

The Grapevine



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News for the Churches of the Carlford Benefice

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MAY 2019

**This
Month:**

Hasketon
Plant &
Book Sale
6th May



QUIZ
NIGHT

May 18th
Ashbocking
Church



26th
May

What is a Christian?

Not long into my first job as a vicar a young woman asked me, "What is a Christian? What makes someone a Christian?" I'd never been asked that question before, so I had to give it some thought. My reply was something like this; "First, and most important, it means having a personal relationship with Jesus. He is the Saviour and Lord of the world, but he is also my Saviour, and the Lord of my life. Being a Christian also includes believing certain things about Jesus: he was fully human, but also (to quote St Paul), "Jesus has in himself the full nature of God." He was executed by crucifixion. Three days later God raised him to new bodily resurrection life, life that we too, through Jesus Christ, can look forward to. (If we believed that Jesus was merely a good teacher, there would be no particular reason to commit our life to him.) A Christian is also someone who tries (however imperfectly!) to follow Jesus' example and teaching.

This month there is Christian Aid week. The envelope will drop through our letter box and we will no doubt put something in it. It often surprises people to discover that in the gospels Jesus had more to say about money, wealth, possessions, than he did about heaven. Jesus' last parable story in Matthew's gospel is very surprising. It depicts Jesus as judge. Everyone who's ever lived stands before him. They are asked not about what they believed, but what

they have done (or not done) for the hungry, the homeless, the sick and those in prison. Jesus identifies himself with those in great need. (Matthew 25)

In the New Testament there is quite a lot about giving to those in need, both on the lips of Jesus and in the letters of Paul and others. Some Christians take the Old Testament standard of a tithe (10% of income before we do anything else with our money) as a guide. Interestingly, when Paul is writing about giving, he doesn't mention tithing. (Perhaps for some it would have been too much, and for others too little!) Paul writes, "I am not trying to relieve others by putting a burden on you. The aim is equality..."

How would we answer that person's question, "What is a Christian?"

I've met so many, very different, people who are deeply grateful for their Christian faith and who know what it means to be a Christian: people for whom life seems to be pretty good; people facing a crisis in their health or a relationship; people who know that their life is coming to an end. And for all of them, however they expressed it, the crucial thing would be knowing Jesus.

Rev'd Fred Woods

SERVICES ACROSS THE CARLFORD BENEFICE MAY 2019

Sunday May 5th 3rd Sunday of Easter

[Zephaniah 3.14-end], Acts 9.1-6 [7-20], Psalm 30, Revelation 5.11-end, John 21.1-19

Grundisburgh	8.00am	Holy Communion
	11.00am	Christian Aid Family Service
Otley	9.30am	Family Parade & Christian Aid Service
Boulge	11.00am	Holy Communion

Wednesday May 8th

Grundisburgh 9.30am Holy Communion followed by Swapshop in Grundisburgh Parish Rooms

Thursday May 9th

Otley 9.30am Holy Communion followed by coffee morning at Southview

Sunday May 12th 4th Sunday of Easter

[Genesis 7.1-5, 11-18; 8.6-18; 9.8-13], Acts 9.36-end, Psalm 23, Revelation 7.9-end, John 10.22-30

Grundisburgh	8.00am	Holy Communion
	10.45am	Sunday Club and Discovery Club meet in the Parish Rooms
	11.00am	Parish Eucharist
Hasketon	9.30am	Parish Eucharist
Clopton	11.00am	"Worship for All"
Ashbocking	11.00am	Christian Aid Family Service

Sunday May 19th 5th Sunday of Easter

[Baruch 3.9-15, 32-4.4 or Genesis 22.1-18], Acts 11.1-18, Psalm 148 [or 148.1-6], Revelation 21.1-6, John 13.31-35

Grundisburgh	8.00am	Holy Communion
	10.45am	Sunday Club and Discovery Club meet in the Parish Rooms
	11.00am	Morning Prayer
Burgh	9.30am	Family Holy Communion
Hasketon	9.30am	Morning Prayer
Swilland	11.00am	Christian Aid Family Service
Boulge	6.30pm	Evensong

Sunday May 26th 6th Sunday of Easter

[Ezekiel 37.1-14], Acts 16.9-15, Psalm 67, Revelation 21.10,22-22.5, John 14.23-29 or John 5.1-9

Grundisburgh	8.00am	Holy Communion
	11.00am	Family Holy Communion & Baptism
Clopton	9.30am	Holy Communion

Thursday May 30th Ascension Day

Grundisburgh 7.00pm Holy Communion

First Point of Contact:

