



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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ROTAS	7 April Communion	14 April All Age	21 April Communion	28 April Morning Worship	5 May Communion
Cleaning	Volunteer please	Carol Fothergill	Doreen Trezise	Allister Holt	Volunteer please
Welcoming	Barbara Goudal	Linda Cox	Volunteer please	Karen Holt	Barbara Goudal
Pastoral Care	Mariann Thompson	Ray Goodson	Linda Cox	Margo Brewer	Barbara Goudal
Readings	Michael Thompson Ian Harley	Margo Brewer Alison Brown	Ray Goodson Carol Hadgraft	Steve Bostock Barbara Clark	Carol Hadgraft Michael Thompson
Leading Prayers	Ray Goodson	Ministry Team	Rev Ian	Jeanette Welsh	Allister Holt
Chalice	Alison Brown Bob Monkhouse		Mike Cox Ray Goodson		Steve Bostock Lyndsay Baker
Sidespersons	Ros & Will Fiennes	Ian & Sharon Harley	Volunteer please Linda Wooloff	Volunteers please	Greta Hartley Miriam Knight
Refreshments	Allister & Karen Holt	Carol Hadgraft Linda Wooloff	Louise Griffiths Michele Stevenson	Alison Brown Sharon Harley	Allister & Karen Holt

The Church of St John the Evangelist, Carterton

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April 2019

Welcome to worship!

Please stay and join us after the service for refreshments



Sunday Services:

8.00am BCP Communion Service:

14 & 28 April only

31 March (Mothering Sunday)

10.30am: All Age Worship
Exodus 2:1-10 & Luke 2:33.35

7 April (5th Sunday of Lent)

10.30am: Holy Communion + SC
Philippians 3: 4b-14 & John 12: 1-8

12 Noon: Church Annual Meeting

1.30pm: Baptism - Erin Louise Suttie

14 April (Palm Sunday)

10.30am: All Age Worship

Psalm 118; 1-2, 19-29 & Luke 19: 28-40

Holy Week:

Monday—Wednesday (15th-17th)

7.30pm: Service of Meditation

Wednesday: 10.30am: Holy Communion **

Maundy Thursday: 7.30pm Holy Communion

Gaudy Friday: 10.00am Walk of Witness

12 Noon: Quiet Service

21 April (Easter Sunday)

10.30am: Celebration Communion

Acts 10: 34-43; John 20: 1-18, or Luke 24: 1-12

7.00pm: Evening Worship

28 April (Easter 2)

10.30am: Morning Worship + SC

Rev 1: 4-8 & John 20: 19-31

12.30pm: Baptism—Keira Coley

5 May (Easter 3)

10.30am: Holy Communion + SC

Acts 9: 1-6; John 21: 1-19

Thursdays 10.30am Holy Communion + coffee

**** APART FROM HOLY WEEK**

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.
- Baby Oscar's continuing recovery.

We 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.
- ◆ The work of the Witney Street Pastors.
- ◆ Our families and friends.
- ◆ Our Queen and Royal Family.
- ◆ Our nation, our government and prime minister.
- ◆ Our Town Council and mayor.
- ◆ The work of CAP and the Besom in Witney within our community.
- ◆ Persecuted Christians around the world
- ◆ God's healing of the sick: Mick Brewer, David Brown, Liz Bullock, Mary Calcutt, Clive Dibbets, Ken Edwards, Graham Evans, Emma Goodson, Ian Griffiths, Victoria Gulley, Sarah-Louise Jordan, James Maddern, Jill Marshall, David Needham, Ruth Neville, Hilda Parrott, Martin Payne, Eric Pearce, Janet Sayer, Breda Sheahan, Dot, Mark & Laura, Baby Oscar, Victoria
- ◆ Those who mourn and those with anniversaries of loved ones at this time.

Ruth thanks you for your prayers and hopes to be back with us soon.



Birthday Congratulations: April:

Jean Brown (3rd); Mike Cox (21st); Ray Goodson (23rd); Grace Ford (25th) **May:** Linda Cox (1st)



Let's Sing on Thursdays @ 7.30pm



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

WHY WE NEED TO FOCUS ON EASTER

The main Festivals of the Christian Year (Harvest, Remembrance, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Easter, Pentecost and Trinity) all give us an opportunity to focus on different aspects of Jesus' life: for example, His Conception, His Birth, His Baptism, His Temptations, His Public Ministry, His Death, His Burial, His Resurrection, His Ascension, and the sending of His Holy Spirit at Pentecost. Each part of the story teaches us something important. So why is it so important to focus on 'Easter'?

