photos of your family events at and around St Peter’s Church, please get in touch and let us know.



On **Sunday 25 October**, we’d love to give an opportunity to bless and pray for anyone who was married or christened at St Peter’s at any point. If you join us for our 9:30 am All Together Worship service, we’ll do that as part of the service. (If you are interested in a more formal renewal of your baptismal vows, would like to be confirmed or arrange a personal re-dedication/blessing of your wedding vows contact us for a chat about the possibilities.)

Mothers' Union 150th Anniversary

Last Saturday 1st August, 3 of us from St. Peter's travelled to Lincoln Bishop University (formerly Bishop Grosseteste University) in Lincoln to celebrate the 150th Anniversary of the founding of the Mothers' Union by a lady called Mary Sumner. I

have spoken many times about the work of Mary and her realisation that families in 1876 were in need of much help, both spiritually and with care within the family.



Whilst Saint Peter's doesn't have its own branch anymore, a few of us became Diocesan Members, and this keeps us in touch with what is happening within this country and worldwide. We still have 4 million members in over 80 countries, and this makes the Mothers Union the largest worldwide charity ever. What a wonderful thing the Mothers Union is and what amazing work we do.

There were around 150 of us, all in Lincoln, and we fed and celebrated in style. Our new Bishop of Grimsby, Bishop Jean, was with us, and so it was lovely to get to know her.

We have had other celebrations in this country already, the largest being a magnificent service in Saint Paul's Cathedral. We at Lincoln partied last week and we are invited to Evensong at the Cathedral next Sunday when the Mothers Union will be represented. Other branches within the diocese are having their own celebrations.

After the death of Queen Elizabeth II, we were without a Patron for a time, but I am pleased to say that Sophie, Duchess of Edinburgh has taken on that mantle. Thank you, Sophie.

A very happy 150th birthday to the Mothers Union, a truly extraordinary organisation.

I will finish with our worldwide Mothers Union prayer.

*Loving Lord. We thank you for your love, so freely given to us all,
We pray for families around the world,
Bless the work of the Mothers Union as we seek to share your love,
Through the encouragement,
strengthening and support of marriage
and family life.
Empowered by your Spirit, may we be
united in prayer and worship,
and in love and service reach out as
your hands across the world.
In Jesus name, Amen.*



Heather Hammond

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C of E welcomes Government consultation on RE in the National Curriculum

The Church of England has welcomed a recent announcement from the Government that they will consult this Autumn on the potential of RE becoming part of the National Curriculum, for the first time ever.

This is part of the implementation of the Curriculum and Assessment Review as outlined in the Schools White Paper – *Every Child Achieving and Thriving*.

An Expert Advisory Group (involving both National Society for Education and Diocesan colleagues) was brought together earlier in the year to work collectively on these recommendations to the Secretary of State.

The group's work has outlined the core legislative requirements needed to both ensure that the current arrangements for church schools are preserved, and that high-quality programmes of study can be made available through the proposed National Curriculum.

The Rt Revd Jonathan Frost, Bishop of Portsmouth said: "As Chair of the National Society for Education, I fully welcome this government consultation on RE moving into the National Curriculum.

"This both elevates the importance of the subject as integral to the flourishing of every child in our nation and also preserves long-standing arrangements for church schools which make up a third of the state sector."

The Church of England will respond to the consultation in the Autumn, and the National Society for Education will work closely with its Diocesan partners to further embed the excellent practice in teaching, leadership and curriculum design across its schools.