Ashbocking, Burgh, Boulge, Clopton, Grundisburgh, Hasketon, Otley and Swilland

Rev'd Clare Sanders
01473 735183

What's On across the Carlford Benefice – May

- 1st Hobbies Group**, Clopton Village Hall 10.00am until 12 noon
1st "Going Deeper" Homegroup, Manor Farm, The Green, Ashbocking 10.00am
1st SWAPSHOP 10.00am – 11.00am in Grundisburgh Parish Rooms
1st 7.30pm Archdeacon's Visitation at Wickham Market – see details elsewhere
2nd Grundisburgh 12.00noon – Woodbridge Deanery Chapter Eucharist – all welcome
3rd 10.30am Ashbocking Coffee Morning at the home of Janice Williamson of 10 Nelson Close, Ashbocking
4th Swilland Coffee Morning 10.00am at the home of Ann Kent of Red Court, Swilland
4th 10.30am Grundisburgh Coffee Morning in the Parish Rooms
6th Knit and Stitch 10.00am meets at the home of Linda and John Pollard of Hawthorns, The Green, Ashbocking
6th Hasketon Plant and Book Sale in the Victory Hall 2pm
6th Grundisburgh Bridge Club 7.30pm meets at the Parish Rooms
6th Otley Gardening Club 7.30pm "**Wildlife Gardening**", with **John Lewis**
7th Baby Café 9.00am – 10.30am Grundisburgh Parish Rooms
8th 9.30am Midweek Communion Grundisburgh
8th 5.30pm Delivering Christian Aid envelopes – help needed – contact Clare – 735183
8th Ashbocking House Group 7.30pm meets at the home of Linda and John Pollard of Hawthorns, The Green, Ashbocking
9th Midweek Communion at 9.30am followed by **Otley Coffee Morning** at South View - home of Ann and Geoff Robinson
9th 2.30pm Tiddlywinks meet in the Upper Room, Grundisburgh
11th 11.00am Grundisburgh Baptism of George – son of Kerry and Martin
12th – 18th Christian Aid Week
12th Grundisburgh Sunday Club and Discovery Club 10.45am in the Parish Rooms, Grundisburgh
13th Beyond Belief 10.30am – 12 noon Grundisburgh Parish Rooms – see details elsewhere
13th Men's Group at The Moon and Mushroom 6.30pm for 7pm start - see details elsewhere
13th Grundisburgh Bridge Club 7.30pm meets at the Parish Rooms
13th Otley House Group 1.45pm – 3pm at the home of Penny Clark of Cherry Bank, Otley
15th "Going Deeper" Homegroup, Manor Farm, The Green, Ashbocking 10.00am
15th 10.00am-12.00 noon Clopton Coffee Morning in the Village Hall
18th 6.00pm Ashbocking Quiz £10 per ticket, food included – see details elsewhere
19th Grundisburgh Sunday Club and Discovery Club 10.45am in the Parish Rooms, Grundisburgh
20th Knit and Stitch 10.00am meets at the home of Linda and John Pollard of Hawthorns, The Green, Ashbocking
20th Grundisburgh Bridge Club 7.30pm meets at the Parish Rooms
20th Monday House Group at the home of Malcolm and Sandra Green 7.30pm
22nd Ashbocking House Group 7.30pm meets at the home of Linda and John Pollard of Hawthorns, The Green, Ashbocking
23rd TBC - Hasketon Community Lunch at 12.15pm - contact Claire Harrington -01394 380644
23rd Otley Community Lunch at Otley White Hart 12.30pm £6 per head
23rd 2.30pm Tiddlywinks meet in the Upper Room, Grundisburgh
25th Otley 3.30pm Baptism of Annabelle – daughter of Bertie and Catharina Chamberlain
26th Messy Church Grundisburgh Village Hall, 3.00pm-4.30pm
27th Grundisburgh Bridge Club 7.30pm meets at the Parish Rooms
30th Ascension Day Holy Communion 7.00pm at Grundisburgh

Looking ahead to June

- 1st Possibilities Coffee Morning**, 10.30am, Grundisburgh Parish Rooms
2nd Just 42 Summer Cream Tea 3.00pm – 5.00pm, Great Bealings Hall
4th BBC 10.30am, Grundisburgh
14th Pudding and Pimms, Burgh Church Schoolroom 6.30pm

Carlford Coffee Mornings



Good days start with coffee and you....



