

B E N E F I C E C A L E N D A R

September 2012

Sunday 2nd September

9.15 am Holy Communion
11.00 am Family Service

Trinity 13

Swilland
Otley

Sunday 8th September

9.15 am Holy Communion
11.00 am Family Service

Trinity 14

Clopton
Ashbocking

Sunday 16th September

9.15 am Holy Communion
11.00 am Family Service (Harvest)

Trinity 15

Otley
Swilland

Sunday 23rd September

9.15 am Holy Communion
11.00 am Family Service (Harvest)
6.30 pm Evening Prayer

Trinity 16

Ashbocking
Clopton
Otley

Sunday 30th September

9.15 am Holy Communion (BCP)
11.00 am Benefice Family Service

Trinity 17

Otley
Otley

Saturday 6th September

10.00 am Messy church

Otley

Sunday 8th October

9.15 am Holy Communion
11.00 am Family Service (Harvest)

Trinity 18

Swilland
Otley

HOUSE GROUPS: We have two benefice house groups, to which all are welcome. The daytime group meets on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month at 1.30pm at Penny Clark's house (Cherry Bank, Otley). The evening group meets on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays at 8.15pm at Karin Upson's (16, Spring Park, Otley). New members are always welcome.

Sunday Bible Readings

2nd September : Trinity 13

Song of Sol.2:8-13 James 1:17-end Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21

9th September : Trinity 14

Prov.22:1-2,8-9,22-23 James 2:1-17 Mark 7:24-end

16th September : Trinity 15

Prov.1:20-33 James 3:1-12 Mark 8:27-end

23rd September : Trinity 16

Prov.3:10-end James 3:13-4:3,7-8 Mark 9:30-37

30th September : Trinity 17

Esther 7:1-6,9,10;9:20-22 James 5:13-end Mark 9:38-end

7th October : Trinity 18

Job 1:1;2:1-10 Hebrews 1:1-4;2:5-12 Mark 10:2-16

Prayer for the month

Pilgrim God, bless us with courage when our way is dangerous. Bless us with good companions, where the way demands a common cause. Bless us with good humour, for we cannot travel lightly when weighed down with too much solemnity. Bless us with humility, to learn from those around us. Bless us with decisiveness, when we have to move quickly. Bless our lazy moments, when we need to stretch our limbs for the journey. Bless us, lead us and bring us home, bearing the gospel of life.

Anonymous

LETTER FROM JAMES HALL

Olympic superlatives ring in my ears as I write this in mid-August. Most of us have been swept up in the wave of enthusiasm that I hope will continue for the Paralympics. Whilst the medal tally of British athletes has contributed to this, it is eclipsed by the efforts of planners, builders, organizers, welcomers, security staff, stewards, volunteers and countless others, who, between them, generated the conditions in which such goodwill, fun and healthy enjoyment could flourish among the millions who watched and took part.

As the prayer for the month reminds us, we journey on, and attention is rightly focusing now on how to build on the undoubted good of the Games. What should we be saying to our friends and neighbours about them? I offer a few suggestions, not as the answers, but as a contribution to our conversations.

1. Sport may appear to have the external appearances of religion, but it cannot be a ground for faith and must not take over anyone's life.
2. It isn't healthy to deify athletes, least of all for the athletes themselves.
3. God loves us whether or not we are athletic and whether or not we win; He loves us whether or not everything. We don't need to prove anything to be forgiven and loved and to have eternal life.
4. Play and work are part of what we are and enjoying them both is part of the fullness of life that God wants for us. Sport that drives athletes and spectators beyond enjoyment is no longer play.
5. The opening night of the Olympic Games is said to have cost £27 million alone. Regardless of who has or will have to pay, was that amount really needed, and what might it have achieved elsewhere?

And what have others said? Paul did commend the discipline of athletes to the people of Corinth, but also reminded them of the need for humility. He wrote of how God's power is revealed in weakness not worldly strength and success. Jesus, the suffering servant on the cross, was hardly in the same category as an Olympic medal-winner when he hung on the cross. Stephanie Read lost her foot at 16 and will run for Great Britain in the Paralympics. She has said, "I feel God's pleasure when I'm running at top speed; it's so joyful."

I can't quote from anyone, but reflect on the Special Olympics, which are for the mentally-handicapped. There, winning has little significance and the motivation to do sport is very different.

In our conversations we try to tell the story of God's love as we know it and, in talking about the Olympics, we try to put it into the context of sport. We try to share our knowledge of God's love and to convey the hope that our faith gives us. We have had a feast of sporting images. Recently, but the one that is most memorable and challenging for me is not from the Olympics. It is of grubby children somewhere in India enjoying a makeshift game of cricket on a patch of dust with a dustbin for stumps and a mangy dog at square leg. My hope is that we learn from them and that they will benefit from the riches that the Games have received.

