

BENEFICE CALENDAR

July 2012

Sunday 1st July	Trinity 4
9.15 am Holy Communion	Swilland
11.00 am Family Service	Otley
Sunday 8th July	Trinity 5
9.15 am Holy Communion	Clopton
11.00 am Family Service	Ashbocking
Sunday 15th July	Trinity 6
9.15 am Holy Communion	Otley
11.00 am Family Service	Swilland
Sunday 22nd July	Trinity 7
9.15 am Holy Communion	Ashbocking
11.00 am Family Service	Clopton
6.30 pm Evening Prayer	Otley
Sunday 29th July	Trinity 8
9.15 am Holy Communion	Otley
11.00 am Benefice Family Service	Clopton
Sunday 5th August	Trinity 9
9.15 am Holy Communion	Swilland

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

1st July : Trinity 4

2Sam.1:1,17-end 2Cor.8:7-end Mark 5:21-end

8th July : Trinity 5

2Sam.5:1-5,9-10 2Cor.12:2-10 Mark 6:1-13

15th July : Trinity 6

2Sam.6:1-5,12-19 Eph.1:3-14 Mark 6:14-29

22nd July : Trinity 7

2Sam.7:1-14 Eph.2:11-end Mark 6:30-34, 53-end

29th July : Trinity 8

2Sam.11:1-15 Eph.3:14-end John 6:1-21

5th August : Trinity 9

2Sam.11:26-12:13 Eph.4:1-16 John 6:24-35

Prayer for the month

Lord, since you exist, we exist. Since you are beautiful, we are beautiful. Since you are good, we are good. By our existence, we honour you. By our beauty, we glorify you. By our goodness, we love you. Lord, through your power, all things were made. Through your wisdom, all things are governed. Through your grace, all things are sustained. Give us power to serve you, wisdom to discern your laws, and grace to obey them at all times.

Edward of Abingdon c.1180-1240

LETTER FROM GRAHAM HEDGER

Diamond Jubilee

I'm sure we are all 'jubileed' out after a series of great events in the village. Well done and thank you to all those who did so much to make them great community events.

Learning across Woodbridge Deanery

July 17th Christian Belief and Practice through the Ages with Roy Tricker. Exploring late 18th century and early 19th century belief and practice. Starting at Ramsholt Church at 7 p.m. and moving on to Ufford to look at Anglo-Catholic tradition and practice.

Benefice Service 29th July

There will be a benefice service at Clopton on Sunday 29th July at 11 a.m.

Suffolk Dog Day 29th July at Helmingham Hall

Now in its 5th year, the original Suffolk Dog Day promises to be even bigger and better. Come and enjoy a fun-packed day for all the family. This year the Dog Day will include the Essex Dog Display Team, as well as Have-a-go agility, numerous activities and entertainments and of course lots of fun dog classes. For this year only, there will be doglympics and much more, including lots of stalls and a catering village to keep dog, owner, family and friends entertained!

You will also be helping The Suffolk Foundation to raise much-needed funds to support local charities and community groups. Suffolk Dog Day has already raised £150,000 over the last four years and The Suffolk Foundation has given out over £5million in Suffolk since 2005, targeting grants to where the needs are greatest.

The gates open at 10.30am, with the first class at 11.00am. For more details see www.suffolkdogday.com .

Graham Hedger Priest in Charge

Volunteering at the Olympic Games? You must be mad...

‘Welcome to London, welcome to England’. I am looking forward to saying those words in July and August as this country welcomes hundreds of thousands of people to celebrate the Olympics in our capital city. John Parish, Alyson Chilvers and I, all from Otley, have volunteered to be ‘games makers’ – apparently the volunteers ‘make’ the games, hence the name. Alyson is in IT support, John is part of security at Earl’s Court and I will be driving International Sports federation staff and their guests around the capital, both sporting sites and tourist sites. ‘Wimbledon followed by the British Museum? Yes of course.’

