



Getting in touch with us:

The **Church office** is not staffed regularly apart from on Mondays. 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, hand it to the Treasurer or send via email to finance@stjohnschurchcarterton.org.uk
Publicity. If you would like to publicise an event or a celebration in the monthly newsletter, please leave details in the Church office or email the office **before 15th** of the previous month. Please put "newsletter" in the title line.

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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	2 February	9 February	16 February	23 February	2 March
	Communion	Informal	Communion	Morning Worship	Communion
Welcoming, Bell Ringer & Sidespersons	Zeana Pearson Jacky Thomas	Volunteers please	Allister & Karen Holt	Greta Hartley Miriam Knight	Zeana Pearson Jacky Thomas
Readings	Steve Bostock Mike Watts	CFM	Brian Hosgood Janet Sayer	Sharon Harley Carol Hadgraft	Ian Harley Mike Watts
Leading Prayers	Rev Barry	CFM	Steve Bostock	Allister Holt	Rev Barry
Chalice	Alison Brown Mike Cox		Ian Baker Wend Smith		Alison Brown Mike Cox
Refreshments	Stephen Hester Sharon Harley	Alison Brown John Walcraft	Ian Harley Tasha Walcraft	Carol Fothergill Jacky Thomas	Stephen Hester Sharon Harley

St John's supports the work of Christians Against Poverty (CAP) 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

February 2025

Welcome to worship!



Broadcasting Sunday services online : see our website for details

2 February—Candlemas

10.30am: Holy Communion*
Malachi 3:1-5 The coming messenger;

Luke 2:22-40 Jesus is presented at the temple.

4.00pm: Messy Church

9 February— 4th before Lent

10.30am: Informal Worship

Isaiah 6:1-8 A vision of God in the temple.

Luke 5:1-11. Jesus calls the first disciples

16 February—3rd before Lent

10.30am: Holy Communion*

Jeremiah 17:5-10. Judah's sin and punishment.

Luke 6:17-26. Blessings and woes

23 February—2nd before Lent

10.30am: Morning Worship

Genesis 2:4b-9, 15-end. Another account of creation.

Luke 8:22-35 Jesus calms a storm and heals a demoniac.

2 March—Last before Lent

10.30am: Holy Communion*

Exodus 34:29-end. The shining face of Moses.

Luke 9:26-36. The Transfiguration

* For Intincture, stand to the right at the altar; for Common Cup stand to the left

Mid-week Holy Communion services every Thursday morning @ 10.30am

No service on 6 February

You can now donate towards the work of St John's via the above QR code

Let's Pray



We are a church that believes in the power of prayer. We have a regular prayer letter that is available at the church and on the website. 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/
layminister@stjohnschurchcarterton.org.uk

Monthly Prayer Meeting Third Thursday of each month at 9.45am @ St John's. A time to offer prayers for the Benefice and our Community.

Eco Tip of the month

Make 'enjoying nature' your priority. From bird watching to writing about or drawing something that inspires you in nature, growing your own fruit or vegetables, or exploring an area of outstanding natural beauty in the UK, be sure to fall in love with nature in a new way this coming year and allow it to lead your thoughts towards God our Creator. Further ideas can be found at arocha.org.uk/ideas-to-enjoy-nature/



Let's celebrate anyone who has a birthday in February.



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

This month's thoughts are from Lyndsay

Jesus said 'Love the Lord your God.....love your neighbour as yourself,' Mark 12:30-31. God's command to love, is one that holds the possibility of transformation. To be known as people who love radically, as God loves us. To show compassion, and mercy to all, even when others hurt us, annoy us, or when we disagree. Living a life that is soaked in the radical love of Christ takes our time and effort. It does not mean we should accept poor behaviour.....

Jesus said "If your brother or sister sins, go and point out their fault, just between the two of you", Matthew 18:15. It takes courage to express our fears and concerns, especially so if the other person has authority over us, or a reputation to be aware of. However, this is also what Jesus calls us to do. Why? It gives the other person an opportunity to explain, or to apologise for any hurt caused. It helps us to build better relationships with each other. It also gives us an opportunity to reflect and learn from any mistakes.

Paul said 'Be kind to one another, tender hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you," Ephesians 4:32. We are called to forgive, again and again...

We cannot do these things on our own, we place our trust in Christ and pray. I'm happy to share one of the prayers that still helps me. Lord, lead me to love others as you love me, find me the words and the courage to express myself with compassion, and with mercy. Travel with me, and guide me onto the path that leads to forgiveness....and then we listen to what God has to say.

Christ's teaching presents us all with the challenge, to live authentic Christian lives, but the rewards, I believe, are worth it. Our efforts bring healing, hope and renewal. God bless, Lyndsay



Fellowship Together is a vital part of the Christian life

Home Groups meet regularly throughout the month. If you would like to join one, contact the office 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 in February

12th & 26th: INSPIRE (2.00pm-4.00pm)

15th: Church Family Breakfast (8.30am)

23rd: Sing & Praise (4.00pm)

Please note Lyndsay will be away on placement training in Ducklington this month, so not available on the phone or by email.

Looking Ahead

Contact Linda Wooloff to make or amend any bookings in the church calendar c/o office@stjohnschurchcarterton.org.uk



'WORLD DAY OF PRAYER' Friday, 7 March, 7pm at St John's Church. The service for 2025 has been put together by the Christian women in the Cook Islands, the theme is "I made you wonderful". Based on the words of Psalm 139 and woven within the stories of three Christian women we are called to worship God together in recognition that each one of us is special and unique, wonderfully made in God's image. Refreshments will be served after the service. For more information see Linda Cox

12th & 26th March: INSPIRE (2.00pm-4.00pm)

15 March: Men's Breakfast (8am for 8.30am)

29 March: Operation Daffodil (10.00am)

30 March: Mothering Sunday

31 March: PCC Meeting (7.45pm)

What's Happening Around the Benefice?

For events taking place at **St Britius** and **St Mary's** go to our new Benefice website www.bncbb.org.uk

Regular Events for Children & Families in term time only (*)

Monday After School Club* 3.15pm-4.15pm, **Tuesday & Wednesday Kids Club*** 4.00-5.00pm (ages 5-10) & **Tuesdays** 5.15-6.15pm (ages 10-14). Please contact Wend if you would like your child to attend. Re-starting 2nd week in January

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

Messy Church: 4.00pm— 5.00pm First Sunday of the month (**Not January, April, August or December**)

