

The Grapevine



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April 2020

This
Month:

1st



Hobbies
Group

Otley
Gardening
Club



6th

5th – 11th



Holy Week

An Hour at
The Cross



10th

30th



Tiddlywinks

“Alleluia”

There is one word associated with Easter more than any other and that word is “Alleluia”. Literally translated it means “let God be praised”.

This is my last Grapevine letter and it could be a case of “Alleluia- Thank God”- but my Alleluia is not one of thanks that things are coming to an end, but Alleluia for all that has been over the last nearly 15 years. I can honestly say that they have been wonderful years, I have shared in the lives of so many people and it has been such an enormous privilege. There have been hairy moments; moments of deep pain; times of laughter and hilarity; tears shed both with joy and sadness. There have been times spent with individuals and numerous community events. There have been experiences that I could share with others and more occasions when keeping quiet and things to myself, is what has been required. People have said you could write a book and probably I could, but the names would all need to be changed and I would need to write under a pseudonym.

Quite simply being a parish priest is one of the most privileged jobs that there is, and I want to say THANK YOU.

Thank you for the friendship, the trust, the journey, (there has to be a journey!) Holy Week and Easter give us opportunity to journey together in the company of Christ – travel through the passion, the love story, that we are all invited to share in - accompanying Christ to the cross and beyond.

I have said on many an occasion, quoting my father who said it first- you can't celebrate Easter if you haven't lived through Good Friday. The cross is central – just as in ministry being alongside people in their pain and distress and accompanying them through the experience, is at the core of what it means to be made in the image of God, and to follow Christ, not just to the cross, but beyond with the Easter cry of Alleluia ringing out – love is stronger than death; the light overcomes the darkness, joy replaces tears; hope reigns over despair.

I look forward to sharing this journey with you and beyond Easter, I hope that many of you will join me on May 3rd at Grundisburgh @ 11.00am for a final serviceand yet more Alleluias!



Easter Statement

Alleluia is not just a word, it is a way of living...

How many ways can we shout 'alleluia!'?

A: When the dawn breaks, that is an alleluia
 B: When the stone rumbles, that is an alleluia
 C: When the grave-clothes rustle, that is an alleluia

A: When the birds sing, that is an alleluia
 B: When the women run, that is an alleluia
 C: When the darkness ends, that is an alleluia

How many ways can we share 'alleluia!'?

A: When the bread is divided, alleluia
 B: When the table is set, alleluia
 C: When the hungry are fed, alleluia
 A: When peace is celebrated, alleluia
 B: When communities are brought together, alleluia
 C: When neighbours love each other, alleluia

How many ways can we live with 'alleluia!'?

A: When we live life fully, we live with alleluia
 B: When we say, "Christ is Risen!", we live with alleluia
 C: When we trust the future, we live with alleluia
 A: When we hold onto hope, we live with alleluia
 A&B: When we follow the Risen Christ, we live with alleluia
 A, B&C: When we believe resurrection, we live with alleluia

All: Alleluia, Amen

Reverend Clare Sanders

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

is Rev'd Clare Sanders 01473 735183

SERVICES ACROSS THE CARLFORD BENEFICE APRIL 2020

Sunday April 5th Palm Sunday

Matthew 21.1-11, Isaiah 50.4-9a, Philippians 2.5-11, Matthew 26.14-end of 27 [or Matthew 27.11-54]

Grundisburgh	8.00am	Holy Communion
	11.00am	Family Service
Otley	9.30am	Holy Communion
Boulge	11.00am	Holy Communion

Monday April 6th

Hasketon	9.30am	Holy Communion
Clopton	7.00pm	Reflective Service

Tuesday April 7th

Swilland	9.30am	Holy Communion
Ashbocking	7.00pm	Reflective Service

Wednesday April 8th

Grundisburgh	9.30am	Holy Communion
Burgh	7.00pm	Reflective Service in the Schoolroom

Friday April 10th

Culpho	2.00pm	An Hour at The Cross
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Sunday April 12th Easter Day

Genesis 1.1-2.4a, Exodus 14.10-end; 15.20-21, Isaiah 55.1-11, Baruch 3.9-15, 32-4.4, Ezekiel 36.24-28, Zephaniah 3.14-end, Romans 6.3-11, Matthew 28.1-10

Grundisburgh	8.00am	Holy Communion
	11.00am	Holy Communion – with Baptism
Hasketon	9.30am	Parish Eucharist
Clopton	8.00am	Dawn Holy Communion
Ashbocking	11.00am	Holy Communion
Swilland	9.30am	Holy Communion
Otley	9.30am	Holy Communion
Boulge	11.00am	Holy Communion
Burgh	9.30am	Holy Communion

Wednesday April 15th

Culpho	9.30am	Holy Communion
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Sunday April 19th 2nd Sunday of Easter