At the Visitation Service at St Andrew's Immingham

Andrew Longbottom and David Esmond
were installed as
Churchwardens
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Saint Peter's Church Cleethorpes 2026 Programme of Lunchtime Concerts



Classical pianist James Kirby



English Jazz Orchestra soloists

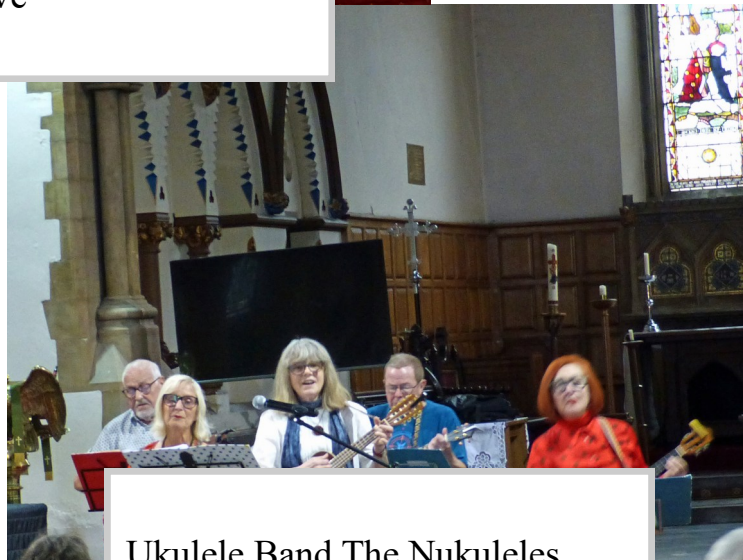


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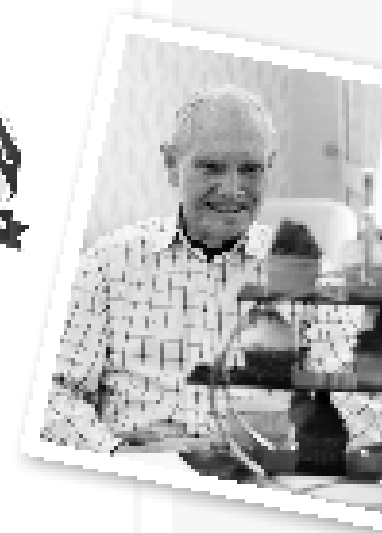
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Gift Aid Tax Received	4,387.08
Collections	3,012.31
Donations	6,969.54
PCC Fees	2,044.68
Concert Income	2,824.54
Copier Income	1,031.89
Sundry Income	0.00
Restricted Income	3,000.00
Legacy	0.00

Total 33,320.04

Payments

Clergy Expenses	200.85
Salaries & Organist Fees	9,819.23
Utilities	5,798.71
Insurance	3,113.08
Repairs & Maint	874.20
Security	332.16
Upkeep of Services	2,597.19
Hospitality	461.77
Mission & Outreach	1,521.19
Print, Stationery & Office	1,443.44
Covenant giving	5,985.00
Charitable Donations	0.00
Sundry Expenses	261.31
Governance	579.00
Fixture & Fittings	417.23
Concert expenses	432.11
Transfer CBF	

Total 33,836.47
Net Surplus/Deficit -516.43

**Hall 2026
January -July
Receipts**

Rents	4,456.89
Donations	0.00
Donations (Thursday Group)	8,571.27
Donations (Friday Coffee)	1,004.73
Donations (Food Pantry)	750.00
Hall grant	5,000.00
Total	19,782.89

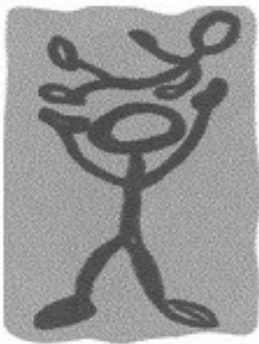
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Salaries (Hall)	3,551.37
Co-Ordinator (Thursday Group)	2,381.60
Utilities	3,400.90
Insurance	1,550.50
Repairs	975.36
Consumables	865.69
Security	332.16
Fixtures & Fittings	0.00
Resources (Thursday Group)	4,731.03
Total	17,788.61
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Parable: The Strength of a Seed

At this time of year, we enjoy the fruits of our gardens, fields and hedgerows: vegetables ripen, crops are harvested, and berries begin to show bright among the leaves. Much of this growth started with a few seeds in spring: the miracle of life coming from small dead-looking things. There is a league table of long-lived seeds. The winners so far are from the narrow-leaved campion, buried by squirrels in the Siberian permafrost over 30,000 years ago. When those seeds finally germinated, they became healthy plants that flowered and produced seeds of their own.

