

August 2013

Sunday 4th August

9.15am Holy Communion

Trinity 10

Swilland

Sunday 11th August

9.15 am Holy Communion

Trinity 11

Clopton

Sunday 18th August

9.15 am Holy Communion

Trinity 12

Otley

Sunday 25th August

9.15 am Holy Communion

6.30 pm Evening Prayer

Trinity 13

Ashbocking

Otley

Sunday 1st September

9.30am Holy Communion

11.00am Family Service

Trinity 14

Swilland

Otley

Other Services in the Benefice

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

August 4th

Grundisburgh

8.00am Holy Communion BCP

11.00am Family Service

Hasketon

9.30am Songs of Praise

Burgh

9.45am Holy Communion

Boulge

11.00am Holy Communion

August 11th

Grundisburgh

8.00am Holy Communion BCP

11.00am Holy Communion

Hasketon

9.30am Family Holy Communion

Boulge

6.30am Evening Prayer

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Sunday Bible Readings

4th August : Trinity 10

Col 3:1-11 Luke 12:13-21

11th August : Trinity 11

Heb 11:1-3,8-16 Luke 12:32-40

18th August : Trinity 12

Heb 11:29-12:2 Luke 12:49-56

25th August : Trinity 13

Heb 12:18-end Luke 13:10-17

Prayer for the month

Divine Keeper,
Be with those who find it hard to holiday,
Those who are afraid to leave the routines of safety,
Those who have no-one to travel with,
Those who have no money to go away,
Those who struggle to let go of screen or phone,
Those who feel the tensions of time with family,
Those who have memories of family times now gone.
Give us grace to survive what we cannot change and hope where change
may come, as we spend time in your love, Lord.

Tess Ward

HOUSE GROUPS: There will be no meetings in August.

**All morning services in the Benefice as from
Sept 1st are either 9.30am or 11.00am!**

Changes to Service Pattern

During the year the PCCs have met and discussed the service pattern for our 8 churches and agreed to the following that Sunday morning services will be at 9.30am and 11.00am across our 8 parishes

- **Otley** every 1st Sunday at 11am - Family service
2nd at 11.00am "Time with God" geared towards adults – with a variety of styles incl. BCP

3rd at 9.30am Holy Communion

4th at 6.30pm Evensong

- At **Ashbocking** there will be 1 service per month- usually on the 2nd Sunday at 11.00am- except in months where there is a major festival. On Sept. 29th we join Ashbocking's Harvest Festival for our benefice service at 11.00am.
- **Clopton** 2nd 9.30am Holy communion 4th 11am Family service
- **Swilland** 1st 9.30am Holy Communion 3rd 11am Family service

Letter from Jane Hall

Grass Skirts in Suffolk! (or what are you doing this August?)

August is the traditional month for summer holidays, or Holy days – days set apart, as they were originally, but it doesn't always bring the best of the summer weather – unfortunately!

It is a time for a break from routines, school meetings & other activities which sometimes distract us or cause us stress. When I worked as a solicitor the office was quieter in August & I think life in the Benefice is less hectic too. I hope you all find time to catch your breath & enjoy a break from your usual activities.

I recently had the privilege of meeting a wonderful group of Melanesian Christians who live simply within faith communities. There were 8 men, 4 women & a Franciscan father, who had come to the UK on a mission entitled "Simply Living". 150 years ago missionaries from Britain had taken the good news of Jesus to the beautiful archipelago of Pacific islands & now these brothers & sisters were here to remind us of what Christian living means & to encourage us to live simply & with an awareness of God.

The day was very wet & cold but nothing could dampen their joy as the Melanesians danced, played panpipes, sang wonderful four part harmonies & performed their version of the parable of the Prodigal Son. The sound of their voices, stamping feet, drums & pipes & their smiling enthusiasm & dancing were infectious & the reserved Suffolk audience was soon swaying, clapping & dancing with them. However, they also brought a challenge.

When so much entertainment is based on who is best, wins more, bakes fastest, sings or dances better, or survives in the jungle longest, what happens to the losers? In a culture caught up with celebrities do we even

care about the homeless, marginalised or lonely? Around us is a success-orientated world in which to be is to have – to succeed & gain for oneself. Youngsters in Britain claim that they'd rather go without food for 24 hours than be without their mobile phones for the same period, but how well do any of us really communicate? Perhaps our definition of success is too narrow; how well do we cope with those who don't conform to conventional expectations?

Jesus was a counter-cultural figure in his time. He reached out to the social outcasts of his day, rejected political power, lived with few possessions & no permanent home. He avoided the adoration of crowds espousing instead a humiliating & agonising death. In his "Sermon on the Mount" those we might see as unfortunate he called "Blessed".

