



Getting in touch with us:

The Church office is not staffed regularly, except Monday mornings when volunteers come in to pay bills. 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 by then.

Publicity. If you would like to publicise an event in the monthly newsletter, please leave in the Church office or email the church mailbox [by 20th](mailto:by20th@stjohnschurchcarterton.org.uk) of the previous month. Please put "newsletter" in the title line. If you have a celebration, like a birthday, we can all share or an event to publicise, please tell the Office .

Baptism enquiries: Please email office@stjohnschurchcarterton.org.uk

Church Office: Phone Number: 01993 846996 (answerphone only)

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Churchwardens: Allister Holt (tel:209227) & Alison Brown (tel: 07966 405687)

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Websites: www.stjohnschurchcarterton.org.uk / www.wachurchnearyou.com (search for Carterton)

If you need to swop a rota duty or have arranged this yourself, please can you let Linda Wooloff know

ROTAS	3 April	10 April	17 April	24 April	1 May
	Communion	Informal Worship	Communion	Morning Worship	Communion
Welcoming	Volunteer please	Doreen Trezise	Michele Stevenson	Ray Goodson	Volunteer please
Readings	Ashley Count Jacky Long	Gary Long	Carol Howard Carol Hadgraft	Mike Watts Doreen Trezise	Sharon Harley Alison Brown
Leading Prayers	Steve Bostock	Gary Long	Ray Goodson	Michele Stevenson	Paddy Count
Chalice	Clergy		Mike Cox Doreen Trezise		Alison Brown Ray Goodson
Sides-persons	Volunteers please	Ray Goodson Michele Stevenson	Greta Hartley Miriam Knight	Allister & Karen Holt	Ros & Will Fiennes
Refreshments	Louise Griffiths Ian Harley	Stephen Hester Karen Holt	Carol Fothergill Doreen Trezise	Alison Brown Sharon Harley	Louise Griffiths Ian Harley

St John's supports the work of Christians Against Poverty 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

www.stjohnschurchcarterton.org.uk

April 2022

Welcome to worship!

Please stay and join us after the service for refreshments



Sunday Services:

Broadcasting services online: see our website for details



3 April—Lent 5:

10.30am: Holy Communion

Isa 43:16-21; John 12:1-8

10 April—Palm Sunday:

8.00am: BCP Holy Communion

10.30am: Informal Worship

Ps 118:1-2,19-29; Luke 19:28-40

11-14 April—Holy Week:

Meditative reflection of music and readings

(35-40 minutes) for the benefice hosted by St Britius

15 April—Good Friday:

12.00 noon: Reflective Vigil

17 April—Easter Sunday:

10.30am: Holy Communion

Acts 10:34-43; Luke 24:1-12

12.30pm: Baptism—Audrey Baylis-Dunn

7.00pm: Monthly Ecumenical Service

24 April—Easter 1:

8.00am: BCP Holy Communion

10.30am: Morning Worship

1 May—Easter 2:

10.30am: Holy Communion

Zeph 3:14-end; John 21:1-19

4.00pm: Messy Church

Thursday mornings:

10.30am—Holy Communion

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 which we encourage everyone to use in praying for others. Also, any of the ministry team would be delighted to prayer for you at any time. If you would like to be added to the prayer list please contact Lyndsay Baker 07783 650793 , lay-miniter@stjohnschurchcarterton.org.uk

Monthly Prayer Meeting at 1.30pm

in the Church Third Wednesday of each month. A time to offer prayers for the Benefice and our Community.

Let's celebrate!

Many people will have had birthdays with limited or no opportunity to celebrate with others recently. Let's celebrate upcoming birthdays we know about, but there are likely others we don't. If you would like to be included in the birthday list, please contact the office:



This month: Mike Cox (21st); Ray Goodson (23rd); Grace Ford (25th)

*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 Baker

As we journey through the season of Lent, my prayer is that we are drawn closer to God.

Here are a few prayers and words to encourage us....