Why did I and some 250,000 people volunteer? There are some serious downsides: my shifts are from 6am to 4pm or 2pm to midnight. I cannot get there that early from Suffolk or back home after the midnight ending. So I will be sleeping on a futon on the floor at a house belonging to friends of mine. I will be away from home for 10 days and my days will be spent

driving in London, perhaps not the most relaxing summer holiday! Many volunteers will be camping in London or have not even sorted out accommodation yet.

But the upsides are that we will be taking part in an historic occasion, or 'the greatest show on earth' if you believe the organisers. I love sport and do believe in the power of competition to spur us on to try harder and achieve more. The commitment of the athletes in the Olympics and perhaps even more in the Paralympics moves me. Also I am inspired by the ministry of hospitality, wanting to welcome people to London, to help ensure, in some small way, that they have a good experience of our amazing capital city and lovely people.

Please do pray for everyone involved in the Olympics - over 2 million, for the safety and security of the Games, for an excellent sporting event. Also please pray for the cultural Olympiad as there will be a huge arts festival in London at the same time. And although I do not think I will be transporting athletes around, I will drive whoever I am asked to drive. So if Usain Bolt is late for his 100 metres race because he is stuck in traffic with his geographically challenged driver, you will know who to blame...

Catherine Beaumont

Benefice Men's Group Outing to Otley Bowls Club

On an unseasonably cool May evening, fourteen members of the Men's Group met at Otley Bowls Club. We were made very welcome by club members and given instruction in the finer arts of bowling before several impromptu 'matches' were organised. For the clergy, Fred Woods proved to be a crack shot whilst the Otley churchwardens did not distinguish themselves! By 8.15 we were glad to call it an evening and repair to the comforts of the club house for alcoholic refreshment and an excellent buffet served by the ladies of the club. Many thanks to David Papworth for organising the event and, of course, all the members of the Otley Bowls Club for their hospitality. Bill and Pam Kemp did much to ensure that the evening ran smoothly, Bill attending the meeting only hours after being discharged from Papworth hospital. He is due to return to hospital shortly for surgery and we all wish him well.

Nigel Crowley

NEWS FROM THE PARISHES

ASHBOCKING

Ashbocking held its village Diamond Jubilee celebration on the evening of Saturday 9th June. The event was held in the Manor Farm barns and included a hog roast, live band, cake decorating, raffle and a magician (and not forgetting the bar!) - it was a roaring success with 300 people attending. We were blessed with a break in the weather which meant that, whilst it was not particularly warm, it was fine! Rev'd. Catherine Beaumont and her family also joined us. Many thanks to the parish council and everyone else who worked so hard to make it a success.

The following day, we held our Jubilee Celebration service in Church. Catherine conducted the service; re-using elements from the Queen's service in St. Paul's Cathedral the preceding week. We also used some pictures from the press to describe what the Queen's reign has meant to us. Thank you to Helen for playing the organ; to Brenda for the beautiful red, white and blue flower arrangements; and to Yvette for the refreshments.

Looking forward, we will be holding our first wedding of the year on Thursday 26th July, when Terrence Pilbro will be marrying Melissa Tooke. The Venerable David Jenkins (Archdeacon of Sudbury) will be conducting the service.

During the main holiday period, in line with other parishes in the Benefice, we will only be holding one service during August – a Celtic Communion service on August 26th.

Duncan Bray

CLOPTON

The Jubilee Tea Party on Saturday 2nd June was a huge success. Over a hundred people enjoyed a wonderful tea in the beautifully decorated hall. Peter Day, on keyboard, and Tony Dockerill, on saxophone, played a selection of easy-listening music before and after the tea. Pete Raffel had made a compilation of songs from the last six decades which was played during the tea.

Kath Raffel was kept busy all afternoon doing face painting. So many people had worked to make it a memorable afternoon. Special thanks go to the group who organised everything, those who provided food, decorated the hall and to the Parish Council for providing the funds to cover the costs. Everyone agreed that we should hold events more often!

Congratulations to Katie Schurr for getting a first class degree from St Andrews University, she also won the Art Prize! Well done Katie. Belated birthday greetings to Frank Titshall and Frances Priestnall who both celebrated their 98th birthdays in June. Pam Mullinger is making good progress and would like to thank all the people who have been so kind to her over the past year. Our sympathy goes to Louise Witherden and family on the death of her father Jack Keatch who was in his hundredth year.

