Getting in touch with us:

The church office is not staffed on a regular basis. 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 Sewell 01993 843418 "rossie.sewell@gmail.com"

Wedding or Banns enquiries: Please email office@stjohnschurchcarterton.org.uk

Church Office: Phone Number: 01993 212661 (answerphone only)
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Rector: Rev Barry Hanson "rector@bncbb.org.uk" 07949 654988 (Day off Friday)

Lay Minister: Lyndsay Baker "layminister@stjohnschurchcarterton.org.uk" 07783 650793 (Working Week - Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday afternoon only, Sunday)

Churchwardens: Alison Brown & Sharon Harley "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	4 October Communion	11 October Informal	18 October Communion	25 October Morning Worship	1 November Communion
Welcoming, Bell Ringer & Sidespersons	Volunteers please	Allister & Karen Holt	Greta Hartley Miriam Knight	Brian & Sarah Hosgood	Volunteers please
Readings	Allister Holt Sharon Harley	Margo Brewer Brian Hosgood	Carol Hadgraft Ian Harley	Alison Brown Wend Smith	Jacky Thomas Kath Monkhouse
Leading Prayers	Rev Barry	Allister Holt	Rev Barry	Rev Tony Adams	Rev Barry
Chalice	Brian Hosgood Linda Wooloff		Rev Tony Adams Adrian Norgrove		Ian Baker Wend Smith
Refreshments	Stephen Hester Karen Holt	Carol Fothergill Jacky Thomas	Alison Brown Sharon Harley	Tash Beckerson John Wallcraft	Ian & 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

October 2026

Welcome to worship

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

Our Services

4 October – Trinity 17 - Harvest
10.30am: Holy Communion
2 Corinthians 9: 6-15: Giving generously
Luke 12: 13-21: The parable of the rich fool

11 October – Trinity 18
10.30am: Informal Worship
Isaiah 25: 1-9: Praise for deliverance from oppression
Matthew 22: 1-14: The parable of the wedding banquet

18 October – Trinity 19
10.30am: Holy Communion
2 Timothy 4: 1-18: The resilience of an Evangelist
Luke 10: 1-9: The mission of the 72

25 October - Trinity 20
10.30am: Morning Worship
Leviticus 19: 1-2 & 15-18: Moral holiness
Matthew 22: 34-40: The greatest commandment

1 November – All Saints
10.30am: Holy Communion
Revelation 7: 9-17: The multitude of every nation
Matthew 5: 1-12: The Beatitudes
4.00pm: Bereavement Service

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 650793

Regular Events for Children & Families in term time only

Mondays:
Kids Club: 3.30pm-4.30pm (5-10 yrs) & 4.30pm-5.30pm (11-15 yrs)
TnT After School Club 3.15pm-4.15pm
Fridays:
DROP-IN for pre-school infants (under 5) & parents Fridays (9.00—10.30am)

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

This month's reflection is from Rev Barry

What are your plans for this Christmas? What!" you loudly declare. "We have only just started October, and it is not properly autumn yet, despite what the meteorologists say. First we have to get through Harvest Festivals, Halloween (excuse me, All Hallows Eve/All Saints Day, All Souls Day, Remembrance, and the season of Advent."

We all do like to plan ahead. How is your year going since you made plans for it around New Year's Day? Is it all going to plan? What have been your highlights and lowlights? What things would you have done differently? Your mistakes? There is still time to fix them. We should always reflect on how we are going throughout our lives, and even at the end of each day.

I spoke briefly about "The Examen" earlier this year. Do have a go at it over the coming month: St Ignatius of Loyola (d 1556) was a Spanish priest and founder of the Jesuits who continued to be devoted to education and missionary work. St Ignatius's Examen (examination of conscience) is an opportunity for peaceful and purposeful daily reflective prayer that looks at a day's events - how one participated in it and how one might do things the next day.

There are some slight variations now, but generally 5 stages. Sometimes these things can be remembered as the 5 R's: Relish Request Review Repent Resolve.

Thanksgiving

What am I especially grateful for in the past day?
Give thanks to God and all those who have helped you.
Petition
Ask to be in God's light and to know myself better.

Review

Where have I felt true joy today?
What has troubled me today?
What has challenged me today?
Where and when did I pause today?
Have I noticed God's presence in any of the day's activities?

Response

In light of my review, what is my response to God in my life?
Acknowledge areas where I have fallen short and ask for forgiveness.

Renewal

As I look ahead, what comes to mind?
With what mindset do I want to enter tomorrow?
Seek God's direction in making plans to live more in accordance with his will.

Please also continue to pray for the life and work of the churches in this great benefice, and that the right person or people may feel called to be part of the ministry team.

With love, Rev Barry

What is happening this month

Lyndsay will be away from 14 September to 30 October taking some well-earned holiday and on an ordinand training placement in another parish

3 October: Catered Harvest Supper (6.30pm for 7.00pm)

4 October, Harvest Festival: Once again your non-perishable food donations will be passed on to The Besom in Witney. We will also have a retiring collection to support their work. Please give generously.

9 October: Christmas Sale in aid of Save the Children will be held 10am to 3pm at 5 Lipscombe Place. Christmas Cards & Gifts available, all monies go towards our work in the UK and overseas. Please support me if you are able. Thank you, Pauline

10 October: Church Family Breakfast (8.30am)

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

16 October: Aunt Sally & Curry Night for the men (7.00pm). Tickets £10

17 October: Raymond Burley Guitar Ensemble Concert (7.30pm) - raising funds for St Britius and Cancer Research. Raymond is an internationally renowned guitarist who will be joined by 14 other accomplished guitarists to play an enjoyable programme of classical and popular music. You can buy your tickets from Carolyn Peach (07786405341) with cash or from Ticketsource using the link www.ticketsource.com/brize-norton-pcc Please book early and encourage all your friends. There will be a bar and a raffle.

Happy birthday to those celebrating this month: Alison Brown (7th); Michele Stevenson (11th); Lyn Bostock (30th) God bless you and keep you. If you'd like to share a date so we can join in the celebration, let the office know.

Looking Ahead

1 November: Bereavement Service (4.00pm) followed by refreshments

8 November: Remembrance Service (10.00am)

14 November: Men's Breakfast (8.00am for 8.30am)

15 November: Patronal Evensong @ St Britius (4.00pm) with St Mary's Bampton choir

21 November: St John's Christmas Fayre: We are now collecting items for the Fayre - items for the Tombola and nearly new items for the White Elephant stall. Also second-hand books. We're looking for items in good order, not jumble or clothes/ shoes. Inspire will be looking for donations of toiletries for their lucky dip and sweets for their kiddies' sweetie prize drawer. Boxes will be left out in the hall for all the donations. Thank you in advance and please start spreading the word. Our publicity is being ramped up from here onwards. Display a poster in your window. Linda Cox

22 November: In Song & Praise We Heal (4.00pm)

28 November: Christmas Street Fayre from 2.00pm. Please support our Sweet Tooth Tombola stall. Open Church from 6.00pm, following the switch-on of the town's Christmas lights.

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.