The Bible contains many links between seeds and spiritual growth, and the parable of the sower is the most famous (in Matthew 13). A person may hear or experience something of God which has the potential to germinate into a life of following Him, resulting in the fruit of others coming to know God too. But things can happen that snatch that seed away, killing it before it has finished germinating, or choking its growth.

What about the knowledge of God that gets trampled, churned too deep in the mire of life to receive the warmth and light it needs to develop into faith? Buried seeds don't always die, but they can lie dormant, remaining alive but inactive until the earth is turned over. The possibility of that moment of connecting with something divine, a scrap of knowledge, or snatch of conversation resulting in a changed life may seem infinitesimally small, but it's not zero. The seed may be incredibly tough, just waiting for a chance to grow.

The Gospel narrative plays on the fact that it took a long time for the disciples to understand the full implications of Jesus' teaching: a germination process that took many of them three or more years. They could have been discouraged, but Jesus was not. I don't think it's too much of a stretch to draw out of the parable of the sower to include the observation that it can take a long time, sometimes decades, for people to work their way through the various barriers, sticking points, and phases of forgetfulness that may keep them from following through on their spiritual experience. When we finally receive – or are open to – the encouragement, challenge, or experience that helps our faith in Christ grow, we can experience the rich fruit of a transformed life.

Dr Ruth M Bancewicz, who is Church Engagement Director at The Faraday Institute for Science and Religion in Cambridge. Ruth writes on the positive relationship between Science and Christian faith

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"...and once you've done the flower arrangements, polished the pews, scrubbed the floor, shined the silver and taken a look at the problem with the boiler we wondered, well, you have to laugh, but all six bell-ringers are on holiday at the same time and..."

What God won't ask

God won't ask what kind of car you drove, He'll ask how many people you drove who didn't have transport.

God won't ask how big your house was, He'll ask how many people you welcomed into your home.

God won't ask about the clothes you had in your closet, He'll ask how many you helped to clothe.

God won't ask what your highest salary was, He'll ask if you compromised your character to obtain it.

God won't ask what your job title was, He'll ask if you performed your job to the best of your ability.

God won't ask how many friends you had, He'll ask how many people to whom you were a friend.

God won't ask in what neighbourhood you lived, He'll ask how you treated your neighbours.

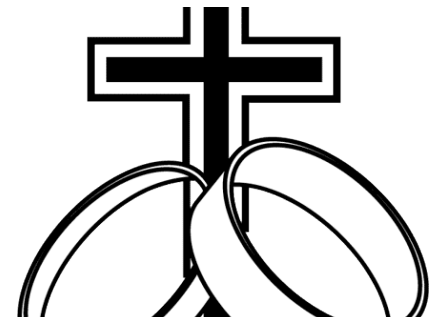
LIFE EVENTS AT ST PETER'S CHURCH CLEETHORPES

WEDDINGS

Would you like a church wedding? We love doing weddings at St Peter's Church and we have a beautiful, classic church which has hosted many weddings over the last 160 years. A church wedding is an amazing way to say your vows before God and ask his blessing on your marriage.

Weddings can get very expensive and some popular venues are booked up years in advance. Church of England wedding fees change slightly every year but are currently in the region of only £600 for marriage by banns (varying slightly dependent on banns and any extras you desire).

You are entitled to get married at St Peter's Church if you were baptised/christened or confirmed at St Peter's, if either of you or your parents have lived in the parish at any point for at least 6 months during your lifetime, or have regularly attended St Peter's Church for at least 6 months, or your parent or grandparent was married at St Peter's Church. If you don't meet those qualifying connections, you can create one by attending worship services at St Peter's at least once a month for 6 months.