The Ladies Group will meet on **Thursday 5th July** at 8pm in the Village Hall. There will be a talk and a cookery demonstration by the charity Poppy's Pantry.

The July Coffee Morning will be on **Wednesday 18th** in the Village Hall from 10am until noon and will be hosted by Beryl Birchmore.

Doris Main

Church Flowers for July
Church cleaning for July

Beryl Birchmore
Doris Main

OTLEY

Alongside the magnificent royal events in London to mark the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, ran the street parties in the cities and the festive gatherings in the villages, and Otley's was part of that - a special occasion to recognise and remember. Many had decorated their houses with flags and bunting, and students from Otley College had made 100 metres of bunting for us.

We began with the service of thanksgiving at church, taken by Graham, where the Scouts and Cubs paraded their banners, and the Big Thank You Book was open for people to write a personal message to the Queen,

which will be sent to Buckingham Palace. There was a flower festival all weekend in church, where the ladies had produced beautiful floral arrangements depicting various events from the decades of the Queen's reign, and some of these were very imaginative.

The main day for the village celebrations was the Monday, when, thankfully, after the dire weather of the previous day, there were only a couple of light showers and then sunshine. The church bells pealed out across the village and then there was a short service on the playing field, led by Jane and Catherine, the lesson read by Brian Childs, and the Jubilee prayer read in many parts by a cross-section of Otley residents. With Helen at the keyboard, we sang the National Anthem and finished with 'Jerusalem' which was a rousing and fitting start to the rest of the day. A Jubilee edition of the New Testament was available, one copy for each family, and James inscribed each one personally as a gift from St Mary's Church.

Many families brought picnics, some with Union Jack blankets, others in appropriate dress, and it was a colourful, happy scene. Claudia Gannon took a village photograph of everybody together, and then lots more throughout the afternoon. There were traditional and not-so-traditional races for the children, which were great fun, a treasure hunt, a general knowledge quiz on royal and local topics, and then entertainment. Pupils from the school sang wartime songs, which they had previously performed at Snape, and they were animated and clearly enjoying themselves. The Handbell Ringers (the Otley Belles) rang national and folk songs, and members of the Moat Barn group 'Discord' sang popular songs, for everybody to join. What musical talent we have here! And there were competitions for the best decorated house, the best decorated jubilee hat, a picture or collage of the Queen, and a model of a corgi.

After the draw, Jane Hall thanked the great number of people involved for their very hard work in preparation and on the day itself, and she - in turn - was thanked by Brian Childs for her vision of what the occasion demanded, and for getting it off the ground.

400 people attended the street party tea outside the village hall, with a fantastic spread of goodies, masterminded and overseen by Wendy Marshall and Betty Rudderham, and a lot of co-ordination by Penny Sunaway. Pauline Partridge had made a beautiful diamond-shaped cake

which Martin Liddell had won the honour of cutting. Then he concluded by offering three cheers for Her Majesty the Queen. In the evening there was a barbecue at The White Hart, and the Scouts lit a beacon. It was a tremendous community celebration and will long be remembered by everyone who attended.

The next major event will be the Village Fete on 7th July, starting at 2 o'clock. There will be a dog show, gym display, stalls and competitions, and in the evening a barbecue and bar, with live music from the Otley musicians 'Forgetting Yesterday' (Nick Ling and Jasper Beaumont, both on guitar and singing) and local band 'The Angry Beavers'. Do come to support this and the Community Council. Prizes for the raffle or tombola can be left at the shop and all offers of help will be gratefully received – ring Jodie Liddell (892008) or Michelle Boreham (890269).

The bellringers from St Mary's have recently won an annual competition for call-change ringing at Blythburgh church, so our bellringers are the best in the Suffolk Guild this year. Congratulations. The trophy is a replica of a church bell, presented to Leslie Brett of Framsdon when he had rung 1,000 peals. When he died, his son - Eric Brett of Ashbocking - returned it to the Guild as a prize.

