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# CareyNews

News from around our Fellowship



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## MORE MUSIC MAGIC

On Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2026, Carey and surrounding churches joined



together for another afternoon of music and madness. Led again by Laura Partington, in my head count before the start, I worked out that 10 minutes before the start, it had already become the

most attended Music Café ever with the headcount reaching a whopping 64!

Before we started, we sang Happy Birthday to one of our Rocky Road friends, Ann Wilson. The afternoon this time had a theme of New Beginnings (wouldn't we all like a new beginning!)

Laura opened with two songs on her Cello, Brahms Waltz, and It Must be Love by Labi Siffre, it was news to me that the original song is not by Madness! I had to try really hard not to sing along too loudly. This got a few others swaying too.

Laura then showed us a picture of some snowdrops she had taken on the overhead, and shared some quotes 'it's never too late for a new beginning in your life', 'if you don't like the road you're walking, pave another one'



Next, Sandra Greenaway and Margaret sang two songs, the first one being For the Beauty of the Earth and Pie Jesu, and their harmonisation was truly beautiful.

## Annual General Meeting

Sunday 1st March 2026

11.45 p.m.<sup>a.m.</sup>

(Following Morning Worship)

I then had my stint, and I played one of my, if not my favourite song, Morning has Broken by Cat Stevens featuring the famous Rick Wakeman's arrangement, which I play every morning after I get up, religiously! Then, Christ Alone – Cornerstone, a personal favourite of mine.

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**REGULAR ACTIVITIES**

**Sunday**

10.30 a.m. Morning Worship

**Tuesday**

7.30 p.m. House group

8.15 p.m. Join for prayer

Both on Sunday Morning Zoom Link

**Wednesday**

10.00 a.m. Coffee Morning

12.00 noon Man Cave

**Thursday**

2.30 p.m. Bible Study in the middle vestry

**1st Saturday of the month**

10.00 a.m. Joint Prayer Meeting at Carey

**OUR NEXT MUSIC CAFE**

**SUNDAY ~ 7TH JUNE 2026**

**3.30 P.M.**

LAURA AND HER CELLO WILL BE JOINED AGAIN BY FRIENDS FOR A

RELAXED TIME OF MEETING TOGETHER

AND MUSIC

COME ALONG AND BRING YOUR FRIENDS



**All Welcome**



Ministry Mission Outreach Community

**Mothering Sunday**

**Family Service**

**SUNDAY 15<sup>th</sup> MARCH**

**10.30 a.m.**

**All Age Worship**



Suitable for all ages with refreshments. Led by Lizzie from Burton Latimer



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**LENT 2026**

Sunday 15th March - Mothering Sunday  
Morning Worship with Lizzie Mcleod

Sunday 22nd March - Communion Service  
Morning Worship - Rachael Newman

Sunday 29th March - Palm Sunday  
Morning Worship with Paul Greenaway

Thursday 2nd April - Maundy Thursday Service at  
Rockingham Road Baptist Church led by Sharon Cross

Friday 3rd April - Good Friday Walk of Witness  
Churches together in Kettering Open Air Service on the steps of Toller Church

Happy March to you all!

It's been a while since I've written for the Church Newsletter, but I'm pleased to be back.

I suppose I ought to update you about what's been going on for me. At the end of January I made the decision to leave the RAF Air Cadets.

My time in the Cadets was incredibly enjoyable and gave me valuable experiences that I will hold dear in my life, and I have met friends for life that I'll simply never forget.

November 2025 marked a whole year of me being seizure free which is an incredibly liberating feeling, and hopefully soon I'll be able to learn how to drive (DVLA permitting).

On the 31<sup>st</sup> of January, me and Dad jetted off to Milan and my genuine advice is this, when flying into Milan Bergamo, don't bother with actual Milan! Bergamo is much prettier.

Seth

mentioned "The Grace Course" which is based on the Parable of the Prodigal Son books. The course will be taken by Laura, and is an informal time where anyone is welcome and there is no bible knowledge required, it will be structured with likely 3 weeks on then a break then 3 weeks on again, and will run sometime during the summer. Please contact Laura for more information if you are interested.

Carol Pratt played Moon River, then Laura played Chanson de Matin by Elgar (he writes a GOOD tune) and then All I Ask of You.

