

St. Peter's Church invites you to our  
**Parish Gift Day**

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2017

10 - 12 noon

Coffee, fruit juice and biscuits in the  
Parish Room

Church open for prayer as part of the national  
*"Thy Kingdom Come"* season of prayer



May 2017

Dear People of the Parish of Carlton Colville,

In the past we were a village. Now we are a town. Through all of those centuries St. Peter's Church has been at the heart of the community of Carlton Colville. It is a Grade II\* Listed Building that still today is a place for Funerals, Baptisms and to celebrate Marriages. The Churchyard and Cemetery are places of Remembrance for loved ones who have died. From Remembrance Sunday before the Carlton Colville War Memorial, to the Christmas Carol Service, to our monthly "Messy Church" and much more in between, the Church building continues its' role as a

place of prayer and worship. Our historic building is visited regularly by local school groups and is used for school services.

You may not know that every 5 years the old building is inspected and a report drawn up by the inspecting Architect. The 2015 Inspection for the first time in a long time, reported work that will be needed on the building over the next few years. Some of the work was urgent and has either been done or will be carried out this Spring. The bad news is that uses up all the money in our Church Fabric Repair Fund. They were funds we had received through legacies. In the next few years the Tower and Bells need maintenance work to be carried out and all the old windows need repairing. In addition there are also cracks, and re-pointing required.

Our faithful congregation struggle to cover the day to day costs of the ministry of St. Peter's. But they also have the responsibility of maintaining and improving the fabric of the building. I believe the cost of the upkeep of the Parish Church and its active and visual presence in the town should not solely rest on those who worship on a Sunday.

**St Peter's is here for everybody.**

The church does not receive any government funding other than the tax recovered from gift-aided donations. We have no large reserves.

In addition, a lot of the recent growth in our work with children and schools has been because we have employed a Lay Pastor and Children's Worker. This post is a crucial means by which we also provide support in bereavement by regular visiting. This post has been funded by our Parish Ministry Fund, that was also established from past legacies. That Fund too is running down.

I am anxious that we should not allow St. Peter's building to deteriorate through neglect. I also want to see our work with children and in bereavement to continue. I am therefore appealing to you, as part of

the wider community, to consider making a small monthly donation by standing order (forms available at the Gift Day), or any other means.

If, as an alternative, you would consider making a one off gift then that too would be most welcome.

With every good wish,

Rev. Jeremy Bishop (Rector)  
(E-mail: JBishop771@aol.com)

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**Our Gift Day this year is on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> June from 10 am to 12 noon  
in the Church and Parish Room.**

If you are unable to attend you may wish to leave your gift at the Rectory at any time, or post it to me at the address at the bottom of the page.

Please accept my sincere thanks for any gift that you can make.

**We would value your help ...**

**To support the Church Fabric Repair Fund which:**

*Helps with the general upkeep and maintenance of the church building.  
Deals with major projects such as restoration of the Tower and windows arising from the 2015 Building Inspection and Report.*

**To support the Parish Ministry Fund which:**

*Funds a Lay Pastor and Children's Worker.*

**HOW CAN YOU GIVE?**

Use the slip over the page and return it to St. Peter's Church on our Gift Day. Or to The Rectory, Rectory Road, Carlton Colville, Lowestoft, Suffolk NR33 8BB.

Please make cheques payable to Carlton Colville PCC.

Please remember also that if you are taxpayer to complete and sign the Gift Aid declaration below, we will be able to recover the tax on your donation at no extra cost to yourself.

*Thank you very much for your support.*

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If you are a UK taxpayer and eligible to Gift Aid your donation, please complete the form below.

This will increase your gift by 25p for every £1 given (at current rate), at no extra cost to you or us. Thank you.

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I confirm I have paid or will pay an amount of Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax for the tax year (6 April to 5 April) that is at least equal to the amount of tax that all the charities that I donate to will reclaim on my gifts for that tax year. I understand that other taxes such as VAT and Council Tax do not qualify. I understand the charity will reclaim 25p of tax on every £1 that I give.

Full Name

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Address

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Postcode: .....

Signature: ..... Date:.....

**OR** I am not a taxpayer but enclose a donation of £ .....

I wish my donation to go to the Church Fabric Repair Fund

I wish my donation to go to the Parish Ministry Fund

I wish my donation to be shared between both Funds