



Getting in touch with us:

The **Church office** is not currently staffed regularly, except Monday mornings when volunteers come in to pay bills. If you have a claim for expenses or a bill that the Church should pay, please make sure it is left in the church office by then.

Publicity. If you would like to publicise an event in the monthly newsletter, please leave in the Church office or email the church mailbox by lunchtimes (last Wed of the previous month). Please put "newsletter" in the title line. If you have a celebration, like a birthday, we can all share or an event to publicise, please tell the Office .

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Team Rector: Position currently vacant

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ROTAS	3 February Communion	10 February Morning Worship	17 February Communion	24 February Morning Worship	3 March Communion
Cleaning	Volunteer please	Allister Holt	Ray Goodson	Carol Fothergill	Volunteer please
Welcoming	Barbara Goudal	Glenys Edwards	Volunteer please	Volunteer please	Barbara Goudal
Pastoral Care					
Readings	Ray Goodson Michael Thompson	Margo Brewer Ian Harley	Janet Sayer Doreen Trezise	Carol Hadgraft Alison Brown	Steve Bostock Barbara Clark
Leading Prayers	Lyndsay Baker	Steve Bostock	Allister Holt	Jeanette Welsh	Ray Goodson
Chalice	Steve Bostock Doreen Trezise		Alison Brown Ray Goodson		Steve Bostock Lyndsay Baker
Sidespersons	Michele Stevenson Linda Wooloff	Volunteers please	Greta Hartley Miriam Knight	Allister & Karen Holt	Ros & Will Fiennes
Refreshments	Carol Forthergill Doreen Trezise	Louise Griffiths Michele Stevenson	Carol Hadgraft Linda Wooloff	Alison Brown Sharon Harley	Carol Fothergill Doreen Trezise

The Church of St John the Evangelist, Carterton

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February 2019

Welcome to worship!

Please stay and join us after the service for refreshments



Sunday Services:

8.00am BCP Communion Service:



10 & 24 February only

10 February (4th before Lent)

10.30am All Age Worship (no SC)

1 Corinthians 15.1-11, Luke 5.1-11

17 February (3rd before Lent)

10.30am Holy Communion (no SC)

1 Corinthians 15.12-20, Luke 6.17-26

4.00pm: Messy Church

7.00pm: Evening Ecumenical Service

24 February (2nd before Lent)

10.30am Morning Worship + SC

Revelation 4, Luke 8.22-25

3 March (Last before Lent)

10.30am Holy Communion + SC

2 Corinthians 3.12 - 4.2, Luke 9.28-43a

4.00pm: Service of Prayer for Healing

6 March (Ash Wednesday)

7.00pm: Ash Wednesday Service

repeated on Thursday morning (7 March)

Thursdays 10.30am Holy Communion + coffee

SC = Sunday Club

Our services are not able to be streamed to the web as the streaming company has pulled out. Please see website for available downloads

Prayer priorities this week:



We give thanks for:

- Those who have helped us to understand what God wants of us.
- The brave people who challenge us about our Christian Faith

Pray for:

- ◆ All who lead in St John's Church lay and ordained as we approach change.
- ◆ The right candidate comes forward to be our new Team Rector.
- ◆ The churches of our Town.
- ◆ Our families and friends.
- ◆ Our Queen and Royal Family.
- ◆ Our government and prime minister and a harmonious outcome for Brexit.
- ◆ Our Town Council and mayor.
- ◆ Persecuted Christians around the world
- ◆ God's healing of the sick: Mick Brewer, David Brown, Jean Brown, Liz Bullock, Mary Calcutt, Clive Dibbens, Dot, Ken Edwards, Graham Evans, Emma Goodson, Ian Griffiths, Victoria Gulley, Sarah-Louise Jordan, James Maddern, Jill Marshall, David Needham, Hilda Parrott, Martin Payne, Eric Pearce, Janet Sayer, Breda Sheahan, Mark & Laura, Baby Oscar, Victoria
- ◆ Those who mourn and those with anniversaries of loved ones at this time.

Birthday Congratulations: February:

Norah Pearman (3rd); Iain Welsh (4th); Pam Pearce 7th) **March:** Carole MacRae (4th); Nicky Witt (16th)



Let's Sing on Thursday evenings @ 7.30pm

*Our vision is to be a growing church, rooted in Christ,
that reaches out with love and service to the whole community.*

Dear Heavenly Father,

Sometimes, I feel so utterly useless. I look around at our broken world and the needs of those I love and feel so utterly useless. No matter how hard I try, how much I do there is always so much more left undone. So much hurt, anger and loss surround me. So many who are vulnerable to the challenges life throws at us. Birth and death, illness, retirement, the threat of losing our home and independence, job loss, loneliness, poverty and dare I mention it the uncertainty of Brexit and the unknowing that come with potential consequences. The changes in our life can be such a challenge, especially when change follows change follows change. These challenges can wear us down and exhaust us.

