



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 March Communion	10 March Morning Worship	17 March Communion	24 March Morning Worship	31 March All Age
Cleaning	Volunteer please	Doreen Trezise	Allister Holt	Ray Goodson	Carol Fothergill
Welcoming	Barbara Goudal	Glenys Edwards	Linda Cox	Karen Holt	Zena Walker
Pastoral Care					
Readings	Steve Bostock Barbara Clark	Ian Harley Carol Hadgraft	Ray Goodson Michael Thompson	Steve Bostock Janet Sayer	Barbara Clark Doreen Trezise
Leading Prayers	Ray Goodson	Janet Sayer	Steve Bostock	Allister Holt	Jeanette Welsh
Chalice	Steve Bostock Lyndsay Baker		Mike Cox Bob Monkhouse		
Sidespersons	Ros & Will Fiennes	Ian & Sharon Harley	Ray Goodson Linda Wooloff	Greta Hartley Miriam Knight	Allister & Karen Holt
Refreshments	Carol Fothergill Doreen Trezise	Carol Hadgraft Linda Wooloff	Louise Griffiths Volunteer please	Alison Brown Sharon Harley	Carol Fothergill Doreen Trezise

The Church of St John the Evangelist, Carterton

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March 2019

Welcome to worship!

Please stay and join us after the service for refreshments



Sunday Services:

8.00am BCP Communion Service:



10, 24 & 31 March only

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)

10 March (1st Sunday of Lent)**

10.30am Morning Worship + SC

Romans 10.8b-13, Luke 4.1-13

17 March (2nd Sunday of Lent)**

10.30am Holy Communion—no SC

Philippians 3.17 - 4.1, Luke 13.31-end

4.00pm: Messy Church

7.00pm: Evening Worship

24 March (3rd Sunday of Lent)**

10.30am Morning Worship + SC

1 Corinthians 10.1-13, Luke 13.1-9

12.30pm Baptism (Williams)

30 March (Mothering Sunday)

10.30am All Age Worship

Exodus 2:1-10 & Luke 2:33.35

**** There will be a retiring collection for CAP**

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.
- ◆ Someone to take over as a churchwarden.
- ◆ 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, Liz Bullock, Mary Calcutt, Clive Dibbens, Dot, Ken Edwards, Graham Evans, Emma Goodson, Ian Griffiths, Victoria Gullely, 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: March:

Carole MacRae (4th); Isabelle Marshman (13th); 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.*

I remember as quite a young child at a small village school in Gloucestershire being asked by a teacher, 'And what are you giving up for Lent?' To be honest, I really don't think at that stage I had the faintest idea what Lent was, and the notion that I had to "give something up" was completely unknown to me. But the boy who had been asked before me had said "Sausages", so I said the same. Oddly, the teacher seemed quite satisfied with that! I can't remember whether I actually did stop eating sausages in Lent that year (although I doubt it), but I'm sure that whole episode taught me nothing about the real meaning of the season of Lent.

The origin of Lent was as a season of preparation for baptism. New converts to the Christian faith were baptised at an annual service on Easter Day. The forty days of Lent were the time when they prepared themselves in prayer for their new life of following and trusting Christ. In order to give more time and space for this preparation, they might well have given up eating some meals, or some kinds of food.

If you can stand another of my childhood reminiscences, I can just about recall the time when my mother was expecting my sister. With another member of the family on the way, we needed a bedroom for her. My father set to work to clear out all the clutter in our little box room, and make space for my new sister. Someone special - someone longed for - was coming, and we needed to make room.

So the object of the exercise in fasting is not to make yourself miserable, or to feel smug about your self discipline. It's to make room for someone special, for the Lord, in what would otherwise be a cluttered life. That's really what Lent is all about.

In the Bessent household, we often enjoy sausages at our evening meal. I think I can say hand on heart those sausages are not cluttering my life, and preventing me from knowing Jesus better! But I can see that lots of other things do. Perhaps you can too. May I commend Lent to you as a time to look at the priorities in your life, and seeing where you might make more room for the Lord who loves you.

Rev Stephen

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— 31 March



March Events

- ◆ 3rd: Service of Prayer for Healing (4pm)
- ◆ 6th: INSPIRE (2.00pm)
- ◆ 9th: Ladies Breakfast (8.30am) - sign up now / Prayer Time for New Team Rector (10.00-12.00 noon)
- ◆ 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)
- ◆ 18th: Kitchen Hygiene Training (7.30pm)
- ◆ 20th: INSPIRE (2.00pm)
- ◆ 25th: PCC Standing Committee (7.30pm)
- ◆ 29th: Ladies Lunch (11.30am at church for a lift or 12 noon at Aston Potteries)
- ◆ 30th: Operation Daffodil (10.00am in church)

April Events

- ◆ 1st: Kitchen Hygiene Training (7.30pm)
- ◆ 7th: Gatehouse Sandwich Making / Annual Church Meeting (12 noon) followed by short PCC meeting
- ◆ 10th: INSPIRE (2.00pm)
- ◆ 13th: Church Family Breakfast (8.30am) - look out for sign-up sheet
- ◆ 17th: INSPIRE (2.00pm)
- ◆ 20th: Easter Family Workshop (10.00am-12 noon) - look out for details
- ◆ 21st: Easter Fellowship Breakfast (8.30am) / Messy Church (4.00pm) / Evening Worship (7.00pm)
- ◆ 26th: S.T.I.G. (7.00pm)

Last chance to join the new 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. Deadline: 6 April. (You need to be on the electoral roll to stand.)

Doreen has announced that she will be standing down this year as one of our two churchwardens. Words cannot express the thanks we owe her for her commitment in this role over the last nine years (and more). We need a replacement urgently. Could that be you? Please speak to Doreen or Mike to find out what the role involves, or a member of the PCC if you feel called to step up. Application forms are available from the office. Closing date is 6 April.

Christmas Fayre: Following feedback from members of the organising committee and others, the groundswell of opinion has led the PCC to take the decision not to stage an event this year. An enormous amount of preparatory work is needed throughout the year from a lot of dedicated people to make this a success, and the PCC felt it was not appropriate to add extra pressure to already busy lives at this time. We hope you understand. There will be plans to organise a fellowship social in the form of a Christmas party in December for the church family to join in and enjoy.

Looking Ahead: INSPIRE: 1 May / Gatehouse Sandwiches: 12 May; 9 Jun; 7 Jul; 8 Sep; 13 Oct; 10 Nov; 8 Dec; 12 Jan



[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