Exodus 14.10-end; 15.20-21, Acts 2.14a 22-32, 1 Peter 1.3-9, John 20.19-end

Grundisburgh	8.00am	Holy Communion
	11.00am	Morning Prayer
Hasketon	9.30am	Morning Prayer
Swilland	11.00am	Holy Communion
Burgh	9.30am	APCM Service
Culpho	2.00pm	APCM followed by Evensong at 3.00pm

Thursday April 23rd

Hasketon	11.30am	Holy Communion Victory Hall
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Sunday April 26th 3rd Sunday of Easter

Zephaniah 3.14-end, Acts 2.14a 36-41, 1 Peter 1.17-23, Luke 24.13-35

Grundisburgh	8.00am	Holy Communion
	11.00am	APCM Service
Clopton	9.30am	APCM

What's On across the Carlford Benefice – April

1st "Going Deeper" Homegroup, Manor Farm, The Green, Ashbocking 10.00am

1st Hobbies Group, Clopton Village Hall 10.00am until 12 noon

6th 9.30am Hasketon Holy Communion

6th 7.00pm Clopton Reflective Service

6th Otley Gardening Club 7.30pm Otley Village Hall

6th Grundisburgh Bridge Club 7.30pm meets at the Parish Rooms

7th Baby Café 9.00am – 10.30am Grundisburgh Parish Rooms

7th 9.30am Swilland Holy Communion

7th 7.00pm Ashbocking Reflective Service

8th 9.30am Holy Communion Grundisburgh

8th 7.00pm Burgh Reflective Service in the Schoolroom

10th 2.00pm An Hour at The Cross Culpho

11th 11.30am Ashbocking Church – Baptism of Milly Sarah Elizabeth Logan

11th 2.00pm Otley Church – Marriage of Alan Todd and Kathleen Kilduff

13th Grundisburgh Bridge Club 7.30pm meets at the Parish Rooms

15th "Going Deeper" Homegroup, Manor Farm, The Green, Ashbocking 10.00am

15th Clopton Coffee Morning 10am – 12 noon at Clopton Village Hall

18th Boulge Church – Baptism of Vincent and Albert

20th Monday House Group at the home of Malcolm and Sandra Green 7.30pm

20th Grundisburgh Bridge Club 7.30pm meets at the Parish Rooms

22nd Ashbocking House Group meet 7.30pm at the home of John and Linda Pollard

23rd 11.30am Holy Communion at Hasketon Village Hall

23rd Otley Community Lunch at Otley White Hart 12 noon. Please telephone on 01473 890312 nearer the time for more information or check Otley White Hart's website and Facebook Page.

27th Otley House Group 1.45pm – 3pm at the home of Penny Clark of Cherry Bank, Otley

27th Grundisburgh Bridge Club 7.30pm meets at the Parish Rooms

30th 2.30pm Tiddlywinks meet in The Upper Room, Grundisburgh opposite Olde Forge Stores in Grundisburgh

CORONA VIRUS

Sadly, we have had to take the decision following diocesan guidance that while we are at risk from Covid19, we should not be serving refreshments or holding events that involve catering. This has meant cancelling the launch of Discovery Church, coffee mornings, after service refreshments, some fund-raising events and lunch clubs until further notice. Changes have also been made to Holy Week services. It might be that we are asked to make further changes and I will try to keep people in touch as best I can, through Email and by phone.

What is crucial is that we stay in touch with each other and most especially with those who live on their own and without relatives nearby – being good neighbours is the call to all of us.

Updates to service changes will be posted on our website:

<https://carlfordchurches.org/>

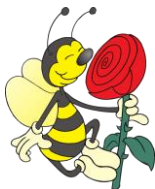
Otley & District Gardening Club



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

Monday 6th April (AGM Meeting)

**“The Scents of The Garden”
with Michael Warren (writer/photographer)**



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, Chairman (07880627984)
Jill Hempstead, Secretary (07967012636)



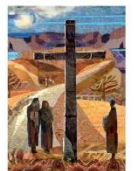
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St Mary's Sunday April 5th 12pm
& April 19th 12pm*

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a Catalogue
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the church*

Orders and information from Pat Fletcher
01473 735 775 p.j.fletcher45@gmail.com

Christian Aid Collection 2020

This year's Christian Aid envelope in Boulge, Burgh, Grundisburgh and Hasketon will be delivered to you with your copy of the Grapevine.

No one will come to your door to collect the envelope. There will be a designated collection point for your area shown on your envelope.

Thanking you for any contribution you may wish to make, it is always much appreciated.



Our Lent Appeal 2020

At this time of year, we regularly appeal to parishioners to consider your Lenten offering, urging you not to give something up but to *do something positive*. Every year we get the much-needed response. Thank-you. *Please* help us again this year.

Will you consider inviting an international student to your home, for a one day (daytime only) or for a weekend? Share a meal, conversation and exchange cultural traditions and views of the world. It is so very rewarding for both host and student guest.