Ashbocking from 10.30am

Friday 3rd May at the home of Janice Williamson of 10 Nelson Close, The Green, Ashbocking

Burgh

There is no coffee morning this month

Clopton from 10am

Wednesday 15th May at the village hall

Grundisburgh

Wednesday 1st May SWAPSHOP from 10am and then Saturday 4th May from 10.30am both at Grundisburgh Parish Rooms

Otley from 10am

Thursday 9th May at the home of Ann and Geoff Robinson of South View, Otley

Swilland from 10am

Saturday 4th May at the home of Ann Kent of Red Court, Swilland

All welcome



Coffee Mornings

- Ashbocking** - 1st Friday of the month
- Burgh** - Occasional throughout the year
- Clopton** - 3rd Wednesday of the month
- Grundisburgh** - 1st Saturday and 1st Wednesday of the month
- Otley** - 2nd Thursday of the month
- Swilland** - 1st Saturday of the month

Hobbies

- Knit and Stitch** - 1st and 3rd Monday of the month
- Hobbies Group** - 1st Wednesday of the month
- Gardening Club** - 1st Monday of the month
- Bridge Club** - Every Monday

Lunches

- Hasketon Community Lunch** - 4th Thursday of the month
- Otley Community Lunch** - 4th Thursday of the month
- Burgh Soup Lunch** - Occasional throughout the year

Prayer and Study Groups

- Ashbocking House Group** - 2nd & 4th Wednesday of the month
- Going Deeper** - 1st & 3rd Wednesday of the month
- Monday House Group** - 3rd Monday of the month
- Otley House Group** - 2nd and 4th Monday of the month
- Beyond Belief** - Spring and Autumn Groups

Children—All ages

- Baby Café** - 1st Tuesday of the month
- Tiddlywinks** - 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month
- Sunday Club** - 2nd & 3rd Sundays
- Discovery Club** - 2nd & 3rd Sundays
- Messy Church** - Once a month on Sundays

Quarterly Events

- BBC** - Four Tuesday Mornings, throughout the year
- Men's Group** - Occasional Mondays throughout the year

The dates, times and full details of venues can be found elsewhere in this magazine



Becki and Laura invite you to a



Coffee morning!

Grundisburgh Parish Rooms

10.30am Saturday June 1st

Coffee, conversation, homemade cakes



Ugandan crafts



Raffle

Hand painted glassware



In aid of our volunteer trip to Uganda with Possibilities charity, a charity supporting children stranded in poverty.

Otley & District Gardening Club



We meet at 7:30 pm, 1st Monday of the month at Otley Village Hall, Chapel Road, Otley

Monday 6th May

**“Wildlife Gardening”
with John Lewis**



All welcome
Join up or just come along.

Admission £1.50 (members)
£4 (non-members)
Annual membership £10

To find out more, contact either

Phil Pollard (Club Chairman)
(07880627984)
Jill Hempstead (Club Secretary)
(01473 890826)



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Sugar & Honey & Snack bars

Household Essentials

- Soap, Handwash, Cleaners

Bamboo Socks, Greetings Cards

Spring/Summer Catalogue now in St. Mary's

Where?..When?

At the Coffee Morning, Grundisburgh Parish Room

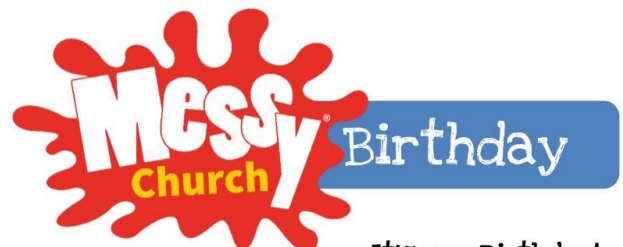
1st Saturday of the month 10.30am

In St. Mary's 1st & 2nd Sunday

at 12.00 after morning service

Orders and information from Pat Fletcher

01473 735 775 p.j.fletcher45@gmail.com



It's our Birthday!



This time of year
we celebrate the
church's birthday-
So we're having a
party!

Come and join the
celebrations!

Grundisburgh Village Hall

Sunday 26th May, 3pm-4.30pm

All Welcome.

If you'd like to come, please let us
know names of adults and children so
we can get the catering right.

Email: mark@cresswell.onl

£1 per family. Suggested donation.



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with the East Suffolk Morris Men

The Men's group will be continuing in 2019 and begins by sharing an evening with the East Suffolk Morris Men.

Mon 13th May, 6.30pm (for 7pm start)

Who will provide a demonstration dance which will be followed by a talk by Dr Mike Garland on the history of Morris dance particularly in Suffolk.

Moon & Mushroom in Swiland,
with a two course meal £17 + drinks.
(menu on the night)

Please note we need firm bookings by the 1st May if this event is to go ahead. To book please email or call Mark Cresswell (Mark@Cresswell.onl, 01473 738313)



Children's Sunday Clubs

@ St Mary's Church Grundisburgh

Sunday Club

Second and third
Sundays of the
month

An active session with stories and crafts of about 45 mins starting at 10.45am in the Parish rooms for ages 2 to 7. Contact Jenny: jonje@talktalk.net



Discovery Club



On the same Sundays, for children from 7 upwards. Discovery club gives us space to reach out and explore. Contact Sandra: Sandra@thecresswells.me.uk



For all ages. On the fourth Sunday, 3-4.30pm in village halls. Contact Mark@Cresswell.onl

For details please see our newsletter, *Grapevine* on our website: CarlfordChurches.org



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Ashbocking Church Quiz

May 18th

Starting at 6pm with food, Quiz starts at 7pm

Max of 6 per team.

