

September 2013

Sunday 1st September

9.30 am Holy Communion
11.00 am Family Service

Trinity 14

Swilland
Otley

Sunday 8th September

9.30 am Holy Communion
11.00 am Time with God

Trinity 15

Clopton
Otley

Sunday 15th September

9.30 am Holy Communion
11.00 am Harvest Festival

Trinity 16

Otley
Swilland

Sunday 22nd September

11.00 am Harvest Festival
6.30 pm Evening Prayer

Trinity 17

Clopton
Otley

Sunday 29th September

11.00 am Harvest Festival

Trinity 18

Ashbocking

Other Services in the Benefice

(Every Weds. at 10.30am Holy Communion at Culpho)

September 1st

Grundisburgh

8.00am Holy Communion BCP
11.00am Family Service

Hasketon

9.30am Family Service

Burgh

9.30am Holy Communion

Boulge

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6.30pm Harvest Festival

PLEASE NOTE NEW PATTERN AND TIMES

Sunday Bible Readings

1st September : Trinity 14

Jer 2:4-13; Heb 13:1-8,15-16; Lk 14:1,7-14

8th September : Trinity 15

Jer 18:1-11; Philem 1-21; Lk 14:25-33

15th September : Trinity 16

Jer 4:11-12,22-28; 1 Tim 1;12-17; Lk 15:1-10

22nd September : Trinity 17

Jer 8:18-9:1; 1 Tim 2:1-7; Lk 16:1-13

29th September : Trinity 18

Jer 32:1-3a, 6-15; 1 Tim 6:6-19; Lk 16:19-31

HOUSE GROUPS resume this month. The daytime group meets on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month at 2.00pm at Penny Clark's house (Cherry Bank, Otley). The evening group meets on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays at 8.00pm at Karin Upson's (16, Spring Park, Otley). New members are always welcome.

Letter from Wendy Gourlay 'Back to the future' ...

This might be an apt title for Clare's return from study-leave. Perhaps, like me, you wonder how the outcome might present itself: the harvest, if you like, of prayer, many meetings with people across the world & new experiences. How will this reflect upon her **& our** ministry here in Suffolk?

In particular she has gathered theological & practical material from those 'living-out their faith' in slightly different ways, asking 'where is God in all this?' But this is a question we must ask ourselves – for just as we will listen to Clare, have you considered that Clare will also listen to us? We too, have had 3 months of sowing, nurturing & reaping faith experience! What are the fruits of our labour? Have aspects of life been a struggle, costly in emotional, spiritual terms? September, for you, may be the start of new beginnings, perhaps entering university, a new job or relationship. I'd like to share the following prayer (by T.Garley) speaking about trusting God through such occasions, quelling fears & helping us flourish.

Wendy Gourlay (Curate)

Prayer for the month

God of time & eternity, be with me in new beginnings when I am vulnerable & afraid; protect & enfold me. God of heaven & earth, be with me in the continuing when I am pressured & frustrated; let me go forward in confidence & strength. God of joy & sorrow, be with me in the endings when I need closure & cannot let go, bring me peace & fulfillment. Lord, have mercy on our beginnings & save us from the love of novelty alone. Christ, have mercy on our continuings, that we may patiently bear the setbacks along the way. Lord, have mercy on our endings that at the last we may come into your presence rejoicing. Holy Trinity, give us vision, focus & purpose in our beginnings, continuings & endings, for you are the Alpha & Omega of all things.

T.Garley

FFY

Our annual birthday party will be Wednesday 18th September at 7pm. There will be a cycling trip at Rendlesham Forest on Sunday 22 September at 1pm for a picnic with cycling from 2 to 4pm, bring your own bikes.

Benefice Diary of Events

Sept 4th SWAPSHOP 10.15-11.30 an opportunity to swap stories, news, toys, veg, fruit, flowers, books, recipes, cakes etc over tea and cake

Sept 4th 7.30pm Carlford Benefice Churchwardens meet in Grundisburgh Parish Room

Sept 6th 10.30 - 11.30am Coffee- morning and "Meet the vicar" Ashbocking Crockery Barn