The collection in the village for the British Red Cross raised £306-21 and Betty David would like to thank everybody who collected or donated.

The next monthly coffee morning will be held on **Thursday, 12th July** in the church, from 10am. On **Saturday, 22nd September** we shall be holding another Progressive Dinner, so please make a note of the date. Also, the schedules for the Village Show on 8th September are now available at the Post Office.

We send good wishes to Perry Crewdson and Daphne Willcox who have moved to live in Chesham. Perry was one of the first trustees of the Otley Church Preservation Trust and brought great experience and enthusiasm to its original publicity launch and literature. For a time Daphne was the Village Recorder, collecting for safe-keeping all published articles and information relating to Otley. We shall miss them.

Rose Rogerson

Church Flowers:
Church cleaning
Brasses:

Valerie Pitchers/Ruth Farnhill
Tess and David Papworth
Tess and David Papworth

Otley Village Diary

5th July Friendship Club - outing
7th July Village Fete
10th /11th July Otley School play - "Pirates of the Currybean"
15th July Under Fives - Car Boot Sale 10.00am-12.00noon
19th July Friendship Club - cream tea at 10 Newlands

Otley Church Sidesmen's Rota

1st July	11.00am Family Service	Mrs P Crowley
15th July	9.15am Holy Communion	Mrs P Clark
22nd July	6.30pm Evening Prayer	Mr D Papworth
29th July	9.15am Holy Communion (BCP)	Mr D Papworth

Otley Quiet Days

Thurs 9th August – Rev Jackie Sears – Being Christ's Beloved

Tues 14th August – Canon Sylvia Chapman & Dr Anne Spalding – A day of complete silence with creation

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enquiries@otleyhall.co.uk for all enquiries or bookings.

Christian Aid Collection in Otley

This year ten volunteers called on almost every household in the village to collect Christian Aid envelopes. The money collected was added to that given at the Christian Aid service and also the donations from the Christian Aid lunch. A wonderful total of £952 was raised - a considerable increase on last year. Many thanks are due to the Otley Scouts, who delivered the envelopes. Also, the loyal band of collectors and of course, everyone who gave so generously.

Nigel Crowley

Here are the questions and answers to the Otley Jubilee quiz.

- 1 What is one of Queen Elizabeth's other christian names?
- 2 Name two things that appear on Otley's village sign.
- 3 Who are the Queen's children?

- 4 What is special about the “ new” hedge by Otley surgery?
- 5 Where was Princess Elizabeth when she received news of her father’s death and her accession to the throne?
- 6 When was the present school opened at Otley?
- 7 When was the Queen born?
- 8 Where is Otley’s War Memorial?
- 9 Which King did the Queen succeed?
- 10 Which famous silversmith is associated with Otley?
- 11 Where is the administrative HQ of the Monarch?
- 12 Which Otley man scored the winning goal in the 1978 FA Cup Final?
- 13 When was the Queen’s Coronation ceremony?
- 14 Where was one of the Otley windmills?
- 15 What other significant event happened on coronation day?
- 16 When was the village hall opened?
- 17 Who was the last monarch to celebrate a Diamond Jubilee?
- 18 Otley used to have two pubs. The White Hart and what else?
- 19 On what Greek island was the Duke of Edinburgh born?
- 20 What anniversary is Otley Hall celebrating this year?

Answers

- 1 Alexandra / Mary
- 2 Gosnold crest and name; map of N. America with wheatsheaf; ship (‘Godspeed’); grapes & vine leaves, oak leaves & acorns; yellow flowers ; woodpecker; thrush; name ‘Otley’
- 3 Prince Charles, Princess Anne, Prince Andrew and Prince Edward
- 4 It is made up of edible plants
- 5 Treetops, Kenya
- 6 Easter 1913
- 7 21 April 1926
- 8 PO Corner – Chapel / Church Road
- 9 Her father, King George VI
- 10 Paul Storr (father of Otley vicar Francis Storr)
- 11 Buckingham Palace
- 12 Roger Osborne (Ipswich Town)
- 13 2nd June, 1953

