



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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If you need to swap a rota duty or have arranged this yourself, please can you let Linda Wooloff know

ROTAS	1 September Communion	8 September All Age	15 September Civic Service	22 September Communion	29 September All Age Harvest
Welcoming	Barbara Goudal	Zena Pearson	Linda Cox	Karen Holt	Glenys Edwards
Pastoral Care					
Readings	Michael Thompson Alison Brown	Carol Hadgraft Barbara Clark	Ministry Team	Doreen Trezise Michael Thompson	Michele Stevenson Steve Bostock
Leading Prayers	Allister Holt	Ministry Team	Ministry Team	Steve Bostock	Ministry Team
Chalice	Ray Goodson Bob Monkhouse			Alison Brown Mike Cox	
Sides-persons	Allister & Karen Holt	Ros & Will Fiennes	Wardens' Team	Michele Stevenson Linda Wooloff	Greta Hartley Miriam Knight
Refreshments	Louise Griffiths Michele Stevenson	Alison Brown Sharon Harley	Stephen Hester Karen Holt	Carol Hadgraft Linda Wooloff	Carol Fothergill Doreen Trezise

The Church of St John the Evangelist, Carterton

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September 2019

Welcome to worship!

Please stay and join us after the service for refreshments



Sunday Services:

8.00am BCP Communion Service:

8, 22 & 29 September only



1 September (Trinity 11)

10.30am: Holy Communion

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

8 September (Trinity 12)

10.30am: All Age Worship

Philemon 1-21 + Luke 14: 25-33

12.30pm: Baptism—Isabella Humm

4.00pm: Healing Service

15 September (Trinity 13)

10.30am: Civic/Battle of Britain Service

1 Timothy 1: 12-17 + Luke 15: 1-10

4.00pm: Messy Church

7.00pm: St Johns@7

22 September (Trinity 14)

10.30am: Morning Worship + SC

1 Timothy 2: 1-7 + Luke 16: 1-13

12.30pm: Baptism—Archie, Lola & Ayla Jones

29 September (Trinity 15)

10.30am: All Age Harvest Festival

Rev 12: 7-12 OR Heb 1: 5-end + John 1: 47-end

12.30pm: Baptism—Archie McAdan

1.30pm: Baptism—Ditcham

6 October (Trinity 16)

10.30am: Holy Communion + SC +

Baptism—Leon Bull

2 Timothy 1: 1-14; Luke 17: 5-10

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.

We pray for:

- ♦ All who lead at St John's Church lay and ordained.
- ♦ The churches of our Town.
- ♦ The work of the Witney Street Pastors.
- ♦ Our families and friends.
- ♦ Children as they start or return to school or college.
- ♦ 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.



Birthday Congratulations - September:

Jeanette Welsh (7th)

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

During the second world war, British intelligence came up with a ruse to convince the Germans that the Allies were not going to invade southern Europe through Sicily. Their clever solution was to have the body of a British officer wash up on the coast of Spain carrying secret documents which showed that the invasion would be through the Greek islands, and not Sicily. The plan relied on the body and its papers falling into the hands of German spies operating nearby. Rather gruesomely, they called it "Operation Mincemeat." Using the body of a poor unfortunate down-and-out who died in London, they created a completely fictitious Royal Marines Major. They gave him a name - William Martin. They gave him a girlfriend, and planted love letters in his pocket. They gave him an overdrawn bank account, and a rather shirty letter from his bank manager. And they gave him letters from Allied commanders which hinted about an invasion of the Greek Islands. They floated him ashore from a submarine to make it look like his plane had crashed over the ocean. It worked. The Germans fell for it. They moved much of their defences from Sicily to Greece, leaving the Allies a clear run into Sicily. To achieve this, an incredible amount of effort went into creating a completely non-existent person, just to convince someone else.

It's not just wartime intelligence officers who do that! We often put on a front for other people to see, and behave in certain ways to gain their approval. At work, we might put on a front to please the boss. With colleagues we might laugh at their jokes, even though we feel guilty that those jokes are in bad taste. Children want to wear certain kinds of trainers to be part of the "in" crowd.

There's one person I can't fool with my false identity: Jesus. He can see me just as I really am. And he loves me as I really am. I don't have to try to impress him; I don't have to try to persuade him to like me. He can see me, warts and all, and loves me anyway. That's not to say he doesn't want to change things about me. But he never says, "I'll love you if you'll change." With it's Jesus, it's always, "I love you. Now, let's talk."

Rev Stephen



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



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— 6 October



September Events

- ◆ 4th: INSPIRE (2.00pm)
- ◆ 8th: Gatehouse Sandwich Making / 4.00pm Healing Service
- ◆ 11th: Afternoon Prayer Group (1.30pm-2.30pm)
- ◆ 13th: Evening Prayer Group (7.30pm-8.30pm)
- ◆ 14th: Ladies' Breakfast (8.30am) / Ride & Stride Day
- ◆ 15th: Messy Church (4.00pm) / Evening Ecumenical Service (7.00pm)
- ◆ 16th: PCC Meeting (7.45pm prompt)
- ◆ 18th: INSPIRE (2.00pm)
- ◆ 20th: Ladies' Night (7.00pm) —look out for more details
- ◆ 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) - look out for sign up sheet

October Events

- ◆ 2nd: INSPIRE (2.00pm)
- ◆ 7th: Standing Committee Meeting (7.30pm)
- ◆ 9th: Afternoon Prayer Group (1.30pm-2.30pm)
- ◆ 11th: Evening Prayer Group (7.30pm-8.30pm)
- ◆ 12th: Autumn Church Big Clean
- ◆ 13th: Gatehouse Sandwich Making
- ◆ 14th: PCC Meeting (7.45pm prompt)
- ◆ 16th: INSPIRE (2.00pm)
- ◆ 18th: S.T.I.G. (7.00pm)
- ◆ 19th: Church Family Breakfast (8.30am)
- ◆ 20th: Messy Church (4.00pm) / Evening Ecumenical Service (7.00pm)
- ◆ 25th: Ladies' Lunch @ Aston Potteries (11.30am at church or 12 noon at venue)
- ◆ 30th: INSPIRE (2.00pm)

The annual Ride & Stride event to raise money for local churches takes place on **Saturday 14 September**. Riders and striders see Ray for a sponsorship form. A team of welcome volunteers is also needed. Again, speak to Ray if you can give an hour or so, or just sign up on the board.

It's that time of year again, time to empty the **Children's Society boxes**. Please could all box holders bring in your box during the month of September. If you don't see me, please leave it either behind the piano or in the office. Thank you everyone. Linda C.

Our **Harvest Festival** service is on 29 September. Your non-perishable food donations will be passed on to help The Besom in Witney provide emergency food parcels in the locality. The following items would be particularly gratefully received: tinned meals, tinned vegetables (esp potatoes), tinned fruit and desserts, breakfast cereals, biscuits and small jars of coffee.

"Through Thick & Thin": A conference for women on **Saturday, 19 Oct** (9.30am-3pm) at Warwick Hall, Burford. Exploring life as a Christian woman in 21st century Britain. £8 a ticket available via burfordchurch.org. If you would like to attend but need a lift, speak to Barbara C or Mariann.

Looking Ahead: INSPIRE: 13 & 27 Nov; 11 Dec / Gatehouse Sandwiches: 10 Nov; 8 Dec; 12 Jan / Open Church: 22 Nov / 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 Wooloff for details