



### 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	5 May Communion	12 May All Age Worship	19 May Communion	26 May Morning Worship	2 June Communion
Cleaning	Volunteer please	Ray Goodson	Volunteer please	Carol Fothergill	Doreen Trezise
Welcoming	Barbara Goudal	Glenys Edwards	Zena Pearson	Karen Holt	Barbara Goudal
Pastoral Care	Barbara Goudal	Barbara Clark	Doreen Trezise	Glenys Edwards	Mariann Thompson
Readings	Carol Hadgraft Michael Thompson	Vicky Jackson Barbara Clark	Ian Harley Doreen Trezise	Ray Goodson Alison Brown	Ian Harley Lyndsay Baker
Leading Prayers	Jeanette Welsh	Ministry Team	Ray Goodson	Jeanette Welsh	Steve Bostock
Chalice	Steve Bostock Lyndsay Baker		Alison Brown Ray Goodson		Doreen Trezise Mike Cox
Sidespersons	Greta Hartley Miriam Knight	Allister & Karen Holt	Ros & Will Fiennes	Ian & Sharon Harley	Ray Goodson Michele Stevenson
Refreshments	Sharon Harley	Carol Hadgraft Linda Wooloff	Louise Griffiths Michele Stevenson	Carol Fothergill Doreen Trezise	Alison Brown Sharon Harley

## The Church of St John the Evangelist, Carterton

www.stjohnschurchcarterton.org.uk

### May 2019

Welcome to worship!

Please stay and join us after the service for refreshments



#### Sunday Services:

8.00am BCP Communion Service:

**12 & 26 May only**



#### 5 May (Easter 3)

10.30am: Holy Communion + SC

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

#### 12 May (Easter 4)

10.30am: All Age Worship

Acts 9:36-43, John 10:22-30

#### 19 May (Easter 5)

10.30am Holy Communion

Acts 11: 1-18; John 13: 31-35

4.00pm: Messy Church

7.00pm: Evening Ecumenical Service

#### 26 May (Easter 6)

10.30am: Morning Worship + SC

Acts 16: 9-15; John 14: 23-29

12.30pm: Baptism—Lily & Arthur Leeming

#### 2 June (Easter 7)

10.30am: Holy Communion + SC

Acts 19: 1-8; John 16: 29-end

4.00pm: Healing Service

**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

**Birthday Congratulations: May:** Graham Evans (8th); Jean Carter & Hilda Parrott (10th); Christopher Welsh (13th); Lynne Bolter & Jeff Knight (18th); Jonathan Welsh (25th)



#### 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.
- ♦ Our new Team Rector.
- ♦ Carterton Celebrates.
- ♦ 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, Alan & Jean Carter, Mary Calcutt, Clive Dibbens, Ken Edwards, Graham Evans, Emma Goodson, Ian Griffiths, Victoria Gullely, 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.



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.***

Easter Day celebrations may be over, but the Easter season has only just begun. I hope that whatever your plans were, you were able to put by some time to reflect upon the Easter story, the life, death and resurrection of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Christ is risen. So, let us now begin our part in the work of Easter. To love as Jesus loved. To forgive as Jesus forgave. To give generously, as Jesus gave. And, to go and tell the world the good news of how he lived, died and rose again. So that others too can know his love, receive his forgiveness and be made new.

How do we do this? Here are a few tips: -

- ◆ Pray – ask God to fill you with a desire to share the good news, to bring you opportunities to share the story of Easter and the courage to do it!
- ◆ Be clear about what you believe. That Jesus Christ was the Son of God, he died to take the punishment that we deserve for our sins and paid the price of sin which is death. Because of this we can have a relationship with God for eternity.
- ◆ Share your story in three short parts – what was my life like before I knew Jesus, how did I come to trust and believe in Jesus and how has knowing God changed my life.
- ◆ Purchase a copy of a gospel to give away, or a helpful scripture verse, or a beginner's booklet on what it means to be a Christian.
- ◆ Keep praying for the person to come to know Christ.

A few years ago, the Archbishops of Canterbury and York started an initiative called 'Thy Kingdom Come'. At its centre is encouraging Christians to pray that God's Kingdom would come. Each year for 11 days between Ascension (30<sup>th</sup> May) and Pentecost (9<sup>th</sup> June), we are encouraged to pray for five people we know, to come to know, trust and believe in Jesus Christ.

It has grown to become a global ecumenical wave of prayer. The church will again be open for an hour each day with five prayer stations (see card and poster for times). We also hope that as many of you as possible will join us for morning prayer at 8am during this time!! Further information can be found on the website [www.thykingdomcome.global/](http://www.thykingdomcome.global/)

Lyndsay

**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



**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— 2 June**



**May Events**

- ◆ 6th: May Day Fair on the Rec (10.00am-4.00pm)
- ◆ 8th: Men's Monthly Bible Study @ 29 Scholars Acre (7.30pm) / Kitchen Training (7.30pm)
- ◆ 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: Afternoon Prayer Group (1.30pm-2.30pm) / Kitchen Training 2 (7.30pm)
- ◆ 29th: INSPIRE (2.00pm)
- ◆ 31st: Ladies Who Lunch (11.30am @ church or 12 noon @ Aston Potteries) / Evening Prayer Group (7.30pm-8.30pm)

**June Events**

- ◆ 2nd: Service of Prayer for Healing (4.00pm)
- ◆ 5th: Men's Monthly Bible Study @ 29 Scholars Acre (7.30pm)
- ◆ 9th: Gatehouse Sandwich Making
- ◆ 10th: PCC Meeting (7.45pm prompt)
- ◆ 12th: INSPIRE (2.00pm)
- ◆ 14th: S.T.I.G. (7.00pm) - see Mike or Steve to sign up
- ◆ 15th: Church Family Breakfast (8.30am)
- ◆ 19th: Afternoon Prayer Group (1.30pm-2.30pm)
- ◆ 21st: Early morning Prayer Group (7.00am)
- ◆ 26th: INSPIRE (2.00pm)
- ◆ 28th: Ladies Who Lunch (11.30am @ church or 12 noon @ Aston Potteries)
- ◆ 29th: Big Church Clean Up (9.00am-12.30pm)

Thanks for your generosity, we were able to donate £234 to CAP from the Lent retiring collection.

**The Ministry Team have started 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.**

Liz & Carol would love some occasional help on a Saturday afternoon to tidy up after a children's party, either between 12.30 -1.30 or 4.30 - 5.30. It's just once a month and a wonderful witness to families. Our next dates are 18 May, 22 June & 17 August.

**For those who missed out, Ian Harley will be repeating Session 1 of the Kitchen Training series at 7.30pm on Wednesday, 8 May, and Session 2 at 7.30pm on Wednesday, 22 May.**

At 8.00am between 30 May and 9 June, the Clergy Team will be organising short morning prayer sessions in support of the Church of England's "Thy Kingdom Come" initiative. See the poster/pick up a card with other prayer times during the day. All welcome to come along.

**Looking Ahead:** INSPIRE: 10 & 24 Jul / Gatehouse Sandwiches: 7 Jul; 8 Sep; 13 Oct; 10 Nov; 8 Dec; 12 Jan / Men's Monthly Bible Study: 3 Jul / Carterton Celebrates 20-28 July



**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