Your bible reassures us **“not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present our requests to God”,** **Philippians 4:6-8.** Help me Lord, help me and those I love not to be anxious in the storms of life. Help me and others to turn to you in prayer. To submit to your will and allow you to bring hope, and new life in your transforming power of the Holy Spirit.

Your word encourages us, **“to count our trials as joy, for the testing of our faith produces steadfastness”,** **James 1:2-4.** Help me Lord and help those I love to be filled with joy in the face of adversity and to deepen our faith by placing our trust in you in all that we do.

And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you”, **1 Peter 5:10.** Dear heavenly Father, thank you for the hope that I have in you to restore, confirm, strengthen and establish me and those I love.

Heavenly Father, I know I am not alone in the challenges of life. So, help me and those I love, **“to fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith”,** **Hebrews 12:2. Amen**

In dedication and with grateful thanks to Rosie Howard. A faithful companion of God and an inspiration to us all on how to cope with life’s challenges.

Lyndsay Baker, Licensed Lay Minister

For the Children & Young People



DROP-IN (school term time only) for pre-school infants & parents Fridays (9.00—10.30am)

Messy Church: 4.00-5.00pm 3rd Sunday of the month

MAD—activities posted on your Facebook page



Fellowship Together is a vital part of the Christian life

Why not ask one of the leaders about joining a home group?

7.30pm (Tuesdays) at 23 Foxcroft Drive, Carterton. For more info talk to Michael Thompson

8.00pm (alternate Tuesdays) hosts David & Sue Edgar, 1 Fern Lane, Carterton OX18 1FW (tel: 845801)



Fellowship Breakfasts: Bi-monthly Saturday events starting @ 8.30am for the Ladies and Men. Book by emailing office@stjohnschurchcarterton.org.uk or sign up on the board.

Notices— Next issue— 3 March



February Events

- ◆ 4th: Kitchen Training (7.30pm) for all members of the catering team, to ensure we stay compliant
- ◆ 6th: INSPIRE (2.00pm)
- ◆ 8th: S.T.I.G. Race Night (7.00pm)
- ◆ 10th: Gatehouse Sandwich Making
- ◆ 11th: PCC Meeting (7.45pm prompt)
- ◆ 17th: Messy Church (4.00pm) / Evening Worship (7.00pm)
- ◆ 20th: INSPIRE (2.00pm)
- ◆ 22nd: Ladies Lunch (11.30am at church for a lift or 12 noon at Aston Potteries)
- ◆ 23rd: Church Family Breakfast (8.30am) - look out for sign up sheet
- ◆ 24th: Annual Reports deadline!
- ◆ 25th: PCC Standing Committee (7.30pm)

March Events

- ◆ 1st: World Day of Prayer (7.00pm) St Joseph’s Church—all welcome
- ◆ 3rd: Service of Prayer for Healing (4pm)
- ◆ 6th: INSPIRE (2.00pm)
- ◆ 9th: Ladies Breakfast (8.30am) - look out for sign up sheet
- ◆ 10th: Electoral Roll deadline / Gatehouse Sandwich Making
- ◆ 11th: PCC Meeting (7.45pm prompt)
- ◆ 16th: Men’s Breakfast (8.00am for 8.30am) - Book with Mike or Steve
- ◆ 17th: Messy Church (4.00pm) / Evening Worship (7.00pm)
- ◆ 20th: INSPIRE (2.00pm)
- ◆ 25th: PCC Standing Committee (7.30pm)
- ◆ 30th: Ladies Lunch (11.30am at church for a lift or 12 noon at Aston Potteries)

THANK YOU for your generosity: You raised £638 via the Remembrance Service Poppy Appeal collection and £302 for the Children’s Society collected at the Christingle Service.

Helpers needed to join a team handling hall bookings—able to show round potential hirers and be on hand to open up the church to check in, and again check out hirers on their booking date. Please speak to Linda W.

To help workload pressure on our clergy team, the PCC has agreed, for a trial period during the inter-regnum, to change the frequency of the 8.00am Sunday BCP Communion Services to alternate with the weeks when there is a 10.30am Communion Service. This will mean the BCP communion will now be held on the 2nd, 4th (and 5th) Sunday of the month.

A reminder that if you want to join the electoral roll, please complete an application form and return it to the office before 10 March. If you would like to stand for election to the PCC or become a Deanery Synod representative, nomination forms are also available from the office. (You need to be on the electoral roll to stand.). Closing date is 6 April.

Looking Ahead: INSPIRE: 10 & 17 Apr, 1 May / Gatehouse Sandwiches: 7 Apr; 12 May; 9 Jun; 7 Jul; 8 Sep; 13 Oct; 10 Nov; 8 Dec; 12 Jan / Annual Church Meeting: 7



St John’s supports the work of Christians Against Poverty through the local Centre in Witney. If you need help with debt please phone the main switchboard (0800 328 0006) to make an appointment.

Our church facilities are available to hire for private events. See Linda Wooloff for details