



ST. PETER'S
EPISCOPAL
CHURCH

THIS WEEK AT ST. PETER'S OCTOBER 4 – 11, 2026

Loose Plate Collection on First Sundays The first Sunday of each month's loose plate collection funds both the St. Peter's discretionary fund and the Londonderry Good Samaritans Fund. These funds are used to help people in our parish and the Londonderry area who have fallen on tough times.

Blessing of the Animals Sunday, October 4, 9:30am. In Celebration of the Feast of St. Francis, bring your animal friend to church. Or, bring a stuffy, or a photo! This will be the last Sunday of the Season of Creation and an opportunity to celebrate all of God's good world.

Messy Church, Sunday, October 4, 5-7pm, and the 1st Sunday of the month going forward. This is a fun, hands-on way for families to explore faith together — no pews, no pressure, just creativity and community. It blends music, storytelling, crafts, games, and a shared meal to bring a Bible theme to life in ways kids and adults can enjoy side by side. It's designed especially for families who might not connect with a traditional Sunday service — messy, welcoming, and open to all ages and stages of faith (or no faith at all). **BRING YOUR OWN PICNIC DINNER** and join us. Speak to Rev. Mary Beth if you have any questions.

St Peters Beautification Day! Saturday, October 10, at 9am. The newly formed Gardening Committee and our Property Committee are joining together for a Fall workday on October 10 at 9:00 am. We are looking for "helping hands" to join us as we tackle our Fall "to do" list. Any amount of time you can give us that day will be appreciated. Please bring your own tools such as hand clippers, shovel for digging. Coffee and donuts will be provided. Contact Carol Jugenheimer if you have questions.

Brandenburg and Beyond Concert Sunday, October 11, 3pm. A 'Contemporary Baroque' chamber music performance. Featuring works by Ezawen, Erickson and O'Toole. Instruments will include Flute and strings. This concert is supported by a free-will offering at the door.

ChIPs Collection Sunday, September 27 thru Sunday, October 18. Every year, at our conventions, the Diocese of New Hampshire collects Christmas presents for Children of Incarcerated People. Children of all ages are given a book and present. Gift Guidelines: Unwrapped gifts, in their packaging, worth \$25.00 for ages 0-15. Please include batteries as necessary. Gender-neutral items are encouraged. Leave your gifts in the box in the Narthex. For more specific guidance on prison-appropriate gifts, speak to Carol Bates.

Prayer Shawl Ministry and Craft Group Saturday, October 10, 10am. At that meeting, if you wish to learn tatting, please contact Jon Billeci-Delong so that he knows how many to plan for. We knit or crochet shawls, pocket prayer squares, make prayer cards, or hand stitch and craft other items. No experience necessary as there are several people to teach or give advice on your project. See Linda Campbell with questions.

FELLOWSHIP:

Women's Monthly Lunch Monday, October 26, 12pm. We meet the last Monday of the month at Janie's Uncommon Café in Londonderry.

Men's Gathering Friday, November 6, 9am. in the Conference/ Dining Room. Bring your own coffee (or whatever) or use the Keurig and pull up a chair. If you have questions, speak to Bill Lannigan or Lee O'Connor. We meet the 1st Friday of the Month.

Evening Walking Group Monday and Wednesdays at 6pm. Walk the Rail Trail with us. Meet at the North School in Londonderry. Direct Questions to Carol Bates or Janet Robinson.

GROW:

Bishop Candidates announced, The Standing Committee joyfully and gratefully presents a slate of three candidates, each of whom feels called to serve as the 11th Bishop Diocesan and to share gifts, talents, experience, and vision with us. Our candidates are:

- **The Rev. Ed Cardoza**, Priest-in-Charge, Grace Church, Manchester, New Hampshire
- **The Rev. Fran Gardner-Smith**, Rector, St. Thomas Church, McLean, Virginia
- **The Rev. Canon Dr. Kristofer Lindh-Payne, OSF**, Canon to the Ordinary for Leadership, Diocese of Maryland

Biographical information, ministry experience, video greeting, and more are available on the [Bishop Candidates webpage](#).

Bishop Election Conversation, Sunday, October 11, after church. Join us in the undercroft for a conversation about electing a bishop. We'll talk about how bishops are chosen in the Episcopal Church, share our impressions of the three candidates, and answer any questions you bring.

The meet and greets are available in-person and online:

<https://www.nhepiscopalbishoptransition.org/meet-and-greets>

Caregivers Group Mondays, 11am. A space for community and support for those who care for loved ones. We talk about the challenges of managing healthcare, relationships and emotions.