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

"Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

"Blessed are those hunger & thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

"Blessed are the peace makers, for they will be called children of God.

"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven."
Matt 5, 3-10

It is difficult teaching but perhaps this August is a chance for a breather & a time to think counter-culturally, a time to try a bit of "simply living", an opportunity to make space to be ourselves, to enjoy those around us, to catch up with friends in reality rather than via Facebook or MSM, to slow down, find some peace and try to spend time with God – in fact enjoy a Holy Day.

Jane Hall

FFY

The Beach trip day has changed. We will now meet on Monday 19th August at 2pm at Walberswick beach car-park to go crabbing first. The day will end at 8pm. Families are welcome, and we will appreciate the help of as many adults as possible. £4 each to include a BBQ.

Our evening sessions will be on 7 and 21 August from 7 to 9pm at Otley village hall. 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

August 3rd Garden Party, Berghersh House, Swilland 2-5pm Entrance fee £4 to include tea and a cake. Further refreshments will be available.

August 3rd 10.30am-12noon Grundisburgh Parish Room coffee morning

August 7th SWAPSHOP, St Mary's Church, Grundisburgh 10.15-11.00am. Come and swap conversation, bits and pieces over a cup of tea/coffee.

August 10th Hasketon Fete 2pm and exhibition of teapots in the church between 2-5pm.

August 11th Hasketon Exhibition of teapots in the church from 2-5pm with cream teas.

August 31st Swilland BBQ 6pm-dusk – Vishrams Place 7 Mill House. All proceeds to St Mary's Church, Swilland. Tickets £10 per person, half price for under 12s. Tickets will be limited. Contact Ann Rose 785702.

September 6th Ashbocking 'Meet your neighbours -and the Vicar!' Coffee morning at the Crockery Barn from 10.30 to 11.30. Children welcome too.

Tools with a Mission Week - August 12th -19th

TWAM enables people to earn a living and to support themselves. It was founded 27 years ago and since then has provided this help by collecting and refurbishing tools and equipment no longer needed in the UK and sending them overseas. In 2008 over 346 separate projects benefited from 205 tonnes of aid shipped from TWAM's warehouse in Ipswich. The items donated range from sewing machines to scissors, bicycles to buttons, and lawnmowers to lace.

We are organising a collection for this excellent cause during the week August 12th-19th. You are welcome to bring any items to us at the address below during that week, or if you have any large items which need collecting from your premises we can arrange that also - just give us a ring.

To find out more about this worthwhile charity visit its website at www.twam.co.uk and, as you spring-clean, please remember that your trash is their treasure!

David & Tess Papworth, Lavender House, The Green, Otley. Tel. 890091

Magazine

Lynne Howland has retired from her editorial duties on the magazine, and we thank her very much for all she has done over the last couple of years. Amy Waspé at Swilland has taken her place. Please send contributions to bakergirl174@gmail.com as well as to me.

James Hall

NEWS FROM THE PARISHES

CLOPTON

It was a lovely sunny day for the strawberry tea and over seventy people came - breaking all records! Thank you to all those who baked cakes and to everyone who came and helped us to raise the tremendous total of £408 (another record!)

Unfortunately we have no news yet about the return of the bells.

We hope that all those who took exams this year will get the marks they wanted when the results are published this month.

The monthly coffee-morning will be held in the village hall on Wednesday 21st August from 10am until noon and will be hosted by Beryl Birchmore. Everyone is welcome.

Doris Main

Church cleaning for August
Church flowers August

Audrey Barker
Doris Main

OTLEY

This year we had a glorious sunny day for the Fete. There were stalls run by various village organisations, and a draw with a lot of good prizes. The Gym Club gave a super display, and they must have been practising their routines for many weeks. I am sure it was hot work - well done! We were also entertained by the tug o' war, the dog show, and the egg-throwing -

great fun. The event had a genuine family feel, and was followed by various team races and competitions. We hope OtleyFest will be similarly successful. Thank you to Nathan Cant and his team and thank you from Karin Upson to all those who baked for and staffed the church's tea tent.

The Sponsored Bike Ride for the Suffolk Historic Churches Trust and the church which you nominate, will take place on 14th September. Let's have more riders for Otley this year! Sponsorship forms are available in the church and from James Hall, and church-sitters can be sponsored as well. The ride does not clash with the village show, which is on the 7th, so it will be possible to do both.

The Brownies are a small group now and would welcome some new members from Otley and the surrounding villages. They meet at the village hall on Tuesdays 5.30 - 7.0pm. for fun activities and crafts. If you are interested, please ring Val Howe on [07789 625082](tel:07789625082) and she will tell you when they will be meeting again after the summer.

