



Carlton and Mutford Benefice

Newsletter January 2026



Rector's ramblings

I hope that you have all been blessed this Christmas in one way or the other. The new year has certainly started off looking very white and cold. Pretty if you are sitting indoors. If you have to venture out please take care.

A new Year brings with it new expectations and challenges.

Epiphany reminds us of the Journey and arrival of the Magi to visit Jesus. Not particularly religious people but none the less as Matthew's gospel tells us



'On coming to the house they saw the child and his mother Mary and they bowed down and worshipped him.'

This long journey of following the star led them through different seasons and challenges and yes there were mistakes made which led to an encounter with a very unhappy Herod followed by a message from God's Angel.

All this undoubtedly had an impact on their lives and faith and I expect they would have returned to their country changed by their experience.

God has called each of us together to journey with him. As we begin this new year may we step out in faith, live in hope and trust the Lord for all our needs.



Prayer

*Reveal in us your glory, Lord; stir in us your power.
Renew in us your kingdom,
Lord; abide in us yourself.*
(Daily Prayer Diocese of Durham)

January Services

4th Holy Communion 9am -St Andrew's Mutford

Worship for All 10.30am- St Peter's Carlton Colville

11th Holy communion 10.30am St Peter's

Friday 16th January 2pm Worship Service Carlton Hall

18th Worship for All 10.30am St Peters

Holy Communion 11am St Andrew's

25th Holy Communion 10.30am 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

January 27th 10am-12noon Coffee Morning and Sale of unwanted Christmas gifts

Come and Join us for Coffee, or tea and delicious cakes

£2 per person - in aid of general church funds



February 14th 3pm -5pm -Valentines Quiz



£6 per person- Get a team of 6 together or come along and we'll put you in a team. - This event will support our work with various mission agencies.

February 24th 10am-12noon Coffee Morning

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March 28th - 6-8pm Curry Evening

£10 per person please bring your own drinks - Funds will go towards the repair of the Tower