

Getting in touch with us:

The church office is not staffed regularly. 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	5 July Communion	12 July Morning Worship	19 July Communion	26 July Informal	2 August Communion
Welcoming, Bell Ringer & Sidespersons	Brian & Sarah Hosgood	Allister & Karen Holt	Greta Hartley Miriam Knight	Volunteers please	Brian & Sarah Hosgood
Readings	Janet Sayer Ian Harley	Brian Hosgood Allister Holt	Carol Hadgraft Alison Brown	YCM	Margo Brewer Sharon Harley
Leading Prayers	Rev Barry	Lyndsay Baker	Rev Barry	YCM	Rev Barry
Chalice	Alison Brown Linda Wooloff		Ian Baker Wend Smith		Lyndsay Baker Linda Wooloff
Refreshments	Alison Brown Sharon Harley	Tash Beckerson John Wallcraft	Stephen Hester Karen Holt	Carol Fothergill Ian Harley	Alison Brown Sharon Harley

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



The Church of St John the Evangelist

July 2026

Welcome to worship



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

Our Services

5 July – Trinity 5

10.30am: Holy Communion

Zechariah 9:9-12: The coming ruler of God's people.

Matthew 11:16-19; 25-30: Jesus praises John the Baptist and thanks his Father.

12 July – Trinity 6

10.30am: Morning Worship

Isaiah 55:10-13: The invitation to abundant life.

Matthew 13:1-9; 18-23: The parable of the sower.

19 July – Trinity 7

10.30am: Holy Communion

Isaiah 44:6-8: God's blessing on Israel.

Matthew 13:24-30; 36-43: The parable of the weeds among the wheat.

26 July - Trinity 8

10.30am: Informal Service

1 Kings 3:5-12: Solomon's prayer for wisdom.

Matthew 13:31-33; 44-52: Jesus speaks in parables.

2 August – Trinity 9

10.30am: Holy Communion

Mid-week Holy Communion service
Thursday morning @ 10.30am – no service on 6 August

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*

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

This month's reflection is from Lyndsay

As we step into the warmth and brightness of summer, we are reminded of God's faithfulness in every season. Just as the earth tilts toward the sun and days grow longer, so too can our hearts lean toward the light of Christ, allowing His presence to illuminate our paths.

Summer often brings a change of pace—school breaks, family gatherings, and moments of rest. It's a wonderful opportunity to pause and reflect on the goodness of God. Psalm 113:3 says, "From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the Lord is to be praised." Whether we are enjoying a quiet morning coffee, walking along a sunlit path, or sharing a meal with loved ones, each moment can become an act of worship when we keep our hearts turned toward Him.

This season also invites us to grow in new ways. Just as gardens flourish under the summer sun, our faith can deepen when we nurture it with prayer, Scripture, and fellowship. Let's be intentional about staying connected—not only to God but also to one another. A simple phone call, a shared meal, or a word of encouragement can be a lifeline to someone who needs to feel God's love.

Summer can be a time of outreach as well. Longer days and warmer weather open doors for community events, service projects, and conversations that plant seeds of hope. We never know how a small act of kindness might draw someone closer to Christ.

As we enjoy the beauty of this season, may we remember that the same God who paints the skies with summer sunsets is the One who holds our lives in His hands. Let's walk into these months with joy, gratitude, and a readiness to shine His light wherever we go.

Lyndsay, LLM and Ordinand

What is happening this month

Lyndsay away 28 June to 11 July

6 July: Pastoral Care team meeting (7.00pm)

8 & 27 July: INSPIRE (2.00pm-4.00pm)

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

18 July: Men's Breakfast BBQ @ 53 Black Bourton Road

27 July: PCC meeting @ 7.45pm

Happy birthday this month to: Sharon Harley (24th); Miriam Knight (26th); Margo Brewer (28th). If you'd like to share a date so we can join in the celebration, let the office know.

Looking Ahead

1 August: Church Family Breakfast (8.30am)

3- 7 August: Holiday Club (mornings) – no Communion Service on 6 August

23 August: Benefice BBQ in the Rectory Garden (12 noon)

12 September: Ride & Stride

17 October: Raymond Burley Guitar Ensemble Concert

15 November: Patronal Evenson @ St Britius with guest choir

Christmas Fayre 21 Nov 2026: Just 5 months to our Grand Christmas Fayre! 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

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

Brize Norton Village 'Summer of Sport' Bash: Sunday 5 July 1.00pm-5.00pm. We aim to have a fundraising stall at this event.

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.