- 14 Davey's Mill (Hubbards / Church Road) & Gladwell's / Chestnuts Mill (Chapel Road). Also another much earlier mill on Gibraltar Road
- 15 On 2nd June, 1953 it was learned that Edmund Hilary & Tenzing Norgay had reached the summit of Mount Everest
- 16 Officially opened 13th Feb 1960, completed 1959
- 17 Queen Victoria
- 18 White Horse
- 19 Corfu, Greece
- 20 500th anniversary of the building of the present Great Hall and Parlour

SWILLAND

We were away for the Jubilee weekend so did not take part in any of the local celebrations. I gather the Moon and Mushroom put on some events which were well supported. Those four marvellous days proved how popular the monarchy is, despite often bad press in the past. The Queen is amazing to be able to fulfil such a huge schedule of events and visits. I enjoyed seeing the younger members of the Royal Family taking such a major role - the Queen must be very proud of them.

Ann Kent

Church Flowers

1st July
8th - 15th July
22nd - 29th July
5th - 12th August

Gill Reidy
 Ann Kent
 Jackie Williams
 Kim Shaw

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Rainfall – May 2012

It is not surprising that the one topic of conversation that never fails is the weather. After a month of rainfall in April that never looked like stopping and then continued into May, it suddenly turned into a miniature heat wave in the middle of the month. Bearing in mind the old saying, never cast a clout until May, or should it be “the may bloom” is out, I had just started wearing my summer cloths when it turned wet and horrible again. The amount of rain in May of 2.50 inches, was just under an inch less than April. But at the moment we are heading for a wet year with a total so far of 9.25 inches.

Russell Ling

*Canon David Winter, a former Head of Religious Broadcasting at the BBC, writes: **The way I see it: Welcome to the real Olympics!***

Just to set the record straight, the Olympic Games - yes, the events that will bring much of London to a standstill this month - were founded in 776BC in ancient Greece. They involved athletics, poetry and music and were held at Olympia (hence their title), a centre for the worship of Zeus. You may recall that mount Olympus - the highest point in Greece - was the dwelling place of the gods and goddesses of Greek and Roman religion.

Once the Christian faith prevailed in the Roman Empire the Games were abolished, in the fourth century AD. What we have this month is a modern revival of the Games, the brain-child of a Frenchman, Pierre de Coubertin. It was he who memorably declared that the object of the Games was not the winning but the taking part.

The ancient Olympic Games had no element of international competition, no rankings, no flags or national anthems.

The youth of the world were invited to Olympia to test their prowess against others - not just athletically, as we have noted, but artistically. By contrast, the modern Games have become a celebration of national triumphalism, a notion far removed from the original Greek model, but also foreign to the vision of de Coubertin. He would have deplored medals tables, anthems, flag-raising and all the media hype that surrounds perceived national success or failure.

Patriotic pride has attached itself to the accumulation of gold medals - many in Britain will write this year's Games off as a failure if Team GB does not win more of them than we did last time.

The ancient Games are conspicuous in the New Testament, especially in the letters of St Paul. He must have been a bit of an athletics fan, because time and again he reverts to the Games for illustrations of Christian pilgrimage. The marathon was the greatest of all the contests, and that provided him with the perfect picture of the faithful life, from the starting line to the distant finish.

The Christian competes, but not against the other runners. Our contest is with all the things that will distract us, slow us down, divert our eyes from the ultimate goal. And at the end of the marathon of life there is the prize, the 'crown of glory' - not just for the winner, but for everyone who completes the course. 'I have fought the good fight', he writes. 'I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.' Not won, you notice, but finished. And for that, he says, he will receive the crown - 'and not only me but all who have longed to see him' (2 Timothy 4:8). The apostle and the founder of the modern Games would agree on one thing for sure. The prize is not for winning, but for taking part.

Love her, love her corgis!

The Queen's Diamond Jubilee has had an unexpected impact on little dogs with short legs, short tails and big ears: the Pembroke Welsh Corgi. After years of decline in popularity, there has been a 37 per cent interest in the breed in the past four months, as people go online, looking to buy a puppy. The Find a Puppy website reports that nearly 6,000 people so far this year have been looking to buy a Pembroke corgi puppy. "It is a wonderful tribute to the Queen," says Caroline Kisko of the Kennel Club.

