

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	3 May Communion	10 May Informal	17 May Communion	24 May Morning Worship	6 June Communion
Welcoming, Bell Ringer & Sidespersons	Brian & Sarah Hosgood	Volunteers please	Allister & Karen Holt	Miriam Knight Volunteer please	Brian & Sarah Hosgood
Readings	Ian Harley Allister Holt	CFM	Brian Hosgood Alison Brown	Margo Brewer Sharon Harley	Janet Sayer Allister Holt
Leading Prayers	Rev Barry	CFM	Allister Holt	Lyndsay Baker	Allister Holt
Chalice	Alison Brown Linda Wooloff		Ian Baker Wend Smith		Lyndsay Baker Linda Wooloff
Refreshments	Sharon & Ian Harley	Tash Beckerson John Walcraft	Carol Fothergill Volunteer please	Stephen Hester Karen Holt	Sharon & Ian Harley



The Church of St John the Evangelist

May 2026

Welcome to worship



We broadcast Sunday services online see our website for the link to YouTube

Our Services

3 May – Easter 5

10.30am: Holy Communion

Acts 7:54-60 The Stoning of Stephen

John 14:1-14 Jesus the way to the Father

10 May – Easter 6

10.30am: Informal Service

Acts 17:22-33 Paul in Athens

John 14:15-21 The promise of the Holy Spirit

17 May – Ascension 1

10.30am: Holy Communion

Acts 1:6-14 The Ascension of Jesus and

Matthias chosen

John 17:1-11 Jesus Prays for His Disciples

12.00 noon: Church Annual Meetings

24 May – Pentecost

10.30am: Morning Worship

Acts 2:1-21 The Coming of the Holy Spirit

John 20:19-23 Jesus appears to the disciples

30 May – Trinity Sunday

10.30am: Family Holy Communion service at St Britius

Mid-week Holy Communion service Thursday morning @ 10.30am

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

Let's Pray

Prayer is our lifeline to God, and a powerful spiritual weapon. The scriptures encourage us to pray without ceasing and in all situations. We have several prayer opportunities available:

Blank prayer cards and pens so you can write your prayers and pin them to the prayer board. We also have a specially trained and recruited **prayer ministry team** available to pray with you at the end of the Sunday morning service. Prayer requests are regularly prayed by the prayer & ministry team. Members of the **ministry team** are also available to meet with you to listen and to pray. If you would like some help with your own personal prayer life please speak to Lyndsay, 07783 650 793

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

Monday TnT After School Club*

3.15pm-4.15pm; Kids Club* Tuesdays & Wednesdays 4.00-5.00pm (ages 5-10).

& 5.15-6.15pm (ages 10-14) Please contact Wend if you would like your child to attend.

DROP-IN* for pre-school infants (under 5) & parents Fridays (9.00—10.30am)

Minecraft Church – currently suspended

*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 reflection is from Father Paul, St Joseph's Church**

Dear Friends,

May I take this opportunity to wish everyone at St John's from all of us at St Joseph's every good wish and blessing for this coming month of May.

In the month of May, Catholics turn with affection to Mary, honouring her as a sign of hope, humility, and faithful discipleship. In a time that is marked by conflict, division, anxiety, and hurried hearts, May devotion invites us to slow down, maybe even to pause, and to look again at the quiet strength of the Mother of Jesus. Mary's life never points to herself alone, but to her Son, The Christ, who gathers all people of good will into one, into peace.

May devotion can also carry an ecumenical spirit. Christians of different traditions may not express Marian devotion in the same way, yet many can recognize in Mary a model of listening, trust, and courage before God. To honour her in May is, at its best, to renew our shared desire for a faith that bears Christ to the world with gentleness, humility, and love.

In a fractured world, the Gospel calls every Christian community to become a place where peace is spoken, wounds are acknowledged, and mercy is lived. The resurrection of Christ is not only something we believe—it is something we are sent to embody together, to become ever more readily disciples of Christ the Prince of Peace. May we as Christians in our time and place, represent this to the good people of Carterton and beyond...

Every good wish and blessing,

Fr Paul

** Barry is returning the compliment by writing a piece for St Joseph's congregation this month.

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.

What is happening this month

9 May: Church Spring Clean (9.00am-12.00 noon)

13 & 27 May: INSPIRE (2.00pm-4.00pm)

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

17 May: Annual Church Meetings (12.00 noon)

18 May: PCC Meeting (7.45pm)

29 May: Youth Fund-Raising Games Evening

Happy birthday this month to: **Linda Cox (1st) and Jeff Knight (18th)**. If you'd like to share a date so we can join in the celebration, let the office know.

Looking Ahead

6 June: Church Family Breakfast (8.30am)

10 & 24 June: INSPIRE (2.00pm-4.00pm)

19 June: Aunt Sally & Curry Men's Evening (7.00pm)

28 June: In Song & Praise We Heal (4.00pm)

11 July: Hymns & Pimms (2.00pm-4.00pm)

A big THANK YOU to all the young people who helped build the wonderful Easter display in the foyer.

Christmas Fayre 22 Nov 2026: With May here already I am delighted to remind everyone that it's just 6 months to our Grand Christmas Fayre! If you would like to be on the committee please speak to me or Allister Holt. We shall meet once in May, but then via our WhatsApp Group to avoid the need for lots of meetings. If you have ideas/suggestions now is the time to share them. Thanks everyone, and please be mindful of the fayre when it comes to regifting/ buying an extra item or two. Remember it takes a whole church to put on an amazing St John's Christmas Fayre! In the meantime, let's enjoy the summer! Linda Cox

The Annual Church Meetings will take place after the service on 17 May. The Electoral Roll closed on 17 April until after the meeting. We are looking for a churchwarden to take over from Allister in May. Speak to Barry if you are interested in leading our church. If you would like to join our PCC or be our Deanery Synod representative, please complete a nomination form and return it to the office by the beginning of May.

On Monday 4 May, the local branch of Save the Children will hold the Annual May Day Fair & Car Boot on the Recreation Ground and in Brownes Hall. 10am-4pm. Attractions all day outside plus 62 local stalls including many charities, also a Children's Marquee and a Craft Marquee (with 26 stalls). Inside Brownes Hall more SC stalls and refreshments. Please support the event. Pauline Evans

Last reminder to give your Children's Society box to Linda Cox for emptying!

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

23 May: Pentecost Lunch, 12 noon @ Masons Arms. Contact Rossie Sewell (01993 843418 /rossie.sewell@gmail.com) to book your place and look at the menu to choose your lunch