Sept 7th Grundisburgh Fete 2pm on the Village Green

Sept 7th Otley Village show

Sept 9th Grundisburgh Prayer Group 6.30pm -7.00pm

Sept 10th 2.00pm Boulge PCC meeting

Sept 10th 7.30pm @ Grundisburgh School Joint PCC meeting

Sept 11th Grundisburgh FUNSTERS begins 5.30pm @ PR

- Sept 12th** Grundisburgh Church 2.30pm TIDDLYWINKS Toddler/Parent/Carer group
- Sept 14th** BIKE RIDE Day – Get your bikes out and ride for your church.
- Sept 15th** 6.30pm Grundisburgh Parish Rooms – Informal Worship
- Sept 16th** Swiland Mens Group 6.30pm – with Roy Tricker @ Swiland Church followed by meal at the Moon & Mushroom.
- Sept 18th** Grundisburgh PR 2.30pm Carlford Network Group. The meeting will be led by Anne Barton and Clare Sanders will be telling us about her study tour of China and New Zealand.
- Sept 22nd** Burgh Dog Gymkhana at The Stables, Mill Hill, Burgh IP13 6PU gates open at 11.30am, first race will be at midday. There are 14 varying classes, bar, bbq, tea tent and lots of fun for all of the family.
- Sept 23rd** Grundisburgh Prayer Group 6.30pm -7.00pm
- Sept 26th** Grundisburgh Church 2.30pm TIDDLYWINKS Toddler/Parent/Carer group
- Sept 28th** Clopton VH Listening Skills Workshop from 9.30 – 12.30. It's suitable for everyone – youngsters, mums, dads & grand parents who'd like to hear those they care about better – you will all be welcome.
The cost is £10 per person. To find out more or book please contact Jane Hall 785251 or allthealls@tiscali.co.uk
- Sept 28th** 7.30pm Late summer concert at St Marys Church, Grundisburgh. “Solo Singers of Suffolk” present a varied programme of popular operatic classics and musical theatre, interspersed with well-loved traditional songs. Programmes at the door. Refreshments available. Tickets £6 Concessions £5 – from Old Forge Stores, Grundisburgh. Enquiries Charmian White 735143. In aid of St Mary's, Church.

NEWS FROM THE PARISHES

ASHBOCKING

On Monday 29th July, Catherine conducted the funeral of Ray Butt at Ashbocking Church. Ray, who lived in Hemingstone, was the producer of ‘Only Fools and Horses’ and other comedy programmes. The funeral was reported in the press and on Look East.

Catherine will be holding her next ‘coffee and chat’ meeting at the Crockery Barn in Ashbocking on Friday 5th September at 10.30am. All are welcome, including children.

Our harvest festival will be on Sunday 29th September at 11am. It will be a benefice service and we will be joined by friends from the other parishes in the Calford benefice. The choir from Grundisburgh will also be with us. We are looking forward to a large congregation, so do please come.

Duncan Bray

CLOPTON

By the time that you read this the work to install the new bell frame and rehang the bells should be nearly finished. After all the delays we hope that the work will be completed by 6th September. A big thank you to all the volunteers for their hard work which has saved us thousands of pounds.

We hope to hold 'taster sessions' later this year so if you have always wanted to try to ring bells now is the time. More in next month's magazine.

We are holding a Thanksgiving Service for the bells on Sunday 8th September at 3pm. Everyone is welcome to join us but could you let us know if you are coming so that we can plan refreshments? If you would like to provide any food it would be wonderful! Tel. 737602 or email d37main@gmail.com

Ladies Group meets at 8pm in the village hall on Thursday 5th September to hear a talk by Andy Malcolm on The Fishermen's Mission. All are welcome.

The next meeting of the Clopton Heritage Group will be at Thamaniya, Shop Road on Friday 12th September at 7.30pm. There is no obligation to become involved but it is great to talk about Clopton and listen to other people's stories.

The 32nd Suffolk Historic Churches Trust Bike Ride and Walk will take place on Saturday 14th September. Sponsor forms are

available from me or from the church. I do hope that some people will ride from Clopton this year.

Terri Embury will be hosting the monthly coffee morning in the village hall on Wednesday 18th September. It is a good chance to meet and make new friends.

Doris Main

Church cleaning for September
Church flowers September

Beryl Birchmore
Charmaine Williams

OTLEY

The first OtleyFest, our own music festival, was a family event and a great success. It attracted local musicians, and the audience enjoyed listening to the young people playing their instruments and singing. It was enterprising of Nathan Cant and friends to organise it for the Community Council and we hope they can build on it for next year. One day it might be another Latitude!

Otley Village Show is the next major event, on Saturday, 7th September at 2.30pm. There will be the usual classes for garden produce, baking, needlework, photography, etc., including those for the heaviest marrow (or pumpkin), a table flower-arrangement to celebrate 100 years of Otley Primary School, a photograph of a lazy pet - and, for the children, a painting of rainbows, a picture made from pasta, and a posy in an egg- cup. Schedules are available from the Post Office, entries must be returned there by 6.0pm on Wednesday, 4th September, and all exhibits in place by 10 o'clock on the Saturday morning. The committee is hoping for lots of entries, so "Good Luck" everybody.