Fred and Jane Woods took part in the Midnight Walk for St Elizabeth Hospice which they enjoyed very much, and finished by walking along the waterfront at Ipswich. They raised over £400.

The next coffee morning will take place in the church on Thursday, 8th August, and will be hosted by Dinah Taylor-Balls.

We wish everybody very happy holidays.

Rose Rogerson

Church flowers:

Church cleaning:

Brasses:

Rose Rogerson/Gerry Senior

David and Tess Papworth

BettyDavid

Village diary

15th August Friendship club – visit to Otley Hall

Otley Bellringing

Bells are rung all over the world to announce events or call people to worship, in celebration and at times of loss, but English change-ringing is

unique. During the sixteenth century church bells in England started to be hung with a full wheel (no one knows exactly when or why). It is the wheel that turns the bell through just over 360 degrees, allowing the ringer to control the moment when the bell sounds. This in turn enables ringers to ring set patterns (methods) to create a kind of music. It is no surprise to learn that of about 6,121 peals of bells worldwide hung on wheels to allow change-ringing, 5,750 are in England.

The connection with history and tradition is just one reason why people take up bell ringing. For some it is the satisfaction of taking part in a team activity making a joyous sound, for others a way to serve the church, for all a mental workout – there is always something new to learn even for more advanced ringers. It is also a great social activity.

Ringling is not especially physically demanding and this is reflected in the age range of ringers from about 12 to ... well, there is no limit. It is claimed that a chap in Devon still rang at the age of 101. It does, however, take a few weeks to learn how to handle the bell before beginners can start to ring with the rest of the band. There is no need to be musical to ring bells - the only prerequisite is an ability to count.

Another unique aspect of ringing is that it is a public performance every time we ring, even on practice night (between 8 and 9pm on a Wednesday). To enable us to continue the art of ringing, we depend on the goodwill of the Otley community, especially those who live close to the church. We are lucky to have such understanding neighbours – though we have on occasions wondered whether our practising cost a visiting bowls team their victory!

Jim Wightman is the tower captain at Otley. In 1966 Jim assembled a band to get the bells ringing again after a period of silence and barely a Sunday service has been missed since. Otley has a lovely ring of six bells of a medium weight and in good working order. The oldest bell is the tenor (weighing in at 9 hundredweight), which dates from 1576 – around the time that the Spanish Armada was preparing to invade England.

Like many activities, interest in ringing goes through cycles. The most recent peak in recruits was linked to ringing in the new millennium. Now many towers are struggling to keep their bells ringing and Otley is no

exception. If you are interested in learning to ring, please contact Jim on 890258 or Tig Sweet on 890920. With any luck, it won't be long before you hear the bells again in Clopton and we will be recruiting there too!

SWILLAND

3rd August - Open Garden at Berghersh Place, Witnesham, IP6 9EZ by kind invitation of Tim and Wendy Parkes. Do come and visit this lovely garden. Tea and cakes will be available and there will be a cake stall, book stall and tombola. Entrance costs £4 (under 12s half price). Well-behaved dogs on leads are welcome. Please note that there are unfenced ponds, so children must be supervised at all times.

As mentioned last month there will be a barbecue on 31st August at The Old Mill House, Swilland by kind invitation of Jane and Kneezoo Vizram from 5.30 - 8.30p.m. There will be homemade desserts and one drink included. Please bring your own tipples. There will be a bottle stall and free fun garden games. Tickets cost £10 per person and half price for those under 12s. Hurry up as there are a limited number of tickets available. The money raised is in aid of Swilland Church tower and organ fund. Please contact Ann Rose on 785702.

Church Flowers

28th July - 4th August

11th - 18th August

28th July - 4th August

Jackie Williams

Ann Kent

Gill Reidy

Ann Kent

Rainfall - June

Flaming June has come and gone - the only part missing was the flaming. A great many times in the past it has been called a flaming cold June but July is now making up for it, so we must count our blessings. June felt rather a wet month, but the amount of rain was small - just 1.20 inches - exactly what we had in May. The total for the year so far is 11.75 inches. As I wrote earlier, nature has a way of catching up and one can almost see plants growing, each doing its best to surpass its neighbor; it's a gardener's nightmare trying to keep on top of the weeds. Another job that requires attention is the thinning out of the fruit that has set in the apples, pears and plums trees otherwise there will be some broken

boughs. The June drop wasn't so effective this year because of the cool damp weather at the time.