Please consider becoming one of our volunteer hosts. We operate all year round and would very much welcome you to join us.

Information can be found on our website: www.hostuk.org

Or email us on: info@hostuk.org

Or telephone us on: 020 7739 6292

**If you are unable to host but would like to support this*

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Christian Aid Week (10-16 May)

Carlford Churches Moon & Mushroom Swilland

Men's Group

Tues, April 21st

Unfortunately we have decided, following guidance, to cancel the Men's Group planned for this date for health related reasons.

We do plan to have new dates just as soon as we can. In the meantime if you'd like to have a chat by phone, need some help getting things in, or posting a letter, please contact us or visit the website.

<https://carlfordchurches.org/>

Mark



What do we really know about these Bible topics ...? See things more clearly in 2020!

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**

Sessions are fortnightly on **Monday April 6th & 27th; May 11th & 25th**. People of faith, agnostics, and atheists, all are very welcome.

Tea or coffee and a piece of cake will be available at a charge of £1. A small charge of £1 per person, per session, covers the cost of the refreshments.

We will consider - Part of what we will discuss...

Session 3 - Baptism
Biblical Topic - Discussion 2: 'Baptism - John the Baptist' - What kind of Baptism was this? Was there a different type of Baptism? Why do Christians get Baptised?

References: Matthew 3:1-11; Matthew 11:11-12; Mark 1:1-13; Mark 6:14-29; Luke 1:5-23, & 36; Luke 3:1-17, John 1:29

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Session 4 - April 27th

Biblical Topic - Discussion 2: 'Christian Ethics' - Homelessness; Death Penalty; The Environment - What are a Christian's responsibilities? What can we do in a practical way?

References: The Bible

Why not come and try our group? Join us this Spring 2020
Enquiries: Paul on: 01473 738474 or paulwiffen222@btinternet.com




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Update on the search for a new Rector



As many of you will know in January and February, we advertised for a new Rector to take over from Clare after her retirement in May. Unfortunately, this first round hasn't been successful, and we are now in the process of adjusting how the job is advertised prior to the next round.

However, while that goes on our service pattern and services will continue based on the pattern that Clare and all of us have established. One particular service I would like to draw your attention to is a Benefice Service on the 3rd May in Grundisburgh Church, where we will say goodbye to Clare and have an informal lunch afterwards. Please do come to that if you can.

Mark Cresswell

HOLY WEEK

Monday April 6th

9.30am Holy Communion @ Hasketon

7.00pm Reflective Service based on the Archbishop of Canterbury's Lent book "Saying Yes to Life" by Ruth Valerio @ Clopton

Tuesday April 7th

9.30am Holy Communion @ Swilland

7.00pm as above - @ Ashbocking

Wednesday April 8th

9.30am Holy Communion @ Grundisburgh

7.00pm as above @ Burgh School Room

Friday April 10th

2.00pm An Hour at the Cross @ Culpho – led by Andrea Skevington

GOOD FRIDAY – HOUR AT THE CROSS



As we welcome Culpho into the Carlford benefice – it is good to meet there for our Hour at the Cross

The service will be lead by writer and theologian, Andrea Skevington.

Andrea lives in Suffolk and draws inspiration for her work from the world and community around her. Author of several books, her works includes poetry and stories and inspirational work, with special interest in retelling the Bible for a new generation.

Please join us if you can.

A Festival of

Wreaths for all Occasions

**St Mary's Church, Grundisburgh. IP13 6NF will host
in partnership with St Botolph's Church, Burgh
our first Festival of Wreaths for all Occasions**

We plan to display in excess of 150 innovative wreaths covering topics including Advent, Christmas, Memorial, Recycled, Garden, Children's, Crafts and Weddings.



"We aim to inspire, amuse and provide food for thought."

We are hoping that all in the villages will take part and show what they have to offer.

Would you, your group or business be willing to display a wreath to sell for our funds or on loan.



We are happy for you to use this as a promotional opportunity.

Wreaths can be made of any material using any medium and depicting your interests and displaying your skill. If not sure where to start, or where to get wire rings and materials.



Pat Fletcher 01473 735775, Gill Girling 01473 735502 and Sally Butler 01473 738877 are willing to help.

The Festival will be open on Friday 4th December (1pm - 5pm)
Saturday 5th (10am - 5pm) & Sunday 6th (10pm - 4pm)
Followed by the annual Toy Service at 4.30pm

All profits from the Festival will go to St Mary's Development Fund and to St Botolph's Fabric Fund

A donation, together with the toys from the Toy Service, will also be made to **Lighthouse** Women's Aid



Please let us know if you or your organisation would like to take part.

In anticipation of your entries, thank you on behalf of St. Mary's and St. Botolph's



Pat Fletcher, Gill Girling & Sally Butler

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