The Suffolk Historic Churches Trust Sponsored Bike Ride will take place on 14th September from 9 o'clock. It is open to walkers as well, and is also known as Ride and Stride. Sponsorship forms are available from James Hall or from the church.

We shall again be holding a coffee-morning at Church House for Macmillan Cancer Support, as part of The World's Biggest Coffee Morning, on Friday, 27th September. This is our tenth year, so let's make it a special one, and we shall be sending the proceeds this time to the Woodbridge Macmillan Committee who are aiming to raise £100,000 in two years to fund a community cancer nurse specialist for this area. Everybody is welcome so please come and join us.

The monthly coffee-morning for September will be held on the 12th at 7 Spring Park, the home of John and Helen Jay, and they look forward to seeing you.

The Otley Church Preservation Trust will be producing Christmas cards again. There are two new designs this year and they will be on display at the October coffee-morning at the Papworths' home, Lavender House, where you will be able to order them.

Advance notice - Otley Church's Harvest Festival, and the usual harvest lunch at the village hall will take place on 6th October.

Many congratulations to Richard Wilkins and his wife Mair who were married at Levington church early in August. We wish them a long and happy life together.

And good luck to everybody - after this wonderful summer - going back to school or college, or starting at a new one.

Rose Rogerson

The Otley Players

Otley Players meet at the village hall on Friday, 13th September at 8 o'clock to read through their next play, a murder mystery, to be performed in November. Anyone who is interested can come then to take a part, either on-stage or back-stage.

TOPS would welcome some new members (not only from Otley) and we are a very friendly group, so don't be shy! For more information, ring Vanessa Ling (890787).

Village diary

5th Sept. Friendship Club - Barbecue
7th Sept. Otley Village Show
19th Sept. Friendship Club - Bring your own 'Antiques'

Church flowers: Joan Parish/Sue Courteney/Sue Wilkins

Church cleaning: Pauline Crowley/Ruth Farnhill

Brasses: Pauline Crowley

Otley Church Sidepersons Rota

8th September 9.30am Holy Communion Penny Clark

22nd September 11.00am Family Service Sue Wilkins

News from Otley Primary School

The school has just come to the end of another very busy and successful year and is looking forward to the future with confidence and hope.

Congratulations to all the Year 6 leavers for their fantastic results in the end of Key Stage 2 tests. There was a 100% success rate in achieving the benchmark of Level 4 or above in reading, grammar, spelling and maths with all the pupils also achieving the required levels of progress from Key Stage 1. This reflects on the hard work of all the staff within the school – Mrs Tomany, Miss Baker, Mrs Barnes and Mrs Bell as well as all the support staff and volunteers all most ably led by the Headteacher, Mrs Hubbard.

We wish all the leavers good luck and continued success at their chosen High schools and special congratulations to Molly Weir on being presented the Outstanding Pupil Achievement of the year shield at Leavers' Assembly.

Sports Day was once again a very successful event, very well run and organised by Miss Baker. This year Young Sports Leaders from Farlingaye High School helped during the afternoon and were a credit to that school. Following the races there was a governors and staff v. parents netball match. For some of us it was our first competitive sport for many years! The result was a narrow victory for the governors and staff.

Two performances of the school play, "What a Knight" were performed to a packed village hall. All the children in Years 2 to 6 were involved and they all performed to a very high standard in what was a funny, well-acted and enjoyable evening. The school hopes to put on an extra performance of next year's play so that more members of the community can be given the chance to watch.

There have been a number of break-ins at schools across the county in recent weeks and months. Security at Otley has been improved, but if you see any suspicious activity please contact the police on 101, or 999 if you believe that there is a crime in progress.

Otley Primary School has for a number of years now been working in collaboration with Witnesham Primary School and share a headteacher, Jan Hubbard. However, the governing bodies of both schools are currently looking at ways of making this partnership even stronger by considering a move to a full federation. This is a big decision as it will involve fundamental changes in how the two schools are run and governed. If you would like more information please contact any of the governors.

They work tremendously hard behind the scenes in supporting and challenging the school in their role as "critical friends". A lot of this work goes unnoticed and unseen, but I would like to thank Nigel Dye, Caroline Manning, Sharon Newman, Ian Robertson and Steve Czarnota for their hard work and commitment. Two governors stepped down at the end of term and I would also like to thank Anthony Ling (14 years in office) and Rachel Green for their support and service to the school.