Teams can be formed on the night

£10 per ticket, children under 12 Free

Bar, raffle, prizes plus lots of fun!

Tickets before the night please
from John or Linda Pollard
01473 890836

JUST42 SUMMER CREAM TEA

Sunday 2nd June from 3-5pm
At Great Bealings Hall
Come and enjoy delicious homemade scones with jam, clotted cream & a pot of tea. Tickets £12 each which includes a glass of bubbly on arrival.



For tickets contact 01394 380992 or info@just42.org.uk
All proceeds go to the work of Just42.
Poor weather will result in postponement.

Just42 is a registered Christian youth and children's work charity based in Woodbridge.



BBC

Bible Book Club



A small group - those of faith, agnostics, & atheists - interested in the historical context of Christian literature.

We meet in Grundisburgh on just four Tuesday mornings each year.

Our next meeting is on June 4th 2019 at 10.30am

Discussing: 'Traces of the Trinity – Sign of God in Creation and Human Experience' By Peter J Leithart

Why not get a copy and start reading now, we would be very pleased to have you come along.

**paulwiffen222@btinternet.com
or 01473738474**

Please let us know if you will be joining us.



Please help us to support this valuable charity that do fantastic work helping to fight poverty and injustice around the world, offering hope to millions.

**Help required for delivery of the envelopes, please contact Clare on 01473 735183 if you can help*

Services

Sunday May 5th

9.30am Family Parade and
Christian Aid Service
Otley

11.00am Christian Aid Family Service
Grundisburgh

Sunday May 12th

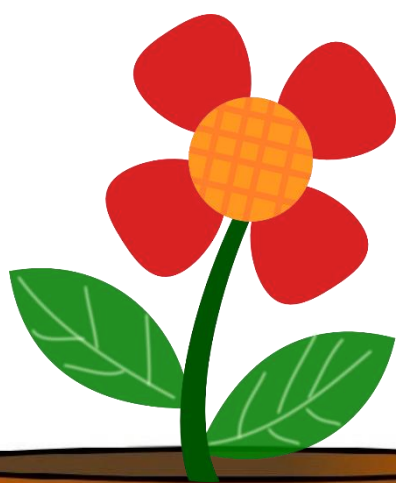
11.00am Christian Aid Family Service
Ashbocking

Sunday May 19th

11.00am Christian Aid Family Service
Swiland

There will be door to door collections, across the benefice, taking place the week of 12th to 18th May 2019

Hasketon will receive their envelopes within the May Hasketon Magazine. The envelopes can then be returned to the Church, Church Cottage or Little Red House



For further details please contact
Clare Rizzo - art.rizzo@yahoo.co.uk

Plant & Book Sale Victory Hall Hasketon



6th May 2019
2pm



In aid of Burgh Church Fabric Fund

Burgh Church Schoolroom

Friday 14th June at 6.30pm

Pudding & Pimms

£10.00 per ticket
(Includes a glass of Pimms & 2 puddings)

Early booking essential

To book, please contact

Sally Butler 01473738877
or sally@martinandsally.co.uk



Beyond Belief Spring 2019

What do we really know about these Bible topics ...?

We are a small group which gives us the opportunity to discuss areas of Christian Faith at six meetings held at GRUNDISBURGH PARISH ROOMS, 10.30-12.00

The final session is on Monday May 13th. People of faith, agnostics, and atheists are all very welcome.

Tea or coffee and a piece of cake will be available and a warm welcome to all. A small charge of £1 per person, per session, covers costs.

We will consider – What do we really know about

Session 6 – May 13th

Biblical Topic - Discussion 3: 'Martyrs and Church Leaders' – What is a martyr? Is a martyr a saint? Who was the first Christian martyr? Which of the Apostles were martyred? Who led the early Church? What role did Peter, James, and Paul play?

References: Acts 7:54-8:1; Acts 22:20; Revelation 2:13; 17:6; Acts of Paul

Why not come and try our group? Join us this Spring 2019
Enquiries: Paul on: 01473 738474 or paulwiffen222@btinternet.com

From The Editor The cutoff date for material to be included is the 8th of the month and material should be sent to Clare at revclaresanders@tiscali.co.uk and Amy at bakergirl174@gmail.com please.



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