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)
Email: office@stjohnschurchcarterton.org.uk

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	1 November Communion	8 November Remembrance	15 November Communion	22 November Morning Worship	29 November Communion
Welcoming, Bell Ringer & Sidespersons	Volunteers please	Wardens team	Miriam Knight Volunteer please	Brian & Sarah Hosgood	Allister & Karen Holt
Readings	Jacky Thomas Kath Monkhouse	Guests	Wend Smith Brian Hosgood	Carol Hadgraft Alison Brown	Ian Harley Allister Holt
Leading Prayers	Rev Barry	Clergy	Allister Holt	Lyndsay Baker	Rev Tony Adams
Chalice	Ian Baker Linda Wooloff		Rev Tony Adams Lyndsay Baker		Brian Hosgood Adrian Norgrove
Refreshments	Ian & Sharon Harley	No refreshments	Alison Brown Sharon Harley	Stephen Hester Karen Holt	Tash Beckerson John Wallcraft

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

November 2026

Welcome to worship

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

Our Services

1 November – All Saints

10.30am: Holy Communion

2 Corinthians 9: 6-15: Giving generously

Luke 12: 13-21: The parable of the rich fool

4.00pm: Bereavement Service

8 November –Remembrance Sunday

10.00am: Civic Service

Wisdom of Solomon 6:12-16: The description of Wisdom.

John 15:9-17: Jesus the true vine

15 November –2nd before Advent

10.30am: Holy Communion

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11: Times and seasons.

Matthew 25:14-30: The parable of the Talents.

22 November – Christ the King

10.30am: Morning Worship

Ezekiel 34:11-22: God, the True Shepherd.

Matthew 25:31-46: The judgement of the Nations.

29 November – Advent Sunday

10.30am: Benefice Holy Communion

Isaiah 64:1-9: A prayer for mercy.

Mark 13:24-37: The coming of the Son of Man.

Mid-week Holy Communion service Thursday morning @ 10.30am

There will be no Thursday morning Communion Service on 31 December and in January until Thursday, 28 January

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

Many regard November as a time of remembering, as it includes the national events of Armistice Day and Remembrance Sunday. The Armistice Day tradition was established in 1919, when King George V asked the nation to observe two minutes silence at 11.00 am to remember the fallen from the First World War. Remembrance Sunday observance started in 1946, growing out of the original event to recall the losses of the Second World War. This Sunday has now evolved to recall all British and Commonwealth service members who have died in conflicts worldwide since the First World War. We must never forget those who sacrificed so much. We have Commonwealth War Graves at both St Britius and St Mary's churchyards. They make for sombre study.

As we draw closer to the Advent period, we might begin to reflect on how our past year has gone so far, with its highs and lows. We might already start to think of resolutions for the new year. It is a good thing to always reflect on how we are going. Many approach this season with excitement, some want to do better than last year, and some may be in slight dread. We might be able to anticipate new challenges for the coming year and consider how we might react to them. When times do get tough, some might say "all we can do now is pray". I don't think this is right at all, as it suggests leaving prayer as a last resort. When difficult periods are being faced, prayer should be the first thing to start with. It includes asking for help, strength and understanding. Prayer must always include giving thanks, even though it may be hard at times to wonder what there may be to give thanks for if times become really tough.

As we reflect on all our behaviours, we should always try to do things better ourselves, no matter what age we are. When we all attempt to make ourselves better people, it demonstrates loving and reflective behaviour, and people observe this. This is the first thing that Jesus always asks us to do – to strive to really love each other. Jesus is not "past tense", but is ever present, and we can make him more present within ourselves whenever we endeavour to truly follow his teaching, not just taking the "bits we are comfortable with".

Please 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. I look forward to serving you all over the coming year.

With love,
Rev Barry

What is happening this month

Happy birthday to anyone celebrating this month: If you'd like to share a date so we can join in the celebration, let the office know.

1 November: Bereavement Service (4.00pm) followed by refreshments
8 November: Remembrance Service (10.00am)
11 & 25 November: INSPIRE (2.00pm-4.00pm)
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. Visit Open Church from 6.00pm, following the switch-on of the town's Christmas lights, for a hot drink and kids' craft activity.
Thursday 5 November St Britius will be serving homemade soup and hotdogs to raise funds at the village bonfire. Food will be served from 5.30pm with the bonfire lit at 6pm – weather permitting.

Looking Ahead

5 December: Church Family Breakfast (8.30am)
6 December: Christingle Service @ 4.00pm
9 December: INSPIRE (2.00pm-4.00pm)
20 December: Carol Service @ 6.00pm followed by refreshments
24 December: Longest Night Service @ 10.30am
24 December: No Rehearsal Nativity at 6.00pm
24 December: Midnight Communion Service @ 11.30pm
25 December: Benefice Communion Service @ 10.00am
Rev Barry will be on holiday from 26 December to 22 January inclusive

We will once again be holding our retiring collection through Advent to provide food and warm clothing for the Gatehouse Homeless Project in Oxford.

Thank you to everyone who gave so generously to Besom at this year's Harvest

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.