Mike then had his stint on the organ, playing us Gavotte by S S Wesley and Love Divine, for people to sing along to.

Laura's ending blessing was a song of her own composition 'The Lake' and ended another fabulous Sunday of Music.

The next Music Café is scheduled for the 7<sup>th</sup> June. Hope to see you there!

Neil Humphrey sang us Ring of Fire, from the best of Jonny Cash, with his guitar and his famous Cowboy Hat and Silver Conchos and people joined in without the lyrics!

Kari Humphrey sang us Another Suitcase and Another Hall, featuring YouTube adverts! - 'where am I going to'.

Laura gave us some more quotes, 'God will wipe away every tear from their eyes' 'for the former things have passed away'.

Steve then sang us 2 songs, the first song being 'I believe', which he described as a testament to his journey as a Christian. Then he sang a nostalgic song from his youth, Yesterday Once More and everyone knew the chorus! emotions ran a bit high!

Sandra, Carol and Laura then united as a music group and played Finlandia and The Steadfast Love of the Lord for us all.

Laura then shared with us a bible reading about Lost and Found parables and



Seth Peel

Photos Courtesy of Seth and Hayley Peel

**YOU'RE INVITED TO**

**A CREATIVE EASTER**  
at Carey

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2026**  
**3.30 p.m. – 5.00 p.m.**

*An afternoon of stories, songs and  
various creative and fun  
activities.*

Light refreshments  
Time to Chat and enjoy  
Friendship

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### CREATIVE EASTER

If anyone would like to volunteer to organise a craft or activity focussing on the Easter Story or be involved in the Altogether Time please speak to me.

We shall also be grateful for those who like to bake and serve refreshments to help out.

Most of all please can we encourage you to invite friends and family to come along to join with us at the beginning of the Easter Holiday season and have that opportunity to share with them something of the meaning of Easter.

Look forward to seeing you all.

Thank you.

Carol Pratt

### THE GRACE COURSE

The **Grace Course** is a welcoming and reflective course designed to help people explore the meaning of grace and its place in everyday life and faith. Whether participants are new to Christianity, returning to faith, or simply wanting to deepen their understanding, the course offers a safe and encouraging space to learn, reflect, and grow.

Through guided sessions, discussion, and shared experiences, the Grace Course invites participants to consider what grace means in practice, in relationships, forgiveness, resilience, and hope. Each session is accessible and thoughtful, encouraging open conversation without pressure or expectation.

The course places emphasis on:

- Understanding grace as a gift, not something to be earned.
- Exploring how grace shapes faith, community, and daily living.
- Creating space for honest questions and personal reflection.
- Building connection and mutual support within the group.

No prior knowledge or experience is required.

The Grace Course is suitable for individuals at any stage of their faith journey and is delivered in a relaxed, friendly environment where everyone is valued and respected.

**Coming Soon to Carey**

**6 weeks over July & August**

**THE GRACE COURSE**  
FROM FREEDOM IN CHRIST MINISTRIES

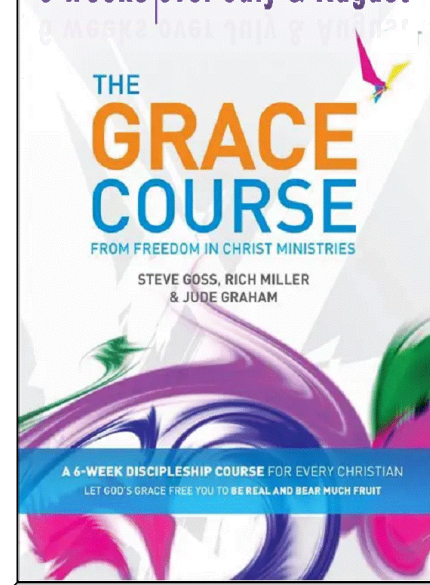
STEVE GOSS, RICH MILLER  
& JUDE GRAHAM

A 6-WEEK DISCIPLESHIP COURSE FOR EVERY CHRISTIAN  
LET GOD'S GRACE FREE YOU TO BE REAL AND BEAR MUCH FRUIT

Sunday Afternoons

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**WATCH THIS SPACE**



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOE BOX APPEAL



Thank You for Supporting Operation Christmas Child in 2025!