Enjoy talking about sport, play and the Games and enjoy your own. You don't need to be an Olympic cyclist to ride in the Suffolk Historic Churches Trust bike-ride on 8th September, but how many could Bradley Wiggins do?

James Hall

FROM GRAHAM HEDGER – Priest in charge

Learning Across Woodbridge Deanery The next session of LAWD is about to start. The theme for the series is 'Using the Bible'. The sessions will take place on Thursdays at St Andrew's, Melton on **September 13th, 20th, 27th, October 4th and 11th**. Each one starts at 7.30 p.m. through to 9.15 p.m. There are leaflets in each church, and if you would like to book please contact Clare Sanders on 735183 or revclaresanders@tiscali.co.uk

Carlford Benefice The Pastoral scheme to unite our benefice with the Grundisburgh benefice should come into effect soon. At the time of writing, we still don't have a firm date, but it will be this year. In the short term there will be no significant change to what we do, though in the longer term we can expect some change and many benefits.

Otley Church Hearing Loop System Thanks to the generous bequest by the late Mr John Fosdike we have now installed a new hearing loop and PA system. Plans are afoot for a special service to mark this installation.

Harvest Festival Service It has not been an easy year for farmers. No doubt Russell Ling and David Kent can cast their minds back to years that have been equally trying. So it is very important that we gather together to give thanks for the harvest, to remember the work of all of those who are involved in agriculture and food production as well as the needs of those throughout the world who face devastatingly poor harvests.

Swilland September 16th at 11.00am Otley October 7th at 11.00am

Clopton September 23rd at 11.00am. Ashbocking October 14th at 11.00am

From the registers - Holy Matrimony

In Ashbocking church on 26th July Terence Pilbro and Melissa Tooke.

In Otley Church on 6th August Matthew Read and Stacey Allen

Graham Hedger

FFY celebrates its 6th birthday. **Wednesday September 19th** is our party night: £3 per person, this includes food, drink and party games/ 7pm -9pm at Otley Village Hall. Questions to Michelle, 890269.

Many thanks to everyone who helped with the clothes-swap. We raised £135 and the leftover clothes went to raise money for the Under Fives.

Catherine Beaumont

NEWS FROM THE PARISHES

CLOPTON

September will be a busy month following a very quiet August. At the start of the new academic year, we send our best wishes to those starting at a new school or class, going on to further study, or starting their first work after finishing school.

Clopton Ladies Group will meet on Thursday **6th September** at 8.00pm in the village hall to hear a talk and see a demonstration about cordial making from Charlotte Grant of 'Hedgerow Cordials'.

The 31st Suffolk Historic Churches Trust Bike Ride takes place on **Saturday 8th September** between 9.00am and 5.00pm. It is still not too late to take part. Forms are in the church, or are available from me.

The September coffee-morning will be hosted by Kath Raffell from 10.00am until noon in the Village Hall on **Wednesday 19th September**.

Our Harvest Service will be on **Sunday 23rd September** at 11.00am. Please bring produce and it will be taken to the Salvation Army Hostel in Ipswich. Last year we gave them several boxes of food and they really appreciated our help. **Breakfast** will be served in the church before the service from 10.00am onwards, and it will be lovely to see lots of people – and plenty to eat too!

Doris Main

Church Flowers for September
Church cleaning for September

Charmaine Williams
Beryl Birchmore

OTLEY

After the lull of the summer holidays, everything gets going again in September. The Village Show takes place on **8th September**, starting at 2.30pm, when we shall be able to see - amongst other things - what people have produced from their gardens in this challenging year. The organisers are hoping that there will be a lot of entries in all classes this year, so have a go. Entry forms must be returned to the Post Office by 6.00pm on 5th September. Also on that occasion the Village of the Year award for Suffolk Coastal District Council will be presented at 3.00pm, while we are still waiting to hear the winner for the whole county.

Also on **8th September** will be the Sponsored Bike Ride when the money you raise will be shared equally between the Suffolk Historic Churches Trust and the church of your choice. This is the 31st year of this event and last year it raised £152,685. From this the Trust will distribute grants for repairs to our historic churches and chapels. You must have been inspired by Bradley Wiggins, Chris Hoy and Victoria Pendleton, so please get on your bikes for us! Sponsorship forms are available from the church or from James Hall.

Another Progressive Dinner is taking place on **22nd September**. This is always good fun and a great way to meet new people, so contact Vanessa Ling tel. 890787 or Ruth Farnhill tel. 890543 by the first week in September if you want to take part.