We are friendly and welcoming and would love to have you join us!

If you are interested in booking a wedding at St Peter's then pop along for a service or get in touch to have a chat.

CHRISTENINGS & BAPTISMS: Are you interested in christening or baptism at St Peter's for yourself or your child?

What is Baptism (also called Christening)?

Christening (or baptising) a baby or child is an opportunity to give thanks to God for the precious gift of your child, and a commitment to help them discover God's love for them and what faith in Jesus means as they grow. Baptism as a child can be followed by Confirmation once your child is old enough to choose Christian faith for themselves.

Baptism as an adult (or youth) can be done at any age, if you were not baptised as a child and is a way to mark your choice to follow Jesus and the Christian faith. Adults or youth can be baptised at the font (as babies and children are) by pouring water over your head, or by full immersion in a baptism pool ... or the sea if you are feeling really brave!

If you have never been baptised, but are interested in this, come along to church and have a chat with us.

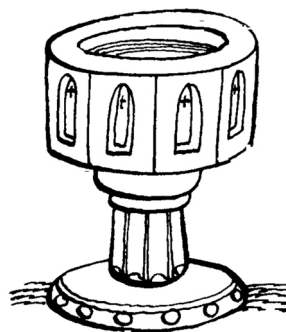
If you have already been baptised as a baby or child, but would like to take another

step as part of your faith journey, talk to us about renewal of baptismal vows or confirmation.

Baptisms are also when we welcome you into God's family as part of his church, and celebrate God's grace through relationship with Jesus. Baptisms and Christenings at St Peter's are now offered as part of our Sunday morning services with the option of a family-friendly service at Breakfast Church, or a more traditional Holy Communion service.

What to do if you are interested in Christening/Baptism:

- Come along to a couple of our Sunday services to get to know us, and so we can get to know you and your family. We meet regularly on Sundays at 9:30 am at St Peter's Church. The first Sunday of the month is Breakfast church – a relaxed, family-friendly service with breakfast (or midmorning snack if you've already eaten by then!) If you have children, this may be a good service to join us for. Other Sundays our 9:30 am is a bit more traditional – All Together Worship with Holy Communion. Everyone is welcome.
- Once you've joined us a couple of times we'll give you a booking form, chat to you about potential dates and arrange a preparation session with parents (and godparents if possible).
- Godparents are required for babies and children who are baptised. As they are promising to support your child's faith journey they must be baptised themselves. But others who are not baptised can be involved in the service as Supporting Friends. If you are being baptised as an adult, you can have Sponsors rather than Godparents. You can speak to us about how to choose godparents or sponsors when we arrange the baptism. (If you have potential godparents who would like to be baptised, ask them to come chat to us as well.)
- Baptisms/Christenings take place during a Sunday 9:30 am service, with a choice of Breakfast Church or a traditional service. We make each Christening a special occasion for you and your family & friends and you can bring as many people with you as you like. Adults can be baptised by full immersion or just pouring water over your head – the choice is up to you and both count as baptism!
- Contact St Peter's if you have any questions on:
admin@stpeterscleethorpes.org.uk



Thanksgiving for the life of a child (sometimes called 'dedications')

If you'd like a special occasion to ask God's blessing on your child, and give thanks for them, but are not sure about a full Christening or Baptism, we can also do a special service called a Thanksgiving for the life of a child or Dedication service. Sometimes people prefer this if they don't have any godparents who are baptised or if they are wanting their child to choose baptism for themselves once they are older. If you'd like to know more about this option, please come chat to us.

CONFIRMATION

If you have been Christened/Baptised, and would like to take the next step along your faith journey, you may like to chat to us about being confirmed.

