



## 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](mailto: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	6 April	13 April	20 April	27 April	4 May
	Communion	Informal	Communion	Morning Worship	Communion
Welcoming, Bell Ringer & Sidespersons	Zena Pearson Jacky Thomas	Allister & Karen Holt	Greta Hartley Miriam Knight	Volunteers please	Zena Pearson Jacky Thomas
Readings	Sharon Harley Carol Hadgraft	Lyndsay/Wend	Brian Hosgood Alison Brown	Mike Watts Ian Harley	
Leading Prayers	Steve Bostock	Lyndsay/Wend	Allister Holt	Lyndsay Baker	Rev Barry
Chalice	Lyndsay Baker Mike Cox		Steve Bostock Wend Smith		Ian Baker Alison Brown
Refreshments	Ian & Sharon Harley	Tasha Beckerson John Wallcraft	Carol Fothergill Jacky Thomas	Stephen Hester Karen Holt	Alison Brown 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

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**April 2025**

Welcome to worship!



**Broadcasting Sunday services online : see our website for details**

### 6 April—Lent 5

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



### 13 April—Palm Sunday

10.30am: Informal Worship  
*Psalms 118:1-2; 19 end. A song of victory. Luke 19:28-40. Jesus' triumphal entry.*

### 14 & 15 April

7.00pm: Compline & Reflection

### 16 April

6.00pm: Compline & Reflection

### 17 April: Maundy Thursday

8.00pm: Prayers

### 18 April—Good Friday

10.30am: Walk of Witness from Community Centre  
 12 noon: Reflective Service

### 19 April—Easter Saturday

6.00pm-8.00pm: Easter Vigil  
*A silent vigil with contemplative music only; no liturgy.*

### 20 April—Easter Sunday

10.30am: Holy Communion\*  
*Acts 10:34-43. Hearing the Good News.*  
*John 20:1-18. The resurrection of Jesus.*

### 27 April—Easter 2

10.30am: Morning Worship  
*Acts 5:27-32 The Apostles are persecuted. John 20:20-19-end. Jesus appears to the disciples*

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

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### 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](mailto: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. **Next session in May**

### Eco Tip of the month

Celebrate Spring. Immerse yourself in the sights and sounds of the season – breathe in the fragrance of blossoms, observe budding catkins, note different bird songs, spot footprints, or use the Pl@ntNet app to identify spring flowers. Nature can boost our happiness, so spend time in your garden, on your balcony, and in local green spaces. Dedicate quality time to appreciate creation's beauty, and thank God for the hope that spring can bring. -



**Let's celebrate some April birthdays: Mike Cox (21st); Ray Goodson (23rd); Grace Ford (25th)**



**Mid-week Holy Communion services**  
**Thursday morning @ 10.30am**  
**No service on 17 & 24 April**

*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***

I remember vividly the day I became a Christian and accepted that at the heart of the Christian faith was Jesus Christ. I believed Jesus had met me, and poured out his love for me in that extraordinary moment of revelation. As a result, I found myself deeply regretful and aware of all the things I had done wrong.

Up until this point in my life, my concept of God had always been one dimensional. I spoke of and thought of God as....well God. The experience set me on more than a pathway of discovery, of simply learning about Jesus. It set me on a journey of getting to know who Jesus was through a personal relationship with him, and exploring what he had done for me and for all creation.

"Who do you say I am?" Is a question that every Christian disciple has wrestled with at some stage in their life, and perhaps some of us are still struggling with. It is a question asked by Jesus to his own disciples in all three of the synoptic gospel's, which implies it is an important question. For many years the teaching of the Christian Church has been that Jesus is both fully divine and fully human. He is one person of the trinitarian God, God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit, three persons united as 1 God.

We can only begin to understand who Jesus truly is, in the context of his incarnation, work, ministry of healing, his life, death and resurrection. It matters because it impacts our discipleship, our salvation, and the world. For example, only a divine God can reconcile and heal the damage caused by the fall and defeat evil. It matters because only when we know Jesus and accept him fully into our lives can the work of transformation begin in us and we become fruitful. So, who do you say Jesus is?

Easter Blessings  
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](mailto:office@stjohnschurchcarterton.org.uk) or sign up on the board.



### ***What else is happening in April***

1st & 3rd Wednesdays: 10.00am-11.30am - Coffee and chat

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

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

9th & 23rd: INSPIRE (2.00pm-4.00pm)

12th: Church Family Breakfast (8.30am)

14 & 15: Holiday Club (9.30-12.00)

19th: Easter Family Workshop at the Methodist Church (time to be advised)

20th: Church Family Easter Breakfast (9.00am)

### **Looking Ahead**

Contact Linda Wooloff to make or amend any bookings in the church calendar c/o [office@stjohnschurchcarterton.org.uk](mailto:office@stjohnschurchcarterton.org.uk)

14 & 28 May: INSPIRE (2.00pm-4.00pm)

17 May: Men's Breakfast (8.00am for 8.30am)

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)



It's time to empty **The Children's Society** boxes. Please could you bring in your box for emptying during April. Everyone is able to donate to The Children's Society using the church card-reader, so if you would like to do this, please see me or Allister in order to correctly identify the giving. The Children's Society continues their vital work with children and young people in this country providing much needed support in practical ways, drawing along side young people struggling with mental health issues, hardship, supporting young carers, providing therapy sessions, working hard to ensure our young people can grow up safe, happy and hopeful. Thank you for your generous support. Any queries see Linda Cox

### ***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](http://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: No service in April**