



Benefice of Carlton and Mutford



Newsletter May 2026



Rector's ramblings

As I sit down to write this it is a beautiful day the sky is a vastness of blue and there is bird song in the air. The month of May brings with it such hope - better weather, longer days and holidays.

The Christian church is holding on to the Easter hope; this month will be marked amongst other things by the feast of Pentecost.

'When the Spirit of Truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth.'

John 16:13'

'Every day is a school day.' so the saying goes. We never stop learning. This is as true of our knowledge of life and relationships as it is of our knowledge of God. When we feel we have absolute knowledge of the truth in any area, the temptation is to close down. In life we refuse to look at alternative practices, beliefs, or ways of behaviour. In human relations we condemn any approach which does not fit our own. When we consider our understanding of God and the wonders of his promises for all his children revealed in Christ Jesus the danger of oversimplifying is much greater- we cannot comprehend the greatness of God. In our understanding of God, we are not to reduce God to the size of our finite and limited imagination and refuse to step out into the darkness of belief.

This is the danger of fundamentalism in any form and whatever it is applied to. We think we already know the answers.

But the gifts of the spirit provide an alternative strategy. Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, truthfulness, gentleness and self-control, all lead us into greater understanding and eventually into wisdom. We cannot achieve them by will power but by openness to the Spirit in both our hearts and minds.

If we open our minds and hearts to the Holy Spirit we will find as we read scripture or pray together, or work as one community for the good of all God's children, that the gifts of the Spirit are working in us.

We may find ourselves growing in Christ likeness each day and we will be filled with the joy of his kingdom as we grow in the surpassing knowledge of Christ in the Spirit.

We will be celebrating God's gift to us in the Holy Spirit on Sunday 24th May 10.30am

With every blessing

Andrea

May Services

3rd 4th Sunday after Easter

9am Morning Worship -St Andrew's
10.30am Worship for all -St Peter's

10th 5th Sunday After Easter

10.30am Holy Communion -St Peter's

17th The Sunday After Ascension

10.30am Worship for All St Peter's
11.00am Holy Communion St Andrew's



24th Pentecost

10.30am Holy Communion St Peter's



31st Trinity Sunday Benefice Service

10.30am Worship for All



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 Launch

From May there will be a 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.

Plant and Produce Sale

May 15th 2-5pm St Andrew's Mutford

Come and stock up on plants and local produce and enjoy a cuppa and a cake!

Coffee Morning with Plant swap

Tuesday 26th May

10am-12noon



Community Family food and drink fayre

June 6th - Carlton Colville Community Centre