Meditation and Spiritual Friendship Tuesdays, 11am. session includes mutual support, reflection on a spiritual reading and a 15 min silent meditation.

Questions? Contact marybeth@stpeterslondonderry.org

The Word on Wednesday – Lectionary Study Group 6:30pm on Zoom, WoW has returned! Each Monday the upcoming Sunday's lectionary readings and Bible study information is sent to you. If you are unable to attend, you can simply be on the list of recipients for the weekly readings and study materials. Contact Gail Peters fairwinds224@gmail.com for information.

SERVE:

Crop Hunger Walk, Sunday, October 18, 12pm. Raising money and awareness about hunger in Greater Nashua and Southern New Hampshire. Join Janet Robinson, Sally Nelson and more for a stroll through Nashua. This is a fun fall tradition and an important issue. Walk or donate, the link can be found here: <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/chw/team/happy-feet-helping-hands>

Nashua Soup Kitchen Thursday, November 5, 3:30pm-6:15pm. We serve the first Thursday of every month. There is a signup sheet in the church narthex. Reserve a spot today! Contact Lee O'Connor with questions. You will also need to register online: <https://nsks.volunteerhub.com/vv2/lp/STPETERLONDONDERRY>

End 68 Hours of Hunger Saturday, November 7 at 9am. Join St. Peter's on the first Saturday of each month as we assist with this program that puts nourishing food in the hands of needy Londonderry school children to carry them through the weekend. Packing takes place at the Rockingham Christian Church, 2 Keewaydin Drive, Salem, NH, just off I-93 exit 2. See Karen Furtado with questions.

NH Mutual Aid Relief Fund - Clothing Ministry We collect clothing for homeless people in Manchester. Clothing donations can be dropped off in the plastic bin outside the front door. Contact Emery Freethey with questions.

GIVE:

St. Andrew's Food Collection supporting students at the local high school. Donations of cereal, pop tarts and breakfast bars, juice boxes, cans and cups of fruit, pudding cups, applesauce, canned pasta, pasta, and sauce, Ramen noodles, and health and beauty products like soap, deodorant, shampoo, and toothpaste. For more information, connect with Jackie Thesse.

Planned Giving 2026. Every program St. Peter's runs today builds a stronger community for tomorrow. You can extend your positive impact far beyond your lifetime. Leaving a bequest to St. Peter's in your estate plan secures vital

funding for our future. Planning is easy and lets you care for your loved ones first. Reach out to our planned giving team to discover how simple future planning can be (Karen Furtado, Lee O'Connor, Jackie Thesse, Jane Parthum).

THINGS TO KNOW:

Need a Name Badge? If you do not have a name badge and would like to have one made for you, please add your name (as you would like it to appear on the badge) to the sheet in the narthex. If you have misplaced your badge or would like your name to appear differently to the one you have, we can make a new one for you also.

St. Peter's welcomes families and children! As a community we are working on building our youth programming. Kids of all ages are welcome in the service and at the communion table. During the school year we have Sunday School from 9:30-10:15 (kids rejoin families for communion). If you are new, feel free to explore our Sunday School space downstairs after the service. To connect with another St. Peter's parent with questions contact Kate.

Church office hours Monday thru Thursday, 9-11. Our email address is church@stpeterslondonderry.org.

St. Peter's YouTube Channel Worship with us on Sundays with our YouTube channel, www.youtube.com/@St.PetersLondonderry, which offers live and recorded broadcast of our Sunday services.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- ChiPs collection, Sunday, September 27 through Sunday, October 18
- Blessing of the Animals, Sunday, October 4 at 9:30am
- Messy Church, Sunday, October 4 at 5pm
- Knitters Group, Saturday, October 10 at 10am
- St. Peter's Beautification Day, Saturday, October 10 at 9am
- Sacred Harp Singing Group, Saturday, October 10 at 1:30pm
- Brandenburg and Beyond concert, Sunday, October 11 at 3 pm
- Saturday, October 17, Gratitude Supper at 5:30pm
- Crop Walk, October 18 at 1pm
- Diocese of New Hampshire Convention and Election of new Bishop, Saturday, October 24
- Blood Drive, Monday, October 26, 11am

MID-WEEK EVERY WEEK:

- **Caregivers Support Group** – Mondays, 11am – A space for community for those who care for loved ones. We talk about the challenges of managing healthcare, relationships, and emotions.

- **Meditation and Spiritual Friendship** – Tuesdays, 11am – Join us for spiritual check-ins and meditation.
- **AA Women's 12-Step Meeting** – Wednesdays, 12pm