Russell Ling

SUFFOLK SINGERS SERENADE IN ALDEBURGH

This is the year of Benjamin Britten. You cannot move for recitals, concerts and all manner of activity to do with his output. We will all benefit from this outpouring of interest and enthusiasm for the work of the great man. On 28 September, however, the innovative and always exciting Suffolk Singers are bucking the trend, at least for the time being. For their first visit to Aldeburgh the choir has chosen a mixed programme, entitled “**A Suffolk Serenade**”. It includes works by Handel, Finzi, Goodall, Rutter and the charismatic Eric Whitacre and takes place at Aldeburgh Parish Church on Saturday 28 September at 7.30pm.

Tickets are £8 and can be obtained from
Angela Kerry-Williams (01394 460519) or
Marian Woodman (01473 212774)

TEEN meets GOD: Sam's story

I was raised in a Christian family, so I decided to follow Jesus at an early age. In my younger years of high school though, peer pressure really hit me. I was forever in trouble, and I drifted away from God. As I got older, with encouragement from leaders and friends around me and the aid of a couple of Christian camps, my faith was challenged and it was then that I started to see that God was someone who I could relate to and who was with me in all I did.

I started to change my behaviour, stopped hanging round with the wrong people and focused on what God wanted for me. This resulted in me leaving people behind, and then being bullied. I withdrew and prayed to God that things would improve... and they did! I felt it was right to be baptised at 13, and began to find out more about Jesus, as I decided to own my faith fully for myself. Jesus continues to blow me away more and more as I learn about him.

In October 2012 my youth leader Emily died at 22, which was a massive blow. However, it also made me realise that I had to make the most of my time and my gifts. After that I was praying to God for direction, and I believe he gave me the idea of creating a website for Christian teenagers, to support them, and show them they're not alone. I don't believe anything like this has been around before. The website is really taking off, and it's amazing to see young Christians being influenced and encouraged and more importantly growing with God. It's an exciting journey, but one that has only just started. I have no idea where I will even be in a few months, but I do know I have to tune into God, and keep listening to where he wants me to go.

Sam is 16 and lives in the West Midlands. He's the co-founder of the website: www.forchristianteens.com

SMILE LINES

Are you camping this summer? Here are some helpful hints...

- ~ When using a public campground, a tuba placed outside your tent will keep the spaces on either side vacant.
- ~ You can duplicate the warmth of a down-filled bedroll by climbing into a plastic garbage bag filled with several geese.
- ~ Take this simple test to see if you qualify for solo camping: shine a flashlight into one ear. If the beam shines out the other ear, do not go into the woods alone.
- ~ A two-man pup tent does not include two men or a pup.
- ~ A potato baked in the coals for one hour makes an excellent side dish. A potato baked in the coals for three hours makes an excellent hockey puck.



BARTIMAEUS

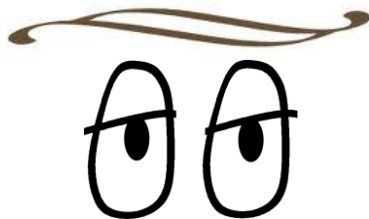
Who? To the people of Jericho who walked past him every day while he sat begging for the smallest coin, he was 'that blind beggar' sitting by the roadside. And there he sat until one special day when Jesus was leaving Jericho, surrounded by the usual crowd. We can imagine Bartimaeus tugging at someone's robe and asking 'What's going on, who is it?' and the answer coming back 'It's that preacher, Jesus of Nazareth'.

But Bartimaeus knew that Jesus was special, was more than just a preacher from Nazareth. He called out, he carried on calling even when the crowd told him not to - and Jesus stopped. Bartimaeus threw off his beggar's cloak and came to Jesus, asking to be able to see. And Jesus gave him the gift of sight; his eyes were opened. Just imagine – the first thing that Bartimaeus saw was Jesus' face. He saw the Light, the Light of the World, and left the roadside to follow Jesus (St Mark's Gospel, chapter 10, verses 46-52).

BIBLE EYES

Every one of these answers is a person or thing in the Bible which are all something to do with eyes.

1. He went blind on the road to Damascus (Acts 9:8).
2. Was blinded in Gaza and pulled down a building (Judges 16:29).
3. What Jesus put on the blind man's eyes (John 9:6).
4. Was a beggar in Jericho before meeting Jesus (Matthew 10:46).
5. Helped Paul regain his sight (Acts 9:17).
6. The boy Samuel ministered to him because his eyesight was going dim (1Samuel 3).



Have your eyes ever been checked?

No, they've always been this colour.

Optician: what can you see out of that window?

Patient: only the sun.

Optician: how far do you want to see, then?



Answers: 1.Saul, afterward Paul 2. Samson
3.mud 4.Bartimaeus 5.Ananias 6.Eli

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