



Benefice of Carlton and Mutford



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Rector's ramblings

Waiting

We will all, at different times in our lives and in different circumstances have had to wait. Waiting is not easy it can make us feel such a mixture of emotions from frustration to excitement from Joy to sorrow.

From the bus that is late, to the outcome of a job interview.

From the imminent arrival of a baby to the death of a loved one.

Waiting can be the arrival of the familiar, the leaves and blossom thickening up on the trees and hedges or a birthday or anniversary or we can find ourselves in a state of anxiety as we wait for the unknown, uncertain of what the future holds.

As I write the Christian Church is about to celebrate Easter, a season of just such emotions. Jesus is crucified, dies and is buried taking on the sin of the whole world then we wait for 3 days before we celebrate his rising again having defeated death and opened the way for each of us to live in relationship with our creator God.

Those who lived at the time of Jesus spent a lot of time waiting.

They waited uncertain and in fear after his death. After Jesus rose and appeared to his disciples Jesus tells them again to wait, he must return to heaven in order for the helper to come and fill them with God's power. So it is that they wait they are still uncertain and fearful but, in faith they wait. As they are gathered together the Holy Spirit rests on them and suddenly people from all nations speaking many languages hear the good news of Jesus and so the Christian church began and continues today. A community for all. Whether we wait in Joy or sorrow there is always hope and a future.

The bible's most written phrase is 'do not be afraid' mentioned 365 times, a daily reminder that God is with us. Jesus says: (Matthew 28:20) 'I will be with you always to end of the age.'

St Peter's Church is your church in this community. Every Wednesday and Friday at 9am a small group of us meet to pray for the needs of the world and specifically for the church here and for Carlton Colville it's residents and those who work here, for those who celebrate and for those who are ill or struggling.

If you find yourself waiting whatever the circumstances and you would like us to pray with or for you please do be in touch. With every blessing **Andrea**

April Services

April – Please note a slight change to the usual service pattern



EASTER SERVICES

- 2nd 6.30pm Maundy Thursday - Holy Communion
with hand washing -St Peter's
- 3rd 2pm Good Friday - An Hour at the Cross 2pm St Peter's
- 4th 6pm Easter Fire Service - St Andrew's
- 5th Easter Sunday - 9am Holy Communion - St Andrew's
10.30am Worship for all with Holy Communion

12th 1st after Easter -10.30am Worship for all St Peter's

19th 2nd after Easter - 10.30am Worship for all St Peter's

- 11.00am Holy Communion- St Andrew's

26th Celebration Service -10.30am Holy Communion - St Peter's followed by the Apcm and a bring and Share lunch (Details below)

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.

April 26th - Bring and Share Lunch – This will follow on from the Apcm- Please sign up with Linda Filer with what you will bring to share.



April 28th 10am-12noon Coffee Morning – With Book swap (Bring along the one you've just read and swap it for another)

Come and join us for Coffee, or tea and delicious cakes (If you are a cake maker and would like to make something - all contributions will be gratefully received.

£2 per person - in aid of general church funds

Advanced Notice - From May there will be a 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.

St Peter's church is part of the Benefice of Carlton and Mutford including the parishes of St Peter's Colville and St Andrew's Mutford