We are so grateful for your support of Operation Christmas Child in 2025! Because of generous supporters like you, we were able to bring Good News and great joy to children in need all over the world. From Ukraine to the Middle East, from Jamaica to Central Asia, 12.2 million children are being reminded they are loved and pointed to the hope found in Jesus Christ.



Jamaica



Ukraine

Discover the full list of destinations that UK shoeboxes went to by clicking the button below. There, you'll be able to explore stories, photos, and videos from each destination that demonstrate the difference your shoebox can make.

We invite you to take a moment to lift up the children receiving these shoebox gifts in prayer, that they would feel deeply loved, known, and valued. It's our heart that as each child lifts the lid on their shoebox, they would tangibly experience the love of God.

[Explore Shoebox Destinations](#)

- ✝ In 2025, you lovingly donated 232,844 shoebox gifts!
- ✝ That means 232,844 children's joy.
- ✝ 232,844 Gospel opportunities.



Central Asia

Thank you again for your partnership. May God bless you.

Operation Christmas Child® is a project of Samaritan's Purse®



Eastern Europe



Moldova

We are told our 120 shoe boxes went to Albania and Moldova and we will update you as and when we have news, so watch this space.

Ministry Mission Outreach Community

**BREAKFAST MORNING**  
COFFEE, CAKES AND MORE!!

**11<sup>th</sup> April 2026**  
**9.00 – 12 noon**

**In Aid of Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box Appeal**

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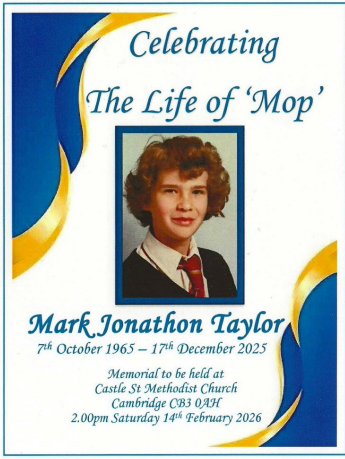


Middle East



The Balkans

**MARK TAYLOR (1965 - 2025)**



Many of you reading this will not know Mark but to us of an age and part of the Boys' Brigade family he was an integral part of that family. Nicknamed "Mop Head" by his peers in the Boys' Brigade and obviously shortened to "Mop" by him or his friends at uni, Mark will always be remembered for that head of hair!

Mark first came to the battalion camp in in the early 70's with his father, Rev Derek Taylor who was the captain of the Boys' Brigade Company at the Baptist Church in Burton Latimer. He was also the

camp chaplain at the North Northants Battalion and Grace Taylor was part of the team of cooks alongside Molly Chambers and Mary Neal.

Mark was the life and soul of our camp when we at 1st Kettering Company, shared camp with the company at Burton Latimer (and 3rd Kettering and 1st Matlock) and I remember Mark leading singing many a time although I'm not sure some of the words matched those of the hymns!



Mark went to university at the age of 18 but after just a few weeks he suffered a severe injury playing Rugby which left him paralysed from the neck downwards. He spent 12 months in Stoke Mandeville followed by a lifetime in a wheel chair and being cared for.



Despite this Mark made the most of life, and after a long period of convalescing both in hospital and back at home in Burton Latimer, being cared for by a team of carers including his mum and dad, he

went back to his university studies and after a period in America he secured himself a position at Cambridge council working to improve access for disabled people.

Mark passed away in December 2025, no longer dependant on others (his words not mine), Charles Chambers, Jeanette and myself attended the memorial service for Mark.

Goodnight and God bless Mark, an inspiration to us all.

Keith Mitchell

**June Barley**

It was with great sadness we learnt of the passing of June at her home in York. June was a member of Carey along with her husband, Ken, until they moved to be nearer to the family in 2011.

They had moved to Carey with their family in 1979 and took an active part in the life of the church, June particularly was part of the Carey Luncheon Club team.

June was taken ill in September 2025 and sadly passed away at the end of January 2026.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Ken and the family.

Keith Mitchell

## COFFEE MORNING CORNER

Hi everyone, hope you are all well. I was sent this poem when I had my 80<sup>th</sup> birthday, I hope it makes you all smile!