Education is changing and changing rapidly. Schools, and in particular small rural primary schools, have to adapt to survive and prosper. We are fully aware of this at Otley and are trying to meet this challenging time from a position of strength, confident that the School will only improve in the future. Please do all you can to support what is a good school and a vital part of the community.

Ian Liddell - Chair of Governors

This summer term has been very busy. African Adventure was really fun; we found out a lot about one another and all of the activities and games were great. Sports day was a great event and we were really lucky with the weather. I was in the yellow team and we won this year, so Isaac and I got to hold up the cup, which was a huge highlight. I really enjoyed the school play 'What a knight', which helped lots of us grow in confidence. I was really sad to leave such a wonderful school.

Molly Weir

SWILLAND

The Open Garden Afternoon at Berghersh Place was a great success. Tim and Wendy Parkes' garden looked lovely and we were blessed with good weather. About 90 people came and enjoyed a walk round the garden, followed by tea and cakes. There were one or two who had either lived or worked at Berghersh years ago and they were very interested to see how much it had changed. Thank you to the Parkes for opening their garden and for making so many magnificent cakes. Thank you to all those who also baked cakes and provided things for the tombola and to everyone who came and helped on the day. We raised about £625 for our Tower and Organ Fund.

The Suffolk Historic Churches Bike ride is on 14th September. Please contact me if you would like a sponsorship form or are able to sit in the church for part of the day. Our Harvest Festival follows on the 15th.

Ann Kent

Church Flowers

1st September

Gill Reidy

8th September

Ann Kent

15th September

HARVEST FESTIVAL – all help please

22nd September

Ann Kent

29th September – 5th October

Jackie Williams

Rainfall – July

"All things come to those who wait." I think that is the quotation. We have certainly had to wait a long time for the very hot dry weather that we had during July; the hay was made without a break this year, which is unusual. What rain we did have came at the end of July and was very welcome, it amounted to 1.1 inches - the third month in a row with the same rainfall.

Russell Ling

Otley Hall Quiet Day Programme

Friday 6th September Eilish Heath - 'The meaning is in the waiting' – reflecting on the absence and the presence of God with the poems of R S Thomas. A day of deep silence.

Wednesday 9th October Jane Hall - 'Journey to the Borderlands' – a chance to open our eyes to beauty and wonder, to explore how we can live in the presence of God through the example of Celtic Saints.

Wednesday 23rd October Jackie Sears - 'God's revelation of himself in creation, scripture and the human heart'. Reflection on the Psalms.

All days run from 10am – 4pm and cost just £20. This includes refreshments throughout the day and a buffet lunch. To book a place please contact Karen on 890264.



DEBENHAM GROUP PRACTICE



**FLU VAC DAY 25TH SEPTEMBER 2013
9AM-3PM**

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‘Beyond Alpha’ – Autumn 2013

What does the Bible really say about . . . ?

The fifth run of this highly successful group gives us the opportunity to discuss more areas of Christian faith at five meetings held at **Hasketon Village Hall** from **10:30 - 12:00**.

Sessions are fortnightly on Monday Oct 7th, 21st; Nov 4th, 18th; Dec 2nd.

The meetings will be facilitated by Revd Wendy Gourlay. Tea and coffee will be available. All are welcome, with or without Bible knowledge.

Session One – October 7th

Holy Bible – The ‘Inspired Word of God’: What does this mean? How was it decided which texts became The Holy Canon? Should the Apocrypha be included?

Session Two – October 21st

Salvation – Saved from or for what? Who can inherit the ‘new’ earth? Is it about ‘after-life’?

Session Three – November 4th Paul – his character and work - What do we know about him? How was he financed? Who were his companions? Why is his writing controversial?

Session Four – November 18th

The Sanctity of Life – What is the Bible view of Abortion; Suicide; Euthanasia? **Session Five – December 2nd**

The Kingdom Parables - What did they mean to the original listeners? What meaning do they have for us? So what is the Kingdom?

If you haven’t attended a session yet, why not join us this Autumn 2013?

Enquiries: Paul (Beyond Alpha) on: 738474 or paulwiffen222@btinternet.com

Rural Report

These extracts from a monthly newsletter focusing on issues of rural life and farming are of relevance to the work of our churches, particularly as we celebrate at harvest festivals. If you want more details contact Brian Chester at bc@bcnewslink.com or call 01379 669157

□ New independent research shows that eight out of ten UK consumers want to know which farm system has been used to produce their meat and dairy products. Almost as many, 79 per cent, said farm animal welfare was important when deciding which food products to buy.