Jesus, You are the way, the truth and the life. Through this season of Lent, as I reflect on Your Holy Passion, may my love be rekindled, that I might live sacrificially and wholly for you.

Lord, Jesus Christ, have mercy on me a sinner (repeat slowly)

Lord Jesus, I believe, help my unbelief (repeat slowly)

May God in his goodness fill me with a deep desire to turn to him in prayer. May he give me the discipline to make time to turn to him in prayer. May he fill me with wisdom to listen for his voice as I turn to him in prayer. May he enable me to pray 'your will be done' in the power of the Holy Spirit. And may he strengthen me with courage to be obedient to his will. In the name of my Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

People are often unreasonable, irrational, and self-centred. Forgive them anyway. If you are kind, people may accuse you of selfish, ulterior motives. Be kind anyway. If you are successful, you will win some unfaithful friends and some genuine enemies. Succeed anyway. If you are honest and sincere people may deceive you. Be honest and sincere anyway. What you spend years creating, others could destroy overnight. Create anyway. If you find serenity and happiness, some may be jealous. Be happy anyway. The good you do today, will often be forgotten. Do good anyway. Give the best you have, and it will never be enough. Give your best anyway. In the final analysis, it is between you and God. It was never between you and them anyway.

Every blessing, Lyndsay (LLM)



Fellowship Together is a vital part of the Christian life

Home Groups meet regularly throughout the month on Zoom or in person. If you would like to join one, contact Lyndsay 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 or sign up on the board.



What Else is Happening?

Family Breakfast: 8.30am, 2 April

Men's Bible Study: Wednesday, 6 April (7.30pm at 29 Scholars Acre)

Kids' Easter Workshop: Saturday, 9th (2.00pm-4.00pm) - replaces April's Messy Church

PCC Meeting: 11 April

INSPIRE: Wednesday 13 and 27 April—2.00pm to 4.00pm

Easter Sunday Fellowship Breakfast: 17 April (8.30am) - numbers limited so look out for the sign up sheet.

Looking Ahead to May: Men's Bible Study (4th) / INSPIRE (11th & 25th) / Ladies' Breakfast (14th) / Annual Church Meetings (15th) / Men's Breakfast (21st)



Regular Events for Children & Families

Tuesday & Wednesday Kids Club@ 4.00-5.00pm in the Church Hall. Please contact Gary if you would like your primary school aged child to attend.

DROP-IN (school term time only) for pre-school infants & parents Fridays (9.00—10.30am)

Sunday Youth Group: for years 7-13 @ 4.00 -5.30pm at 53 Bluebell Way. Please contact Gary if you would like your child to attend.

Messy Church: 4.00pm— 5.00pm First Sunday of the month

Call 07799 968408 or email gary@stjohnschurchcarterton.org.uk



Children's Society boxes. It's time to empty the boxes, please could you bring your box into church during April, for emptying. If you don't see me, you could leave your box either by the piano or hand to someone from the Ministry Team, who will put it in the office. Thank you everyone, if possible I would like them all in by end of April please. Linda Cox



Do you have an interest in the healing ministry? Harnhill Centre of Christian Healing, in Cirencester, is offering a training day to equip individuals in the ministry of healing and prayer. Saturday 14th May, 10am-4pm. £30 which would be eligible for a grant from the discipleship fund. A small group has already booked, talk to Billie, Carol Howard or Lyndsay for further details. Lifts can be arranged. More info can be found on the website at <https://www.harnhillcentre.org.uk> (Lyndsay Baker)

Our Annual Church Meeting is on 11.45am on 15 May. If you would like to consider becoming a member of the PCC or our Deanery Synod representative, please fill out a for. Copies for all these are on the red noticeboard. Please return them to the office when completed. The Electoral Roll is now closed for nominations until after the Annual Meeting.

Help!

We are looking for more helpers with the technical side of Sunday worship. Please speak to Ian Harley if you would like to volunteer. Full training will be given. If you would like to become a Financial Assistant to help Ray Goodson, our Treasurer, please speak to him for details of what's involved.