



# St Peter's Church Carlton Colville

"Rooted in Scripture. Reaching out to the Community.  
Protecting the Vulnerable. Caring for Creation."

## Newsletter -July and August 2026

### Rector's ramblings

**Micah 6:8.**

*"He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God."*

The Bible quote and The Tag line above form the basis of a new vision statement agreed by the PCC at the end of June. The statement outlines who we are as a church and what people can expect when they come looking for a place to Worship. You can find this in full on our website and pinned up on the noticeboard in the Parish room.

The Lord is working among us, and we have much to be thankful for.

One of the things that is outlined in our vision statement is our care for creation and the work going on here at St Peter's to gain our A Rocha bronze award. Mark and others have been working really hard to get the churchyard into a state that is not only a peaceful place of sanctuary but also a haven for native species of plants and wildlife. In June at our coffee morning we met with a representative of the Men's Shed who will be showed us the bird boxes and bug huts that they make and sell. In July the Men's Shed will be returning to give a talk on the process and then in August there will be an opportunity to come along and make and buy some for the church yard or for your own garden.

Other ways we are aiming to be a greener church include our Worship and prayer life - We believe in a creator God and therefore prayers and hymns and readings around creation will be included in our services. We are also striving to use fairtrade and environmentally friendly products and to recycle where we can. Please let us know if there is anything else we could be doing? However, It is important to say that we are not doing this to just gain an award but to make a difference to God's world and to do our bit in reducing the impact of climate change. We would love to know from you what you are doing as households to combat climate change and what more could we be doing as a church. Look out for a survey coming soon.



This time of year is also about refreshment and rest with many of us taking holidays or just slowing down a bit. Taking time for a soul refresh is important for our well being and generally speaking as human beings we are not good at it.

The heat of summer often brings a paradox. The season promises a slower pace, longer days and summer breaks. The reality is our lives rarely follow suit.

We carry our deadlines, worries and notifications wherever we go.

We find ourselves physically resting but mentally racing uncovering a deeper truth, true peace cannot be scheduled on a calendar.

In the New Testament, Jesus addresses this modern exhaustion directly, he doesn't offer a new time management strategy or a checklist for a better work life balance instead he extends an invitation:

***"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."  
(Matthew 11:28)***

The Biblical concept of rest goes far beyond physical sleep or taking a holiday, it is about a deep spiritual refreshment that restores the soul. It is a peace that remains steady even when external circumstances are turbulent.

Jesus clarifies how to attain this by continuing:

***"Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls."  
(Matthew 11:29)***

In ancient times a younger or weaker animal would be yoked with a stronger more experience one. The stronger beast bore the brunt of the weight, guiding the younger along the correct path.

When we align our lives with Christ we stop trying to carry the heavy burdens of life- anxiety, control and self-reliance by ourselves, we allow him to set the pace, he walks beside us, absorbing the pressure of our worries and redirecting our steps.

As we navigate this summer season, let us remember that our worth is not tied to our productivity and security, it is not dependant on our own strength, True rest is found by daily surrendering our anxieties to the one who promises:

***"My yoke is easy and my burden is light."  
(Matthew 11:30)***

So, this summer, turn off the noise, step away from the rush and let you soul catch up with God.

With every blessing    *Andrea*



## July Services

### 5th- 5th Sunday after Trinity

9am Holy Communion -St Andrew's  
10.30am Worship for all -St Peter's

### 12th - 6th Sunday After Trinity

10.30am Holy Communion -St Peter's

### 17th- Carlton Hall - Prayer and Praise 2pm

### 18th -Wedding 3pm St Peter's

### 19th -7th Sunday after Trinity

10.30am Worship for All St Peter's  
3pm Songs of Praise St Andrew's

### 26th- 8th Sunday after Trinity

10.30am Holy Communion St Peter's

## August Services

### 1st- Wedding St Andrew's Mutford

### 2nd- 9th Sunday after Trinity

9am Morning Worship -St Andrew's  
10.30am Worship for all -St Peter's

### 9th- 10th Sunday After Trinity

10.30am Holy Communion -St Peter's followed by a  
'Bring and Share lunch'

### 14th- Carlton Hall - Prayer and Praise 2pm

### 16th- 11th Sunday after Trinity

10.30am Worship for All St Peter's  
11am Lammastide Harvest - Morning Worship

### 23rd- 12th Sunday after Trinity

10.30am Holy Communion St Peter's  
1.30pm Holy Baptism

### 30th- 13th Sunday after Trinity

3pm Songs of Praise followed by Tea and Cake

## Events coming up –

Get the dates in your diary. Come along to any of our events invite your friends and neighbours - the more the merrier.



### Monthly Quiz sheet

Monthly quiz sheet available for sale at a cost of £1 in aid of the Tower fund. If you bring it back the following week with your name on all entries will be put in a hat and the winner will receive a small prize!

Please contact Linda Filer for more details.



### Coffee Morning

Tuesday 28th July

10am-12noon

Including a talk on Bird Boxes and Bug Huts from our friends at the



## Carlton Hall Fete- 1st August 2026 2-5PM

The Church will be running a BRIC- A- BRAC stall - If you have any good quality BRIC A BRAC to donate please see Carol Browning.

Do come along this is a great occasion when the community comes together.



## 9th August - Bring and Share Lunch -

A number of folk in our congregation have significant birthdays this year ending in 0 so please join us after the morning service to celebrate.

To make a contribution to the Lunch please speak to Nelly Baxter

**30th August- Songs of Praise 3pm** - Please note the time THERE WILL BE NO MORNING SERVICE - Do join us to sing God's praise including some of our favourite hymns followed by Tea and cake . if you can make or buy a cake please speak to Linda Filer

## Prayer suggestions

- For all taking Holiday or catching up with family or just having a change of routine
- For those who are unwell or in pain
- For those grieving
- For those who have no one to pray for them.
- For the world - areas of conflict, oppression and persecution
- - for peoples affected by climate change -