□ Rural areas can bring real challenges for older people, says Age UK. These include low population densities and distance between residential and commercial centres. Problems are compounded by higher living costs, housing that is hard to heat and maintain, poor transport links and limited social networks. The number of people aged over 65 with social care needs is expected to increase by 70 per cent in rural England over the next 16 years. And the number of cases of depression, stroke, falls and dementia is projected to grow by between 50 per cent and 60 per cent, against 42 per cent in urban areas.

□ Figures issued by the British Pig Executive show that producers will need to receive 13p/kg above the cost of production for the next 24 months to recoup losses of the past two years and to invest in increasing efficiency and productivity.

□ An application to build a straw-burning power plant at Mendlesham, Suffolk has been rejected because the site is inappropriate. Pig farmers who rely on straw as part of their production system were concerned that supplies would be burnt up.

□ A new survey by the RSPCA's Freedom Food scheme reveals some people don't know the basics when it comes to food and farming - even which farm animals fly and which walk. One in ten people said they had tasted 'chicken trotters'; eight per cent said they had tried 'pigs' wings'.

□ Early results from the first winter barley crops have raised hopes that the cereal harvest may be better than first predicted. However, despite the heat wave, weather problems which caused delays when the crops were drilled, could still mean the harvest is later than usual and farmers will face increased pressure in preparing the land for the next crop.

□ A new government strategy aimed at bringing science and agriculture closer together could lead to a step-change in efficiency, profitability and resilience of UK farm businesses, says the NFU. A total of £160million will be invested establishing Centres for Agricultural Innovation and an Agri-Tech Catalyst fund to improve the translation of research into practice.

□ Average producer price of agricultural products rose by 4.7 per cent last year against 2011, with fresh vegetable prices climbing by 19 per cent and potatoes by 15 per cent. The average price of livestock and livestock products rose 4.8 per cent. The average price of agricultural inputs rose by 1.5 per cent and of feedstuffs by 4.6 per cent.

SMILE LINES

September is when children return to school....

How to get to heaven - "If sold my house and my car, had a big car boot sale and gave all my money to the church, would I get into Heaven?" the teacher asked the class. "No!" the children all answered.

"If I cleaned the church every day, mowed the grass, and kept everything neat and tidy, would I get into Heaven?" Again, the answer was "No!"

"Well", she continued, "then how can I get into Heaven?"

A five-year-old boy shouted out, "You gotta be dead first!"

Hearing is not believing - A wise schoolteacher sent this note to all parents on the first day of school: 'If you promise not to believe everything your child says happens at school, I'll promise not to believe everything he or she says happens at home.'

Old leaf? - A little boy opened the big family Bible. He was fascinated as he fingered through the old pages. Suddenly, something fell out of the Bible. He picked up the object and looked at it. What he saw was an old leaf that had been pressed in between the pages. "Mum, look what I found!" the boy called out, turning the leaf over and over. "What is it, dear?" asked his mother. With awe in his voice, the young boy ventured: "I think it's Adam's underwear."

Deliver us - A mother had been teaching her three-year-old daughter, Cathy, the Lord's Prayer. Then one evening at bedtime she attempted it solo. Mum listened with pride as she carefully enunciated each word, right up to the end of the prayer. "Lead us not into temptation," she prayed, "but deliver us some e-mail. Amen"

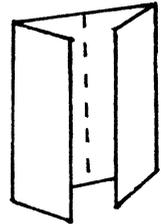


DIFFERENT HARVESTS

The beginning of autumn and the time of harvest is here again – a time when we thank God for all his blessings.

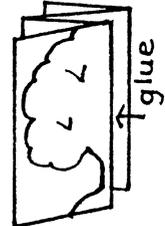
The Harvest Festival service in churches and schools are full of tins of beans and boxes of fruit and vegetables. There are flowers and lots of different sights and smells. Harvest Festival is a very popular service but while we are busy saying ‘thank you’ we have to remember that there are lots of different harvests.

Very few people work on the land nowadays and most people don’t grow their own food but buy it from the supermarket. Perhaps our harvest isn’t one that others can easily see. We might not make or grown things but we can offer whatever we do to God as our harvest.



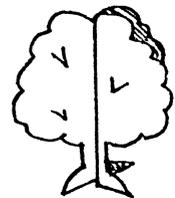
Outside, the trees are beginning to lose their leaves but you can **MAKE YOUR OWN FOREST**

Take a piece of stiff card or thin paper and fold it in half, creasing it down the centre. Then open it out and fold both sides to the centre crease.



Fold the paper as shown and draw half a tree on the top fold. Cut round the tree then glue the centre faces together. This makes a three sided tree.

You can paint the tree before gluing it or afterwards. A forest of them would look good as name cards for a party or you could make just one as a different birthday card for a friend.



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