



Getting in touch with us:

The Church office is not 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 20th 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 .

Baptism enquiries: Please email office@stjohnschurchcarterton.org.uk

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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	3 October Harvest	10 October Informal Worship	17 October Morning Worship	24 October Communion	31 October Morning Worship
Welcoming	Barbara Goudal	Ray Goodson	Ray Goodson	Ray Goodson	Zena Pearson
Readings	Alison Brown Jacky Long		Patrick Count Carol Hadgraft	Ashley Count Doreen Trezise	Allister Holt Alison Brown
Leading Prayers	Jeanette Welsh	Gary Long	Allister Holt	Patrick Count	Steve Bostock
Chalice	Clergy Lead			Clergy Lead	
Sides-persons	Ian & Sharon Harley	Wardens	Greta Hartley Miriam Knight	Allister & Karen Holt	Ros & Will Fiennes
Refreshments	Stephen Hester Karen Holt	Volunteers please	Doreen Trezise Volunteer please	Louise Griffiths Ian Harley	Alison Brown Sharon Harley

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.

The Church of St John the Evangelist, Carterton

www.stjohnschurchcarterton.org.uk

October 2021

Welcome to worship!

Please stay and join us after the service for refreshments



Sunday Services:

3 October:

10.30am: Communion Harvest Service

Ps 46 1 John 4:8-16 Matthew 22:34-40

Your non-perishable food donations will be passed on to The Besom in Witney

4.00pm: Messy Church

10 October:

8.00am: BCP Holy Communion

10.30am: Informal Worship

1 Kings 19:1-20; Mat 6:5-15

12.30pm: Baptism—James Woodward

17 October:

10.30am: Morning Worship

Ps 46; 1 John 4:8-16; Mat 22:34-40

24 October:

10.30am: Holy Communion

Isa 40:28-14:1; John 15:1-11

31 October:

10.30am: Morning Worship

1 Kings 19:1-18; Mark 1:11-19

4.00pm: Bereavement Service

followed by light refreshments

10.30am Thursday morning Holy Communion

Let's celebrate!

Many people will have had birthdays with limited or no opportunity to celebrate with others recently. Let's celebrate upcoming birthdays we know about, but there are likely others we don't. If you would like to be included in the birthday list, please contact the office:

This month: Alison Brown (7th); Michele Stevenson (11th); Bernice Needham (16th); Lyn Bostock (30th)



Let's Pray

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 650793 , layminiter@stjohnschurchcarterton.org.uk

Monthly Wednesday Prayer

Sessions at 1.30pm in the Church

20 October, 17 November, 15 December

Thanksgiving service for Margaret Tinner on 5 October. Please pray for the family.

Our Christianity Explored Course continues on Saturdays (10.30am-12.30pm) to 13 November. Saturday, 6 November will be a full day 10.30am-4.00pm with lunch provided.

Our vision is to be a growing church, rooted in Christ,

There is a definite nip in the air as we move into Autumn. Summer clothes are packed away and warmer ones start to make an appearance. Children return to school and the nights fall darker more quickly. Spiders go into overdrive marking their presence with prolific cobwebs.

Now is the time to make the most of any sunshine and enjoy the transformation as trees slowly erupt into glorious rich shades of Autumn, coppers, reds, browns, and golds. Farmers and gardeners are busy harvesting crops, picking apples before they fall to the mercy of various insects. Cooks are busy bottling jams, chutneys and making fruit pies.

It's a time of abundance but also a time of remembrance. Celebrating all God's good gifts of an abundant harvest and remembering those who have gone before us. I suspect this year all of us will remember the last year or so with difficulty. It's been a challenging time for everyone. And whilst I wholly endorse the desire to look and to move forward, it can be helpful to spend a short time looking back.

Looking back can help us identify the good things, so that we can hold onto them into the future and to let go of the bad. Looking back, we can recall memories of our loved ones who have died and celebrate the qualities that we also aspire to. Looking back may also help us identify those moments when God was at work in our lives. Sometimes, when we are going through tough times it's hard to recognise God's presence and to miss the way in which he has spoken to us. God doesn't just show up and then disappear out of our lives like a Holy Yoyo! He has promised to be with us always, to the very end of the age.

Blessings, Lyndsay Baker

Events for Children & Families

Tuesday & Wednesday Kids Club @ 4.00-5.00pm in the Church Hall. Please contact Gary if you would like your primary school aged child to attend.

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

Sunday Youth Group 10 October: for years 7-13 @ 4.00 -5.30pm in the Church Hall. Please contact Gary if you would like your child to attend.

Messy Church: 4.00pm— 5.00pm First Sunday of the month

Call 07799 968408 or email gary@stjohnschurchcarterton.org.uk



Fellowship Together is a vital part of the Christian life

Home Groups meet regularly on Zoom. The Tuesday group meets in church. If you would like to join one, contact Lyndsay who will put you in touch with a group leader.

Fellowship Breakfasts: Bi-monthly Saturday events starting @ 8.30am. Book by emailing office@stjohnschurchcarterton.org.uk or sign up on the board.



What Else is Happening?

Film Night: Friday, 1 October (7.00pm-9.00pm). Rev Ian will send out information and the Zoom link nearer the date.

INSPIRE: We will be restarting this on **Wednesday, 13 October** at 2pm. At the current time, we will only meet on the 2nd Wednesday of the month. Hopefully we will return to twice a month as soon as we are comfortable it will be possible.

Fellowship Meals: To celebrate the Harvest season, we will be holding two events, to ensure no-one misses out since numbers will be limited. A **Harvest Supper** will take place on **Saturday, 9 October** at 6.30pm; with a **Family Breakfast on Saturday, 16 October** at 8.30am. Look out for sign-up sheets for both events.

Save the Children Fund-Raisers: Pauline & Graham Evans invite you to a Christmas sale at 5 Lipscombe Place, Carterton OX18 1EP on **Wednesday, 6 October** (10.30am to 4.00pm)> There will be a large selection of Christmas Cards, Christmas items and Gifts and also a Cake Sale with a good variety of delicious homemade cakes for you to buy and take home to enjoy. If you can't make that, they will also be selling Christmas items after the service on **Sunday, 17 October**.

Superheros & Princesses Kids' Party: 31 October (6.00pm—8.00pm). Come along dressed as your favourite character. Contact Gary to book (07799 968408)

Help!

Finance Assistant: Person needed to assist the PCC Treasurer. No accountancy experience required. Not required to be a member of the PCC. Ask Ray Goodson for further information.

Toddler Group: We urgently need help serving refreshments on a Friday morning. Could you volunteer one Friday a month, between 9.00am - 10.30am (term time only)? The Toddler Group is a wonderful way to serve the community and welcome families into our church. Please speak to Liz Wood or Gary

Sweet Tooth Tombola stall: Can you help with donations of small confectionery items to stock our proposed stall at the town's Christmas Lights Switch On on Friday, 3 December? Look out for the donations box in church.

Looking Ahead: There's no Ladies' Breakfast in November / **INSPIRE**(10 November @ 2pm) / **Film Night** (12 November @ 7.00pm) / **Remembrance Service @ 10.00am** (14 November) / **Men's Breakfast @ 8.30am** (20 November) / **Open Church** (3 December @ 6.00pm) / **Christingle service** (5 December @ 4.00pm) / **Film Night** (10 December @ 7.00pm) / **Family Breakfast** (11 December @ 8.30am) / **Christmas Carol service** (19 December at 6.00pm) / **Midnight Communion service** (24 December @ 11.30pm)

