

News from St John the Evangelist Church
6 Burford Road, Carterton
June 2021
Welcome to worship!



This month's thoughts are from Gary Long

This month's Messy Church Bag theme is the Ten Commandments. Can you imagine a world where there were no rules?

Imagine the chaos if there were no traffic rules? Or where everyone ignores them.

What about if rules didn't exist at home or at school or the workplace? Rules are there to keep people safe.

In Ex 20:2-17 God gave the Ten Commandments to His people. These were rules that would bring about good results for anyone who followed them; to help keep people safe and at peace; to show people how to love and respect each other and God; to help people stay close friends with God

God knew His people very well. He knew their hearts. He knew they were human—that they often made mistakes, made bad choices, and acted without thinking. I am going to paraphrase them:

1. Put God first
2. No fake gods
3. Respect God's name
4. Respect God's day of rest
5. Respect your parents
6. Do not kill people
7. Respect marriage
8. Do not steal
9. Do not lie
10. Do not be jealous.

The message is clear: a healthy society is built on respect. A lack of respect for God leads to idolatry and the lack of respect for people leads to immorality and injustice.

Jesus summed up the Law with these two sentences: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength" and "Love your neighbour as yourself." (Matt 22:37–39). I think we can do no better than to follow His example. Each of the Ten Commandments remind us of those two things: Show love and respect to God and show love and respect to others.



Keeping in Touch

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Meetings on Zoom: Home Groups are meeting regularly. If you would like to join one, contact Lyndsay who will put you in touch with a group leader. The PCC continue to hold their monthly meetings via Zoom. The Clergy Team meet each Monday.

Let's Worship Together

8.00 am Sunday BCP services have restarted once a month on the second Sunday of the month.

Depending how this goes, we may increase this to twice a month.

10.30am Thursday morning Holy Communion has restarted, and all are welcome to join us.

No need to book for any of our services except the Informal Worship Service on the second Sunday of the month. Please book this service with Gary.

Sunday Services @ 10.30am

6 June: Holy Communion

13 June: Informal Worship

20 June: Holy Communion

27 June: Morning Worship



Let's Pray

Monthly Wednesday Prayer Sessions at 1.30pm in the Church

16 June, 21 July, 18 August (provisional),
15 September, 20 October,
17 November, 15 December



We are a church that believes in the power of prayer. The bible states "And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us. And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of him." 1 John, chapter 5, verses 14-15.

We have a regular prayer letter that is available at the church and on the website which we encourage everyone to use in praying for others. Also, any of the ministry team would be delighted to pray for you at any time. If you would like to be added to the prayer list please contact Lyndsay Baker 07783 650 993, layminister@stjohnschurchcarterton.org.uk

Let's celebrate!

Many people will have had birthdays with limited or no opportunity to celebrate with others over the past year. Let's celebrate some June birthdays we know about, but I am sure there are others we don't. If you would like to be in the birthday list, please contact the office:



Rev Ian (4th); Eliann Witt (9th); Margaret Talty (15th); Rev Drew (24th); Valerie Payne (28th)

Message from Gary Long, Children & Families Worker

Tuesday Children's Worship @ 4.00-5.00pm in the Church Hall. Please contact Gary if you would like your primary school aged child to attend.

Sunday Youth Group for years 7-13 @ 4.00 -5.30pm in the Church Hall. Please contact Gary if you would like your child to attend.

Family Fun/Messy Church: Collect activity bags for June from the car park on Sunday, 6 June (1-3pm); 4 July meeting will have outside activities (4-6pm).

Holiday Club We are planning to run this 9.30am-12 noon on Monday 16 through to Friday 20 August for ages 5-11 (school year 1-6). Places are limited. A booking form can be obtained from Gary.

Call 07799 968408 or email

gary@stjohnschurchcarterton.org.uk

A Request from Liz Wood

Volunteer needed to serve refreshments on a Friday morning 10 - 11.30am during term time. This could be one person, or a number of people who are happy to go on a rota. The Drop In Toddler Group has been running at St John's for over twenty years and is a lifeline to young families in our community. Here is a quote from one family: "As a young family living in Carterton the St. John's drop in on a Friday was always a welcome break, to stop, to chat and have a warm cup of tea while the children played. It was a chance to meet other families with similar age children, also it was for support! Many a Friday morning I dragged me and my baby out on such little sleep to always receive a warm welcome, even through tearful newborn days right up until preschool years! "

What Else is Happening?

Annual Church Meeting - after the service on **Sunday, 18 July**. In advance, our church electoral roll will close on Saturday, 6 June. If you would like to join the roll and be able to vote at the Annual Meeting, please submit a completed application form to the office before 6 June. If you would like to join the PCC, please submit a completed application by 16 July. Forms are on the noticeboard or on our website.

Kitchen Training: In anticipation of reopening our refreshment offering later in the year, refresher courses for all kitchen volunteers will take place on Saturday, 5 and repeated on 12 June (9.00am-1.00pm). Anyone intending to use the kitchen will need to complete the training. Speak to Ian Harley or email the office to sign up.

Look out for more information of fellowship events resuming, once we have a clear direction from the Government.