



Benefice of Carlton and Mutford

Newsletter June 2026



Rector's ramblings

Colossians 1:9-10

"⁹For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you. We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives, ¹⁰so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God"

The Church is now in the season of Ordinary Time or Trinity tide.

I wonder what the word Ordinary means to you?

When most people hear the phrase "Ordinary Time," they think nothing special is happening. And in one sense, they are right; there aren't nearly as many major feasts, and for those who love the feasts, this can seem like a long run of shapeless or even boring weeks.

However, there is another way to look at it. A season without many special occasions is also a season without many distractions. It is a season for developing good rhythms for spiritual life. Because there is less focus on what God has done in the past, there is time to focus on our relationship with God in the present.

Green is for Growth

The liturgical colour for Ordinary Time is green. This represents growth, both numerically as the Church expands, and spiritually as each member of the Church becomes more like Christ.

Rhythms of Spiritual Life

During Ordinary Time, we can develop spiritual habits and disciplines that strengthen our normal relationship with God and our daily walk with the Lord. A helpful approach is to find patterns that can be practiced daily, weekly, or monthly.

For example, consider beginning a prayer practice - Taking time out at certain times of the day to pray. This might be a formal 'Quiet time' or a quick arrow prayer in the middle of the day. It might be a regular bible study group with others to think about God's Word and how it applies in our lives. Perhaps you like to listen to music as you pray. However you spend time with God just do it. Get into a regular pattern, set aside a regular time, diary it in. This may not sound exciting, but it is essential if we are to grow and develop our spiritual lives and our faith. This long green stretch of days is where our faith takes root and begins to grow. Ordinary Time invites us not into preparation, but into formation. It's the season for building spiritual habits, shaping quiet, consistent ways we can walk with the Lord.

The Liturgical Home: Living Our Vocation

Ordinary Time is a time for the Church to live out her vocation in the midst of the world, recalling that every Sunday is a celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

"Ordinary" Time might well refer to living out our "ordinary" lives as Christians. But, since we follow the risen Lord Jesus Christ, there's nothing "ordinary" about it!

With every blessing *Andrea*

June Services

7th 1st Sunday after Trinity

9am Morning Worship -St Andrew's

10.30am Worship for all -St Peter's

14th 2nd Sunday After Trinity

10.30am Holy Communion -St Peter's

19th Carlton Hall - Prayer and Praise 2pm

21st 3rd Sunday after Trinity

10.30am Worship for All St Peter's

11.00am Holy Communion St Andrew's

28th 4th Sunday after Trinity

10.30am Holy Communion St Peter's

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 30th June

10am-12noon



Future dates for your diary

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.

