



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 Tuesday 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	4 August All Age	11 August Communion	18 August Communion	25 August Morning Worship	1 September Communion
Welcoming	Volunteer please	Michael Thompson	Volunteer please	Volunteer please	Barbara Goudal
Pastoral Care					
Readings	Margo Brewer Michael Thompson	Ian Harley Ray Goodson	Barbara Clark Vicky Jackson	Carol Hadgraft Ray Goodson	Michael Thompson Alison Brown
Leading Prayers	Ministry Team	Allister Holt	Ray Goodson	Sharon Harley	Allister Holt
Chalice		Alison Brown Mike Cox	Lyndsay Baker Doreen Trezise		Ray Goodson Bob Monkhouse
Sides-persons	Volunteers please	Volunteers please	Volunteers please	Volunteers please	Allister & Karen Holt
Refreshments	Volunteers please	Volunteers please	Volunteers please	Volunteers please	Louise Griffiths Michele Stevenson

The Church of St John the Evangelist, Carterton

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August 2019

Welcome to worship!

Please stay and join us after the service for refreshments



Sunday Services:

8.00am BCP Communion Service:

4, & 25 August only



4 August (Trinity 7)

10.30am: All Age Service

Ecclesiasties 1:2; Luke 12: 13-21

Monday, 5 August

7.30pm: Induction Service led by Bishop Colin followed by light refreshments

11 August (Trinity 8)

10.30am: Family Holy Communion

Hebrews 11: 1-3, 8-16; Luke 12: 32-40

18 August (Trinity 9)

10.30am: Holy Communion

Hebrews 11: 29 - 12: 2; Luke 12: 49-56

12.30pm: Baptism—Theo Sykes

25 August (Trinity 10)

10.30am: Morning Worship

Hebrews 12: 18-end + Luke 13: 10-17

1 September (Trinity 11)

10.30am: Holy Communion

Hebrews 13: 1-8, 15-16; Luke 14: 1, 7-14

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 - August:

Karen Holt (7th); Carol Hadgraft (11th); Hilda Goodson (15th); Doreen Trezise (16th); Stella Catt (28th)



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.

We pray for:

- ♦ Drew & Billie as they start their ministry in the Benefice.
- ♦ All who lead in St John's Church lay and ordained.
- ♦ The churches of our Town.
- ♦ The work of the Witney Street Pastors.
- ♦ Our families and friends.
- ♦ Those going on holiday.
- ♦ Our Queen and Royal Family.
- ♦ Our nation, our new prime minister, our leaders and a harmonious outcome for Brexit.
- ♦ 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, Liz Bullock, Alan & Jean Carter, Mary Calcutt, Ken Edwards, Graham Evans, Emma Goodson, Ian Griffiths, Victoria Gulley, Sarah-Louise Jordan, James Maddern, Jill Marshall, Ruth Neville, Shirley Norgan, Hilda Parrott, 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.

The prayer list is periodically reviewed. Please contact the office if you wish to include a name.

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

When I left St John's and St Britius' in 2004, carrying the brown leather briefcase which was my leaving present, I had no idea that I would be returning fifteen years later, like a prodigal son coming home. I hasten to add that I have not spent the last fifteen years in reckless living, nor have I squandered my inheritance or worked on a pig farm! Those formative years here have stood me in good stead and hopefully I have at least begun to repay your investment and be fruitful in the calling to ministry and mission which was first nurtured here.

The briefcase is well-travelled and a little worn but still useful. I'm not going to unpack all the baggage I've acquired since I was last here, but thought you might be interested to look inside and see some of the Bible passages and themes which are central to my understanding of Christian life. This inside knowledge may help you to gently steer me away from my pet subjects or to at least be aware that I am about to 'go off on one'!

