



# Parish of St Peter, Oadby

## Benefice of Oadby-Great Glen

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Dear Friends,

I am writing to update you on service provision at St Peter's from September onwards. This follows on from the Vision & Values day held on the 5<sup>th</sup> July 2025 and the subsequent feedback which was shared with the PCC at the end of July and then the wider congregation throughout August.

We all recognised that it is not currently sustainable to continue to have a service of Holy Communion at both 8am and 10am every Sunday. My hope is that there will be a Communion service at one of these times each week but, sadly, even that cannot be guaranteed.

On occasion there may well be a need for services to be held jointly with other churches in the Benefice. I am very grateful for the understanding that has been shown towards this and all the necessary changes.

In an ideal world I would like to have established a clear pattern of services moving forward. My aim was to have Communion at 8am on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays (from the BCP) with the 10am having Communion on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays. Where it is not possible to have Communion then a lay led service would be offered.

However, in these first few months the rotas are not ideal!! So, I am once again asking for your understanding during this time of change. To keep things simple here is the pattern of proposed services for St Peter's for September 2025.

7<sup>th</sup> September – 8am Morning Prayer.

10am Holy Communion with Confirmation of Adrian Lane led by Bishop Saju

14<sup>th</sup> September – 8am BCP Holy Communion

10am Holy Communion

21<sup>st</sup> September – 8am BCP Holy Communion

10am Morning Prayer

28<sup>th</sup> September – 8am Morning Prayer

10am Holy Communion

So, for September I have managed to retain more Communion services than I hoped, for which I am thankful, and I guess you are thankful too!

With the added complexity of Harvest, Remembrance, All Soul's, Advent and Christmas the next few months service pattern will be slightly different. I plan to keep you informed month by month until a clear pattern is established.

Morning Prayer services will need to be lay led, and I am grateful to the two people who have offered to help in this way. More help would be ideal to share the load and make this more sustainable. A template service order has been produced so not much planning would be needed.

In terms of talks I think it would be lovely to hear different people's stories of faith and of God at work in people's lives. Many of you have been faithful followers of Jesus for years and we could learn from one another's wisdom and experience. Don't just leave it for someone else to do, you could offer to help out now by being in touch with me or Linda in the next few weeks!

If you are willing and able to help, then do be in touch and do continue to keep St Peter's and the wider Benefice in your prayers.

Every blessing,  
Steve

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Team Rector