"Dogs go in and out of fashion, so after a long period of worrying decline for the corgi breeds, it is reassuring to see an increase in numbers."

Corgis were first introduced to the Royal Family by King George VI. In 1933 he bought a Corgi puppy, called Dookie, from a local kennel. For her 18th birthday, the Queen was given a Corgi named Susan. The Queen currently owns three corgis: Monty, Willow and Holly. The dogs travel with her to the various residences, with Her Majesty looking after them herself, as far as her busy schedule will allow.

SMILE LINES

Some basic laws of economics

Socialism: You have 2 cows and you give one to your neighbour.

Communism: You have 2 cows; the Government takes both and gives you some milk.

Nazism: You have two cows; the Government takes both and shoots you.

Bureaucratism: You have two cows; the Government takes both, shoots one, milks the other and throws the milk away.

Capitalism: You have two cows. You sell one and buy a bull. Your herd multiplies, and the economy grows. You sell them and retire on the income.

An American Corporation: You have two cows. You sell one, and force the other to produce the milk of four cows. Later, you hire a consultant to analyse why the cow dropped dead.

A French Corporation: You have two cows. You go on strike because you want three cows.

Japanese Corporation: You have two cows. You redesign them so they are one-tenth the size of an ordinary cow and produce twenty times the milk. You then create a clever cow cartoon image called Cowkimon and market them worldwide.

An Italian Corporation: You have two cows, but you don't know where they are. You break for lunch.

A Swiss Corporation: You have 5000 cows, none of which belong to you. You charge others for storing them.

Chinese Corporation: You have two cows. You have 300 people milking them. You claim full employment, high bovine productivity, and arrest the newsman who reported the numbers.

A Greek Corporation: You had two cows. You borrowed money to buy ten cows. Now you have no cows, but you owe tax on 100 cows.

Ten fun things to do during boring sermons

1 Pass a note to the organist asking whether he/she plays requests.

2 See if a yawn really is contagious.

3 Slap your neighbor. See if they turn the other cheek. If not, raise your hand and tell the preacher.

4 Listen for your preacher to use a word beginning with 'A' then 'B' and so on through the alphabet.

- 5 Sit in the back row and try to take the handbag of the lady in front of you by putting your toe through the handle.
- 6 Using your church bulletin to make a paper airplane. Test-fly it.
- 7 By unobtrusively drawing your arms up into your sleeves, turn your shirt around backwards.
- 8 Twiddle your thumbs.
- 9 Twiddle your neighbor's thumbs.
- 10 If all else fails, look up at the ceiling, point, and scream.



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St. IGNATIUS of LOYOLA: 31st July

The youngest of 13 children, Ignatius Loyola was born in Spain. When a young soldier he was badly wounded by a cannon ball that shattered his leg. As he recovered he asked for a best-selling book of the day, a romance, to read to take his mind off the pain but ended up reading about Jesus and the lives of the saints. His life changed as he resolved to continue being a soldier, but now as a soldier for Christ.

In 1534, at the age of 43, he and 6 others offered themselves to the service of the Catholic Church. They became the Society of Jesus and Ignatius was elected to serve as their first general. When other Jesuits were sent on various missions by the pope, Ignatius stayed in Rome founding homes for orphans and colleges all, in the words of the Jesuit motto, 'ad maiorem Dei gloriam' - for the greater glory of God.



BIBLE BOOKS

Can you unscramble these letters to find books in the Bible?

1. a s h j o u
2. i m y t h o t
3. h u r t
4. k u e l
5. b r o s p r e v
6. t o n s l a m i n a t e
7. c h a i m a l
8. t h e r e s
9. c h a i n s t r o i n
10. h i m e r e a j



What kind of man was Boaz before he married?

Ruthless.

Which Bible character had no parents?

Joshua, son of Nun.

Answers: 1.Joshua 2.Timothy 3.Ruth 4.Luke
5.Proverbs 6.Lamentations 7.Malachi
8.Esther 9.Corinthians 10.Jeremiah

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