Once again, we shall be holding the World's Biggest Coffee Morning for Macmillan Cancer Support at Church House on **Friday, 28th September** from 10.00am. Please come to raise funds for this wonderful charity. We shall look forward to welcoming you. The next monthly coffee morning will be held on **Thursday, 13th September** at 7 Spring Park, the home of John and Helen Jay, and you will find a warm welcome there as well.

Otley's Harvest lunch will be on **Sunday 7th October** at the village hall after the harvest service at 11am. There is no charge. Soup and crumbles will be provided.

Following their popularity last year, we are producing new Christmas cards for the Otley Church Preservation Trust. Samples will be available in early October and we shall be taking orders then.

All the sponsorship money has now come in for the thirteen walkers who undertook the Three Peaks Challenge. They raised the wonderful total of £6,408.77 which will be divided equally between St Elizabeth Hospice and Cancer Research UK. This included a £750 donation from Barclays, who will match the funding for an employee involved in a charity event (in fact, Isabel Lincoln raised much more, but this is Barclays' maximum amount), a £200 donation from Post Office Counters, and £67.26 from the jar beside the till in the village shop. So it was a fantastic effort and the walkers thank everybody who contributed.

Congratulations to Sarah (nee Crowley) and her husband Srinath on the birth of their son Jai Samuel in Sussex. Nigel and Pauline are delighted and we hope to see the baby here before long.

Finally, at the start of the academic year, good luck to everybody returning to school or college, or starting at a new one.

Rose Rogerson

Church Flowers:

Sue Wilkins/Catherine Beaumont

Church cleaning

Pauline Crowley/Ruth Farnhill

Brasses:

Pauline Crowley

Otley Village Diary

6th September Friendship Club

8th September Otley Village Show

12th September Pamper Night - Under 5's

20th September Friendship Club - Quiz

29th/ 30th September Otley Hall 500th anniversary - local history exhibition

Otley Church Sidesmen's Rota

2nd September 11.00am Family Service & Baptism

Mrs K Upson

16th September 9.15am Holy Communion

Mr N Crowley

23rd September 6.30pm Evening Prayer

Mr N Crowley

30th September 9.15am Holy Communion (BCP)

Mr D Papworth

30th September 11.00am Benefice Service

Mr D Papworth

Otley Local History Exhibition 28th, 29th and 30th September 2012

Make a date for your diary! Learn about the history of Otley over the last hundred years. Over the weekend of 28th, 29th and 30th September, at an exhibition by the Otley Local History Group, Russell Ling and Lester Hawes will be launching their new book "Otley Past: Folklore and Local History". The book contains many stories, photographs and memories of life in the village over the past hundred years. The exhibition will be on the same theme, including photographs and other items kindly lent by local people. The book and exhibition have been arranged to coincide with Otley Hall's celebration of 500 years since the Great Hall and parlour were built. Members of the Local History Group look forward to seeing you at Otley Village Hall from 2pm to 4pm on Friday, or from 11am to 4pm on Saturday and Sunday.

Sally Whiffing-Otley Local History Recorder

Otley Hall 500th anniversary celebrations 29th/30th September

Archers, a Tudor Doctor and an executioner will be here to re-enact history's dark past. A grand Tudor Treasure Hunt will include 'real' Tudor clue givers and there will be a real pot of gold to find! Children's fun and games will take the shape of a bouncy castle and Tudor games and toys. An exhibition will highlight Otley Hall and the surrounding area throughout the ages and will include artefacts and voices from the past. There will be a "Horrible History" exhibition for the children to enjoy! Our popular licensed café will be open throughout the afternoon.

12 noon – 4pm on both days £8 Adult £4 children £22 Family ticket

We also need volunteers and actors, exhibition guides and activity helpers, garden guides and car park attendants please.

Contact: Karen on 890264 enquiries@otleyhall.co.uk

Otley Quiet Days 11th September – Canon Andrew Vessey– Prayer & painting on the water at Otley Hall. **27th September** – Rev Liz Kirby – Meditation on scripture & expressing it through art

Telephone 01473 890264 or email: enquiries@otleyhall.co.uk

'I Drive at 25' Campaign – It is beginning to have an impact

The 'I Drive at 25' is trying to slow the traffic down through our village and it seems to be working. The Community Speed Watch recently took the speed camera to Chapel Road. They are used to cars slowing down once word gets out that they are there but this time it was different.

It was very noticeable that lot's of cars were doing just 25mph and that these cars were driven by Otley people. It was drivers outside of the village who were the ones doing 30mph or speeding. This is a great result. Please keep up the good work. It is a small step in making Otley a safer, quieter place to live.

Tanya Graham – Otley traffic Group

SWILLAND

Another reminder for the **Suffolk Historic Churches Trust Bike Ride** on **8th September** from 9.00am to 5.00pm. Visit as many churches as you can during this time, either on a bicycle or on foot and get sponsored for the total number you visit. Sponsorship forms are available either from me or there are some in the church. We need volunteers to sit in the church for an hour or two during the day - please contact me if you are able to do a stint - you can also get sponsored for this. The money raised is divided equally between the church of your choice and Suffolk Historic Churches Trust.