Confirmation is a special church service in which a person confirms the promises that were made when they were baptised. If you were baptised at a christening when you were a child, your parents and godparents made these promises on your behalf. As a young person or adult, you may be ready to affirm these promises for yourself and commit your life to following Jesus Christ. At a confirmation service, you make these promises for yourself. Your friends and family as well as the local Christian community will be there to promise to support and pray for you.

The local bishop will lay their hands on your head and ask God's Holy Spirit to give you the strength and commitment to live God's way for the rest of your life. (taken from Church of England website <https://www.churchofengland.org/life-events/confirmations/confirmation-faqs>)

There will be an opportunity at St Peter's or in our Deanery later this year or in the new year. Pop along to church or get in touch to chat with us if you are interested.

Police

A young clergyman, fresh out of theological training, thought it would help him better understand the world if he served as a policeman for a while before taking on a congregation.

He studied hard and passed the exams; passed the physical; and then came the all-important final interview. One question was: "What would you do to disperse a frenzied crowd?"

He promptly responded, "I would pass an offering plate." He got the job.

Wedding guest

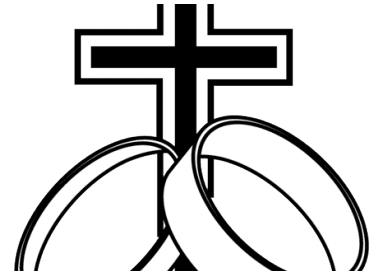
A little boy at Sunday School learned about the time Jesus went to a wedding and changed the water into wine. "And what did you learn from that story?" asked his father afterward.

The boy thought for a moment and answered, "If you're having a wedding, make sure Jesus is there."*

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Marriage

25th July 2026 Kyran Hess and Nicola Bellamey



Want to know more about Faith? Join a Course at St Peter's

BIBLE COURSE – starting 7:00 pm Weds 30 Sept this autumn – God's big story in 8 weeks. What is the Bible and is it relevant to our lives? Join us for a video and discussion course.

INTRODUCTION TO FAITH & PRAYER COURSES – starting in early 2027. Message us to register your interest for either

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION COURSE – autumn 2026. Message us or pop along to church if you are interested.

St Peter's Church Hall Cleethorpes
Thursday Club 1:30pm—3:30pm
Come along and join us for friendship and company
Tea, Coffee & Treats Bingo and Games
Entertainment and Outings Information & Advice
Free Monthly Club Meal



Friday Coffee Morning
Every Friday in the Church
9:30 am—10:30 am



**PARISH SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES
SEPTEMBER 2026
SAINT PETER'S CHURCH CLEETHORPES**

6TH SEPTEMBER	8:00 AM 9:30 AM	EARLY EUCHARIST BREAKFAST CHURCH
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13TH SEPTEMBER	9:30 AM	HOLY COMMUNION
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20TH SEPTEMBER	9:30 AM	HOLY COMMUNION
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DISABILITY AWARENESS SUNDAY

27TH SEPTEMBER	9:30 AM	HOLY COMMUNION
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HARVEST

4TH OCTOBER	8:00 AM 9:30 AM	EARLY EUCHARIST BREAKFAST CHURCH
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Donations of non-perishable food for the foodbank welcome.

10:00 AM MIDWEEK SERVICE EVERY WEDNESDAY

**TEA/COFFEE IS SERVED AT THE BACK OF CHURCH AFTER THE
SUNDAY SERVICE**



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Pop into church: You are always welcome to pop into one of our Sunday or Wednesday services and have a chat with Kath or one of our team after the service.

Don't forget to like us on Facebook for all the latest St Peter's news and updates

The next magazine is the October issue. We publish both in print and electronically. If you have any articles please submit these to the editors or the Parish Office by 8th September NOTE the EARLIER DATE. The magazine editors are Kate Esmond and Joan Johnson. Copy can be emailed to kate.esmond@ntlworld.com, kateesmond@stpetercleethorpes.org.uk, joanjohnson@stpeterscleethorpes.org.uk