The Bible notes and scribbles you'd find in my briefcase may include:

- The Bible's 'body of Christ' passages, especially 1 Corinthians 12.12-31. I keep coming back to this powerful metaphor of the way we are all connected, the importance of being different from each other and of being able to live together in a way that enables everyone to be themselves and to flourish. If anyone is unwell or prevented from functioning healthily, the whole body is unhealthy.
- The conversion of Peter in Acts chapters 10 and 11. Of all the turning points in Peter's life, this seems the most significant and instructive. The sequence from Peter's disciplined prayer life to the vision he receives, to his obedience to the call to break new ground, to his humble and decisive response to the evidence he sees – I find challenging and inspiring.
- The tense exchanges between Jesus and the religious experts of his day, the scribes and Pharisees. There is so much that we can learn from the conflicts which arose over healing, deliverance and religious law. I particularly like Jesus's retort to the Pharisees in Matthew 9.13: 'Go and learn what this means, "I desire mercy, not sacrifice."'

There's more in the briefcase, but I'll leave it there for now.

God bless, Drew



For the Children

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

Messy Church: 4.00pm— 5.00pm 3rd Sunday of the month
(not in August)



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) . Hosts: Mariann & Michael Thompson, 23 Foxcroft Drive, Carterton
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. Book by emailing office@stjohnschurchcarterton.org.uk or sign up on the board.

Notices— Next issue— 1 September



August Events

- ♦ 5th: Induction Service for the Tweedies—please sign up
- ♦ 7th: INSPIRE (2.00pm)
- ♦ 10th: Church Family Breakfast (8.30am)
- ♦ 11th: Welcoming the Tweedies Fellowship Lunch—see sign-up sheet
- ♦ 14th: Afternoon Prayer Group (1.30pm-2.30pm)
- ♦ 16th: Evening Prayer Group (7.30pm-8.30pm)
- ♦ 21st: INSPIRE (2.00pm)

September Events

- ♦ 4th: INSPIRE (2.00pm)
- ♦ 8th: Gatehouse Sandwich Making
- ♦ 11th: Afternoon Prayer Group (1.30pm-2.30pm)
- ♦ 13th: Evening Prayer Group (7.30pm-8.30pm)
- ♦ 14th: Ladies' Breakfast (8.30am) / Ride & Stride Day
- ♦ 16th: PCC Meeting (7.45pm prompt)
- ♦ 18th: INSPIRE (2.00pm)
- ♦ 21st: Men's Breakfast (8.00am for 8.30am) —see Mike or Steve to sign up
- ♦ 27th: Macmillan Coffee Fund-raising Event (12 noon)
- ♦ 28th: Fellowship Harvest Supper (6.30pm) - more details to follow

Bernice Needham thanks everyone for the kindness and support they have given to her and the family over recent months.

The PCC has taken the decision to engage a contractor to carry out the weekly cleaning duties. We give heartfelt thanks to those faithful volunteers who over many years have looked after the building for us. **August is the month when our other weekly rota volunteers are given a break. Please say thanks to them and show your appreciation by taking over one of the slots. See the sign-up sheet.**

The Drop In is a very popular Toddler Group which has been running of over 20 years. It is run by volunteers from the church. We would love some help during the holidays to help clean equipment and organise our cupboard. If you could spare a couple of hours one Friday morning or can take some washing home. Please see Liz, Carol, Michele or Sandie. We are also looking for volunteers to help out at the group.

Don't forget ... Ride & Stride is on 14 Sept. You chance to visit other churches in the area by bike or foot and raise some money for them (and us). See Ray for more details and a sponsorship form.

The Parish Giving Scheme is an easy way to make your contribution towards the life of the church. Ask for a brochure. If you need help filling in your application form, please ask Ray or Mike.

Looking Ahead: INSPIRE: 2, 16 & 30 Oct; 13 & 27 Nov; 11 Dec / Gatehouse Sandwiches: 13 Oct; 10 Nov; 8 Dec; 12 Jan / Men's Monthly Bible Study: tba / "Let's Sing": Every Thursday @ 7.30pm



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 Woolloff for details