At last harvest is progressing and hopefully by the time you read this most fields will have been completed. Then the busy autumn season starts when the fields are cultivated and sown for next year's crops. Sugar beet will be harvested from late September until January. In the farming year there really isn't a quiet time.

Our **Harvest Festival Service** will be held on **16th September** at 11.00 am. Help with decorating the church and gifts of produce will be much appreciated.

Ann Kent

Church Flowers

2nd – 9th September

16th – 23rd September

30th – 7th October

Gill Reidy

Ann Kent

Jackie Williams

Rainfall – July 2012

After three wet months in a row one would hardly expect that it could get any worse but it has. July ended with a total of 4.25 inches of rain giving a total for the year so far of 16.45 inches. I was interested in reading in the

magazine that 19 inches had been recorded in Swilland so far this year, this just goes to prove that the amount of rainfall can vary by quite large quantities in adjoining Parishes. Most of the heaviest rainfall usually occurs in the low lying areas where there are rivers, where I am it is a high spot and storms often go round us.

Russell Ling

Ordinary Time

They've gone: the Jubilee, the European Nations Cup, the Olympics. Perhaps one day the television will get back to normal. Well, we are in what the modern Prayer Book calls 'Ordinary Time' - that means the bits in between all the great feast days and penitential seasons and so on. At the moment it's the seemingly endless 'Sundays after Trinity'.

'Ordinary' is such a lovely word, I think. Its root is that reassuring word 'order', and it encompasses ideas like orderliness, well-ordered, in order. Its opposite is strange, unusual, distinctive: extraordinary.

One of the odd things about human behaviour is that most of us most of the time don't want to look strange, unusual or even distinctive. Just look at the way we dress, following fashion, deliberately trying to look like those around us. Think of the teenage uniform, male or female. Their whole ambition is to look exactly like their peers. Or think of guests at a wedding, especially the men, all looking exactly alike in bow ties and tails

Where the Gospels are concerned, our tendency is to remember the extraordinary bits - water turned into wine, storms stilled, lame people dancing and blind people seeing. Yet they are only extraordinary because their context is so utterly ordinary - women preparing meals, men sowing crops, feet being washed and food being eaten. The whole setting is so ordinary that the amazing acts of power that Jesus did stand out like beacons. But they happened - and this is important - in the ordinary world, to ordinary people, in the ordinary circumstances of life.

In 'Ordinary Time', when nothing special is happening, we have space and time to reflect on some of the wonderfully 'ordinary' events that have taken place in our lives - touches of the love and grace of God. I'm thinking of ordinary acts of kindness, generous words, quietly spoken prayers, memories too precious ever to fade away. I'm thinking of the 'ordinary' love of one human being for another, the 'ordinary' hand on the shoulder

in time of need, the 'ordinary' serenity of a life well lived. Or, perhaps, they're all extraordinary, really.

Canon David Winter

SMILE LINES

Five reasons God created Eve

1. God worried that Adam would get lost in the Garden, because men never ask directions.
2. God knew that Adam would never buy a new fig leaf when the seat wore out, and therefore would need Eve to get one for him.
3. God knew that Adam would never make a doctor's appointment for himself.
4. God knew that Adam would never remember which night to put the wheelie bins out.
5. God knew that Adam would need someone to hand him the TV remote, because men don't want to see what's on television, they want to see WHAT ELSE is on television.



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CHURCH

When someone says the word 'church' to you, what do you think of? A quiet building made of stone? A busy place with lots of happy people? Somewhere surrounded by gravestones or busy roads?

The Greek word for the church – ecclesia – comes from a word that means 'called out'. In other words, a church is a group of people called by God. The church is not a bunch of stones or bricks, it is a bunch of us!

We are all called out to be a part of the Body of Christ and all of us have a job to do. We may not understand what that job is now but we will in time and with help.

In the New Testament, in I Corinthians, chapter 12 and again in Ephesians, chapter 4, verse 11, these types of calling or ministry are listed. We may be teachers or healers, prophets or administrators, but whatever role God calls us out to do we are not alone, because God is with us, giving us the strength and the tools to do the job.



JOIN THE BUNCH

Poor little lost grape – can you help it find its way through this maze to join up with the bunch?



What did the green grape
say to the purple grape?
"You need to breathe"

A man decided to start a chicken farm and brought 24 to get started. A week later he bought another 24 and another 24 the week after that. When his friend asked how the farm was coming along the man replied, "Not one of them has grown yet. I wonder if I'm planting them too deep?"

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