In the First Letter to the Corinthians, the two writers, the Apostle Paul and his co-worker Sosthenes, remind us that the Easter Story is the very heart of the gospel (or 'good news') that we proclaim:

"... I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you and on which you have taken your stand. By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word... that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures ..." (1 Corinthians 15: 1b, 2a, 3b, 4, NIV)

Of course, it is this very same truth – the heart of 'the gospel' - that we also remember every time we take the Bread and Wine in any Holy Communion Service!

During the 40 days of Lent – from Ash Wednesday to Good Friday in Holy Week – we are reminded how Jesus himself foretold his own death and resurrection very precisely on at least three occasions (e.g. Mark 8: 31-32; Mark 9: 30-31; Mark 10: 33-34). For example:

"We are going up to Jerusalem," he said, "and the Son of Man will be betrayed to the chief priests and teachers of the law. They will condemn him to death and will hand him over to the Gentiles, who will mock him and spit on him, flog him and kill him. Three days later he will rise." (Mark 10: 33-34)

The death and resurrection of Jesus was not a disaster or an accident. It was God's plan from eternity that Jesus should come into the world, show us how to live, die on a cross, so that we might be forgiven, and be raised to life on the third day, so that we might have eternal life.

The Easter message is the very heart of our faith. Let's celebrate it whole-heartedly!

Rev Ian

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— 5 May



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) - sign up now
- ◆ 17th: INSPIRE (2.00pm)
- ◆ 19th: Walk of Witness starting at Shilton Park Community Centre at 10.00am
- ◆ 20th: Easter Family Workshop (10.30am-12 .30pm)
- ◆ 21st: Easter Fellowship Breakfast (8.30am) / Evening Worship (7.00pm)
- ◆ 23rd: Evening Prayer Group (7.30pm-8.30pm)
- ◆ 24th: Prayer Group (1.30pm-2.30pm)
- ◆ 26th: Ladies Who Lunch (11.30am @ church or 12 noon @ Aston Potteries) / S.T.I.G. (7.00pm)

May Events

- ◆ 1st: INSPIRE (2.00pm)
- ◆ 3rd: Ladies Night (6.30pm-10.30pm) — Pickleball—look out for more details
- ◆ 11th: Ladies' Breakfast (8.30am) - look out for sign-up sheet
- ◆ 12th: Gatehouse Sandwich Making
- ◆ 13th: PCC Meeting (7.45pm prompt)
- ◆ 15th: INSPIRE (2.00pm)
- ◆ 18th: Men's Breakfast (8.00am for 8.30am) - see Mike or Steve to sign up
- ◆ 19th: Messy Church (4.00pm) / Evening Worship (7.00pm)
- ◆ 20th: Standing Committee (7.30pm)
- ◆ 22nd: Prayer Group (1.30pm-2.30pm)
- ◆ 24th: Ladies Who Lunch (11.30am @ church or 12 noon @ Aston Potteries) / Evening Prayer Group (7.30pm-8.30pm)
- ◆ 29th: INSPIRE (2.00pm)

The Ministry Team are starting a 4-weekly prayer group meetings to pray for the life and work of our church. Rev Stephen will lead a Wednesday meeting between 1.30pm and 2.30pm; Rev Ian will lead an evening prayer group (7.30pm-8.30pm), generally on a Friday. Pick up a card with the dates.

Join us over Easter at the various events we are planning. There will be evening mediations Monday to Wednesday at 7.30pm during Holy Week, with a Communion Service on both Wednesday morning (10.30am) and Thursday evening (7.30pm). The Good Friday Walk of Witness starts at 10.00am at the Community Centre and finishes at St John's with refreshments around 11.15am. There will be a quiet reflective service at 12 noon. Join in the Easter Family Workshop on Saturday morning (10.30am-12.30pm) and look out for the sign-up sheet for our Easter Sunday Fellowship Breakfast (8.30am). Also see the sign-up sheets as helpers will be needed for some of these events. There is no Messy Church meeting on Easter Sunday.

Looking Ahead: INSPIRE: 12 & 26 Jun; 10 & 24 Jul / Gatehouse Sandwiches: 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