



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.

Baptism enquiries: Rossie Swell 01993 843418 "rossie.sewell@gmail.com"
Wedding or Banns enquiries: Please email office@stjohnschurchcarterton.org.uk
Church Office: Phone Number: 01993 212661 (answerphone only)
Email: office@stjohnschurchcarterton.org.uk

Rector: Rev Barry Hanson "associatepriest@stjohnschurchcarterton.org.uk" 07949 654988 (Day off Friday)

Lay Minister & Spiritual Director: Lyndsay Baker
layminister@stjohnschurchcarterton.org.uk 07783 650793

Children & Families Ministry: Wend Smith "acfm@stjohnschurchcarterton.org.uk"
 07492 925602

Churchwardens: Allister Holt 01993 209227 & Alison Brown 07966 405687
wardens@stjohnschurchcarterton.org.uk

PCC Secretary: Linda Wooloff "office@stjohnschurchcarterton.org.uk" 01993 840133

Website: www.stjohnschurchcarterton.org.uk
If you need to swap a rota duty or have arranged this yourself, please can you let Linda Wooloff know

ROTAS	2 March Communion	9 March Informal	16 March Communion	23 March Morning Worship	30 March Communion
Welcoming, Bell Ringer & Sidespersons	Zeana Pearson Jacky Thomas	Volunteers please	Allister & Karen Holt	Volunteers please	Greta Hartley Miriam Knight
Readings	Steve Bostock Mike Watts	CFM	Brian Hosgood Janet Sayer	Sharon Harley Margo Brewer	Alison Brown Carol Hadgraft
Leading Prayers	Rev Barry	CFM	Steve Bostock	Allister Holt	Lyndsay Baker
Chalice	Alison Brown Mike Cox		Ian Baker Wend Smith		Lyndsay Baker Steve Bostock
Refreshments	Stephen Hester Sharon Harley	Alison Brown John Walcraft	Ian Harley Tasha Walcraft	Carol Fothergill Jacky Thomas	Stephen Hester Karen Holt

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

March 2025

Welcome to worship!



Broadcasting Sunday services online : see our website for details

2 March—Last before Lent

10.30am: Holy Communion*
Exodus 34:29-end. The shining face of Moses.

Luke 9:26-36. The Transfiguration

4.00pm: Messy Church

5 March: Ash Wednesday Communion Services

5.30pm @ St Mary's

7.00pm @ St Britius

9 March—Lent 1

10.30am: Informal Worship
Deuteronomy 26:1-11. First fruits and tithes.
Luke 4:1-13. The testing of Jesus

16 March—Lent 2

10.30am: Holy Communion*
Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18. God's Covenant with Abram.
Luke 13:31-end. The lament over Jerusalem.

23 March—Lent 3

10.30am: Morning Worship
Isaiah 55:1-9 An invitation to abundant life.
Luke 13:1-9. Repent or perish.

30 March—Mothering Sunday

10.30am: Family Communion*
Colossians 3:12-17. The new life in Christ.
Luke 2:33-35. Jesus at the Temple.

6 April—Lent 5

10.30am: Holy Communion*
Isaiah 43:16-21 Restoration and protection promised.
John 12:1-8 Mary anoints Jesus.

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



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

Go green for Lent. The weeks leading up to Easter are a time for self reflection, repentance and emulating Jesus' obedience to the Father. Is there something you'd like to give up or take up during Lent that will enable you to reflect on God, contribute to our planet's well-being and enhance others' lives through sustainable, eco friendly living?



Let's celebrate a March birthday:
Nicky Witt (16th)



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

6 March: Imposition of Ashes service

*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 Rev Barry

Hopefully Christmas is a distant memory and you have fond recollections of it. New year's resolutions have been made and perhaps broken already. In March we are in the season of Lent (much later than last year!) Easter is calculated following the first full moon after the spring equinox (the day when the sun crosses the equator and marks the beginning of spring). That means it can be any time between 22 March and 25 April. There have been calls to standardise the date of Easter, but I fear that may be some time away yet. We must petition those in authority as it will help with our personal conveniences!

Lent is often understood to be a period of fasting, preparation and penance in the lead up to Easter day. Cue some folks who often loudly proclaim what they have given up for Lent, "Oh I've given up chocolate ... I've given up wine ... I've given up biscuits". Within that there may be moans to all who will listen, coupled with a conscious endeavour to make up for lost treats when Easter day arrives. There may be health benefits for giving up such delicacies, but one must put up with constant begrudging cravings in the interim. Jesus's parable of the Pharisee and the tax collector in Luke 18 comes to mind.

I always suggest that it is not what a person can give up for Lent, it is what they can do for Lent. Doing is a lot harder than abstaining. Doing involves actions, that will have an impact on others. Doing requires a much more proactive and consistent effort. What can I do for others in my family? What can I do to help others to know that I love them? What can I do to help proclaim the Good News? What can I do to help in church? Doing is giving something up; it is giving up some self-centredness. Even though you many think that you do not have gifts to offer, of course you do! Think about the adventures that you may have along the way and folks that you will encounter. Your days may become even more exciting and rewarding, if you step outside of your comfort zone and endeavour to do new things for others over this Lenten season. Of course, the ministry team are ever grateful for those who do so much for the life and work of the churches in this benefice already. Without them we would not be here. It is not just for them to continue doing what they are doing.

No doubt you have heard that I have been appointed to be your new Team Rector, to build upon all the fine work of the previous priests in the past. I look forward to serving you all over the coming years, and accompanying you all on your journey of faith.

With best regards and love, Rev Barry



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 March

1st & 3rd Wednesdays: Warm Space (10.30am-12.30pm) - Coffee and chat resumes from April

4th: Pancake Supper (6.00-7.30pm @ St Britius). Tickets £7.50 from Carolyn (844102) or Phil (843856)

7th: World Day of Prayer (7.00pm). Followed by refreshments.

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

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

29th: Operation Daffodil (10.00am) in the worship area, preparing posies for Mothering Sunday—please let Mike Cox know if you can help.

31st: PCC Meeting @ 7.45pm

Looking Ahead

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



5 April: Come to hear the Oxford Welsh Male Choir Charity Concert here @ 7.30pm. Tickets £15 from <https://WitneyRotaryConcert2025.eventbrite.co.uk>

9 April: Licensing service for Rev Barry as our new Rector - 7.30pm (St John's). All welcome.

9 & 23 April: INSPIRE (2.00pm-4.00pm)

12 April: Church Family Breakfast (8.30am)

Compline & Reflection @ St John's during Lent Week (14 & 15 April: 7.00pm) (16 April: 6.00pm)

19 April: Easter Vigil @ St John's (5.00pm-7.00pm)

20 April: Church Family Easter Breakfast (9.00am)

In advance of our Annual Meetings on 18 May, we need to refresh the whole of the church electoral roll. Everyone who wants to enrol and be eligible to vote on church matters, needs to complete a new form. These are available on the red noticeboard. Please complete and return the form to the office before 20 April. (Linda W)

What's Happening Around the Benefice?

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

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

Monday TnT 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.

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**)

