



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 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	5 September	12 September	19 September	26 September	3 October
	Communion	Informal Worship	Communion	BoB Service	Harvest
Welcoming	Barbara Goudal	Ray Goodson	Karen Holt	Wardens Team	Barbara Goudal
Readings	Allister Holt Alison Brown		Steve Bostock Ashley Count		Alison Brown Jacky Long
Leading Prayers	Steve Bostock	Gary Long	Allister Holt		Jeanette Welsh
Chalice	Lyndsay Baker Doreen Trezise		Steve Bostock Bob Monkhouse		Alison rown Ray Goodson
Sides-persons	Greta Haqrtley Miriam Knight	Allister & Karen Holt	Ros & Will Fiennes	Wardens Team	Ian & Sharon Harley
Refreshments	Stephen Hester Karen Holt	Doreen Trezise Volunteer please	Louise Griffiths Ian Harley	Alison Brown Sharon Harley	Stephen Hester Karen Holt

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

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September 2021

Welcome to worship!

Please stay and join us after the service for refreshments



Sunday Services:

8.00 am Sunday BCP services on the second Sunday of the month.



Sunday Services @ 10.30am

5 September: Holy Communion

Ps 104:1,10-18 Isa 55:10-11 Mark 16:14-14.00pm: Messy Church

12 September: Informal Worship

12.30pm: Baptism: Calli Rymell

19 September: Holy Communion

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

26 September: Civic Service/Battle of Britain

Ps 54 Prov 31:10-end Mark 9:30-37

3 October: 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

10.30am Thursday morning Holy Communion

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.

Christianity Explored Course taking place on eight Saturdays (10.30am-12.30pm) from 25 September to 13 November. Saturday, 6 November will be a full day 10.30am-4.00pm with lunch provided. Pick up an enrolment postcard from the foyer. Pass one on to a friend who you feel might be interested

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 650 993, layminiter@stjohnschurchcarterton.org.uk

Monthly Wednesday Prayer Sessions at 1.30pm in the Church

15 September, 20 October, 17 November, 15 December

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 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: Jeanette Welsh (7th)

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

The Joy of Taking Part ‘... we work with you for your joy ...’ (2 Corinthians 1:24) ‘Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others ...’ (1 Peter 4: 10a)

I think all of us have enjoyed participating in things. Of course. it’s good to watch and be a supporter, but it’s also fun being involved and taking part yourself. Not just watching the football match or the game of tennis, but playing yourself. Not just watching the cyclists, but getting on a bike yourself. Not just going to see the play or hear the choir, but getting a role for yourself or joining in with the singers. It’s good to have a part in family life! It’s one of those things that most of us really enjoy doing.

As we come out of Lockdown and begin to return to some sort of ‘normality’, we all have a new opportunity to assess what we are doing and why we are doing it. We all have our old routines and habits (be they daily, weekly, monthly or annual), but now, as life starts up again, we can all decide afresh what we should be doing.

What a joy it has been to start singing again together in Church! We may have been watching it on a computer screen, but now we can actually join in and sing ourselves!

In the past, in the Church of England, we have often been encouraged to be spectators. The clergy, lay ministers and choir at the front have often ‘done it all’, but we’ve been told to listen, watch and be supporters. And a small team of other ‘specialists’ (usually on the PCC) have seemingly done all the other jobs. Certainly, we’ve appreciated it. But this is Church family life! Why shouldn’t we all have the joy of taking part and doing something as well?

Please pray about this. I believe that God has given us all gifts and that we all have a unique part to play in our Church family life, here at St John’s. Moreover, as St Paul says, the Church is a ‘Body’, and everyone of us, regardless of our age, is a part of that Body and has a unique contribution to make.

Is there something else you would like to do at Church? Something you’d enjoy doing?
I wish you all a blessed and joyful return to our new, shared ‘normality’! **Rev Ian**

Events for Children & Families

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.

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

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.

Thank you to everyone who made the Family Fun Day in August such a success!

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



Fellowship Together is a vital part of the Christian life

Home Groups are meeting regularly on Zoom. 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?

INSPIRE: We will be restarting this on **Wednesday, 8 September** 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 Breakfasts: From September, we are restarting our ladies’ breakfast (11th) and men’s (18th) breakfast. Sign up for the ladies breakfast in the hall. There will be a family breakfast on 9 October.

Ride & Stride: Want to help preserve Oxfordshire's Historic Churches + support St. Johns too? By being a sponsored Cyclist or Walker in the annual 'Ride + Stride' on Saturday 11 September you can. Ask Ray Goodson for details.

Macmillan “Coffee Day”: Sharon and team will be organising a fund-raising event in church on Friday, 24 September between 10.30am and 4.00pm – offerings include coffee, sandwiches, cream teas and of course lovely cakes. Cash donations only.

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.

Looking Ahead: Family Breakfast @ 8.30am (9 October) / INSPIRE: 13 October (2pm) / Remembrance Service @ 10.00am (14 November)

