



St Peter's Church Carlton Colville

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

Newsletter -October 2026

Rector's ramblings

"Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest.'"

— Matthew 9:37-38

Dear Friends,

As the golden hues of autumn deepen, our church calendar guides us through a beautiful, reflective transition. On the 11th we will gather to celebrate Harvest thanksgiving using some of the new liturgy focusing on Christ in Creation. The church will be decorated and we will sing hymns of gratitude for God's physical provision.

Yet, as the trees shed their leaves and the days grow shorter, our focus naturally shifts from the physical fields to something more eternal. We are moving steadily toward the season of All souls. This transition is not just a change of season; it is a shift in spiritual perspective. The earthly harvest reminds us of what is temporary, but All Souls reminds us of what is permanent. It is a sacred time when we remember those we love who have crossed the threshold of this life into eternity. We reflect on the great cloud of witnesses, the communion of saints, and the precious souls who have gone before us.

Jesus often used the language of farming to teach us about eternity. He reminded His disciples that the ultimate harvest is not found in barns, but in human hearts. The work of the Church during this season—and every season—is to tend to the spiritual harvest, preparing our own hearts and comforting one another with the hope of the resurrection.

As we remember our loved ones this coming All Souls' Day, let us rest in the promise that no soul is forgotten by God. Every seed sown in faith in this life is gathered into His eternal kingdom.

With every blessing *Andrea*

October Services

4th- 18th Sunday after Trinity - 9am Morning Prayer -St Andrew's
10.30am Worship for all -St Peter's

11th - Harvest Thanksgiving - 10.30am Harvest Holy Communion -
'The Festival of Christ in creation' -St Peter's

16th- Carlton Hall -2pm Prayer and Praise



18th -20th Sunday after Trinity - 10.30am Worship for All St Peter's
11.00am Holy Communion St Andrew's

25th- Bible Sunday - 10.30am Holy Communion St Peter's
All Souls Memorial Service 3.00pm Benefice service at St Peter's

*'A quiet service of reflection to Remember all those
we have loved and who have died.'*



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 - 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 at the end of the month and the winner will receive a small

prize!

Prizes for September and October will be drawn together at the end of the month
Please contact Linda Filer for more details.

Eco tips

#1 'Turn the Tap off when cleaning your teeth'

#2 'After washing up tip the water on the garden'



Coffee Morning
Tuesday 27th October
10am-12noon



Looking Ahead

Sunday 1st November - All Saints day – An opportunity to hear from one of our Mission Partners- We are delighted to welcome Guest speaker Sherry Owolabi from the Church Army This will be followed by a Bring and Share Lunch.

Remembrance Sunday – 8th November – we will be once again joined by the 2nd Carlton Colville Scouts

Eco Survey

Thank you for helping our church community look after our planet! We would like to know how you do your bit at home.

Please all tick the boxes that best apply to you or your family.



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1. Getting Around (Travel)

Which modes of transport do you use most often? Tick all that apply

- I take the bus or train.
- I lift-share (carpool) with others.
- I drive a petrol/diesel car.
- I drive an electric or hybrid car.
- I walk
- I cycle

2. Energy at Home (Home Energy)

Which of these do you do at home to save energy? (Tick all that apply)

- We turn off lights and appliances when not using them.
- We wear an extra jumper instead of turning up the heating.
- Our home has good insulation (loft, walls, or double glazing).
- We use a smart meter to track our energy.
- We are on a green/renewable energy tariff.

3. Food and Food Waste (Diet)

How does your household approach food? (Tick all that apply)

- We try to eat less meat and dairy (e.g., Meat-free Mondays).
- We buy local or seasonal food when we can.
- We rarely waste food and love eating leftovers!
- We compost our food scraps or put them in the kerbside food bin

4. Buying and Reusing (Consumption)

When you need clothes, books, or furniture, what do you do most?

- I prefer buying brand-new items.
- I love shopping second-hand or using charity shops.
- I try to repair things before buying something new.
- I regularly donate or swap items I no longer need.
- I buy recycled/ Sustainable Paper products: Toilet paper, Kitchen Towel, Tissues

5. Our Church Community

What would you like to see our church do more of? (Tick your top two)

- Host a church clothes/toy swap event.
- Share weekly "eco-tips" in the church Newsletter.
- Other



6. Water Use

- How do you like to save water ?
- I always turn off the tap when cleaning my teeth
- I get dripping taps fixed as soon as I can
- I use my washing up water to water the garden or my planters
- I only fill up the kettle with enough water for my needs
- When running the Hot tap I make sure I collect the cold in another container to water my plants.



7. Gardens and Planting

- I try to plant things which don't require as much water
- I Choose local flowers and shrubs that match the region's climate and give food to local bees and birds
- I have a water Butt to collect rainwater to use in my Garden
- I have a compost bin or heap where I put my vegetable waste and grass cuttings

Do you do anything else that you could share with the church congregation?

Please return your surveys to Andrea, Mark or Sharon by Sunday 25th October
Thank you