

## St John the Baptist Church, Great Carlton



The villages of Great and Little Carlton have a long history dating back to Neolithic times. Artefacts from that period are on display in the Parish Church of St. John the Baptist, situated at the end of a long, tree-lined driveway. In 1861 James Fowler largely rebuilt the church in the style of the thirteenth century, but retained the fifteenth century tower.

The church is open daily from 10am to 4pm, and we have a morning service of Holy Communion on the fourth Sunday in the

month and Morning Prayer on each second Sunday. An annual Lambing Service attracts families and young children, and our Christmas Carol Service involves the village Children's Group. Seventeen men of the two villages who died in World War I are remembered each year on Remembrance Sunday.

The building underwent major repairs and some improvements between 2008 and 2011 resulting in a useful area for serving refreshments and the installation of a toilet. The circa 1875 church organ is being completely overhauled in 2019 with the help of grants and enthusiastic support from the community.

St John the Baptist's church is a popular venue for Weddings and Baptisms and works closely with the wider village community, covering social and community events in both the church and the Village Hall, organising themed events such as a Christmas Tree Festival, Teddy Bear Abseiling afternoon, and a Wedding Festival.

