



Services and Messages:

While our building remains necessarily closed due to the current pandemic regulations, regular church services are taking place electronically. Links to the services can be found on the St John's website www.stjohnschurchcarterton.org.uk These are put on the **St Johns Carterton Facebook** page as a watch party on Sunday and Thursday mornings at 10.30am, if you would like to join in with others, but are recorded so can be watched at any time.

Regular messages and sermons are also published on our website www.bncommunity.org/bnchurch.htm and on the **Friends of St Britius Facebook** page.

If you have any queries, or need any help or support please see the contacts list.

A Message from our Rector: Late last year as a Ministry Team we chose Isaiah 43.19 as the Bible verse for our bookmark, as a motto for 2020:- *See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.* We had no idea how relevant that verse would be, what wilderness and wasteland we would find ourselves in or what signs of new life and hope would be revealed there. Even though plans have been put on hold and time has in some ways stood still, our learning and development as a community has been enlivened and accelerated in unexpected ways. It has been great to learn new skills and to get to know each other more deeply and make new friendships and alliances. But as the novelty wears off, patience is strained, and a growing number of our families are directly impacted by the virus and its consequences I offer another passage of scripture for us to contemplate:

Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassion, kindness, lowliness, meekness, and patience, forbearing one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. Colossians 3.12-15

May God enable us to grow in these Christian characteristics and to share his love with our neighbours.
With my love and prayers, Drew

Anniversaries this month: Kenneth Pitts, Sydney Archer, Gladys Archer, Dorothy McCrudden, Charles Pratt, P. Radburn, John Rainey, Raymond Davis, Cecil Hunt, Frank Hiscock, Kathleen I'Anson, Colin Hawkins, Eric Douglas, Eric Brown, Frederick Faulkner.



Welcome to our new Team Vicar! These unprecedented times of self-isolation did not stop Bishop Colin of Dorchester conducting the Licensing Service for Rev Ian Howard on Monday 27 April. The service was conducted on Zoom and a recording was made and is available on You Tube for those who missed it <https://youtu.be/RCppl0Bcls>.



Welcome to Gary Long: At the same service, Bishop Colin also licensed our new Family & Children's Worker, Gary Long. Gary has already started work by setting up a virtual afterschool club on Zoom. If you would like more information or to enrol your children, please contact Gary on 07799 968408 or send him an email him at gary@stjohnschurchcarterton.org.uk.



Meetings on Zoom: Home Groups are meeting regularly. If you would like to join one, contact Lyndsay who will put you in touch with a group leader.

Church of England Daily Hope Telephone Line:

A new national FREE phoneline offers music, prayers and reflections as well as full worship services. The line is available 24 hours a day on 0800 804 8044 Press the following numbers or symbol for the following

- *Full message from Archbishop Justin Welby.
- 1 Hymns we love – short talks on well-known hymns
- 2 Hymn line – selection of daily hymns on a loop
- 3 Prayer line- specific and relevant to the coronavirus pandemic
- 4 more options available
- 5 Church of England weekly service
- 6 Join in with traditional morning and evening prayer
- 7 Listen to latest government COVID 19 advise
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