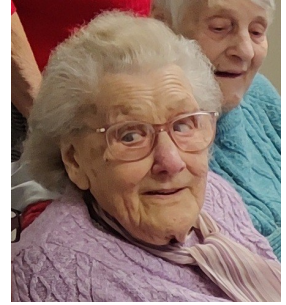
### Today Dear Lord I'm 80

Today, dear Lord, I'm 80  
 And there's much I haven't done,  
 So I hope, dear Lord, you'll let me live to 81.  
 But then, if I haven't finished all I want to do  
 Would you please let me stay awhile until I'm 82?  
 So many places I want to go to, so very much to see,  
 Do you think that you could manage to make it 83?  
 The world is changing very fast  
 There is so much in store,  
 I'd like it very much to live until I'm 84.  
 And if by then I'm still alive,  
 I'd like to stay till 85.  
 More places will be up in the air, so I'd really like to stick  
 And see what happens to the world when I'm 86.  
 I know, dear Lord, it's much to ask  
 (and it must be nice in heaven)  
 But I really would like to stay until I'm 87.  
 I know by then I won't be fast  
 And sometimes will be late  
 But it would be pleasant to be around at 88.  
 I have seen so many things, and had a wonderful time  
 So I'm sure I will be able to leave at 89... MAYBE!!!  
 Hope you enjoyed the poem and it made you smile.

Barbara Hendry

These photos were taken at our recent fish and chip lunch.

We were missing one of the founder members - back in 1990, Mavis Collier (right), Dilys' and Barry's mum,



passed away earlier in the month at the age of 99, such a shame she didn't get to 100 and get her telegram from the King, she would have loved that.



She had been ever present on a Wednesday morning over the years and was also a member of the New Horizons Club who used to meet in the Church.



On the same day we had a visit from the community worker from Avery Care Home, not to look for customers, but to invite



us to some of their community activities.



A big thank you to Kari and Neil who organised the food for us.



Keith Mitchell

## MARCH DIARY

Sunday	1 <sup>st</sup>	10.30 a.m. Morning Worship - Martin Turnbull
Tuesday	3 <sup>rd</sup>	7.30 p.m. House Group (On-Line) 8.15 p.m. Prayer Time
Wednesday	4 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 a.m. Coffee Morning 12 noon Man Cave
Thursday	5 <sup>th</sup>	2.30 p.m. Bible Study
Sunday	8 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 a.m. Morning Worship - Dean Clarke-Peasey
Tuesday	10 <sup>th</sup>	7.30 p.m. House Group (On-Line) 8.15 p.m. Prayer Time
Wednesday	11 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 a.m. Coffee Morning 12 noon Man Cave
Thursday	12 <sup>th</sup>	2.30 p.m. Bible Study
Sunday	15 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 a.m. Mothering Sunday - Lizzie McCleod
Tuesday	17 <sup>th</sup>	7.30 p.m. House Group (On-Line) 8.15 p.m. Prayer Time
Wednesday	18 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 a.m. Coffee Morning 12 noon Man Cave
Thursday	19 <sup>th</sup>	2.30 p.m. Bible Study
Sunday	22 <sup>nd</sup>	10.30 a.m. Morning Worship - Rachael Newman (Communion) Last Day for items for the April Newsletter
Tuesday	24 <sup>th</sup>	7.30 p.m. House Group (On-Line) 8.15 p.m. Prayer Time
Wednesday	25 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 a.m. Coffee Morning 12 noon Man Cave
Thursday	26 <sup>th</sup>	2.30 p.m. Bible Study
Sunday	29 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 a.m. Palm Sunday - Paul Greenaway 3.30 p.m. Creative Easter
Tuesday	31 <sup>st</sup>	7.30 p.m. House Group (On-Line) 8.15 p.m. Prayer Time

## MONTHLY ROTAS

Welcome: Jeanette Mitchell

## Sunday Coffee

- 1<sup>st</sup> Fred & Joan Northern
- 8<sup>th</sup> Neil & Kari Humphrey
- 15<sup>th</sup> Sandra & Darren Tecklenburg
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Hayley & Martin Peel
- 29<sup>th</sup> David Howard

## Sunday Flowers

- 1<sup>st</sup> Mr. & Mrs. F. Northern
- 8<sup>th</sup> The family of Mavis Collier in Memory
- 15<sup>th</sup> Ms. J. Musgrave
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Mr. & Mrs. M. Mills
- 29<sup>th</sup> Mr. Charles Chambers in Memory

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