

The Grapevine

News for the parishes of the Carlford Benefice

August 2014

A horizon with possibilities....

'There is an old Arabic saying that there are two kinds of people; those who accept the horizon as the limit of possibility, and those who discover, as they journey, that there is always more to be discovered beyond every horizon.' I share this sentiment now, with confidence that the grace of God has enabled my journey and growth over the past 60+ years, but probably most so in the last ten! So an old dog can learn new tricks!

When I was little, the month of August seemed a vast space between ending one term and beginning another. Somewhere, in the middle of this space was a horizon, beyond which September beckoned, but I couldn't see or imagine its many opportunities for learning and growth. It was worlds away from mindful appreciation.

The other day, when talking with a young man, 30 years my junior, who'd asked - pointing at my dog collar - if I'd always been a 'rev', I found myself saying that "I never dreamt I would one day become an ordained priest or that I would be sharing conversation about how God changes people's lives and seeks to bring out the best in who we are." Whilst I believe God loves each of us unconditionally, sometimes life-events, particularly those that cause mental struggle or emotional pain, distort our attitude towards God. Our faith, and close relationships in turn can be bruised and any idea towards change, renewal and new growth seems improbable or impossible even. With that scenario, 'hope' dies, and life can sour.

Hearing his story and current plight, I pray that he'll be led, albeit unexpectedly, to a new place of peace, reconciliation and hope. It's unlikely that we'll meet again to discover the outcome, but our brief God-filled conversation was an important meeting of minds and maybe one that will carry him over his currently troubled horizon, for his sharing of situation and need prompted intercession. This of course is at the heart of Christian worship, when we pray through Jesus Christ for the well being of one another, friend and stranger.

The Holy Scriptures teach that 'hope' is born from God: that Christ is with us through his Spirit bearing our trials and struggles and sharing our joys (Matthew 28: 16-20). And perhaps more mysteriously, 'All things are possible with God' (Mark 10:27) most especially, the reconciliation of relationships.

This concept has been beautifully retold in a touching story, called 'The unlikely pilgrimage of Harold Fry' written by Rachel Joyce. Like all good storytelling, it made me both laugh and cry, and I commend it to you, for summertime reading (tissues ready). It will invite you to travel both back and forwards, thinking of your relationships and life events, and lead you to a better place, way beyond your initial imagining, through the mystery of God.

(Revd) Wendy Gourlay



HASKETON FETE AND EXHIBITION OF TALENTS **SATURDAY 9TH AUGUST**

12 noon to 3.00pm

All in aid of Hasketon Church and the Victory Hall.

Featuring a range of traditional stalls and games, the Grand Draw plus a BBQ and teas.

In the church an exhibition of Local Talents can be seen at the same time as the fete.

EXHIBITION OF TALENTS AND CREAM TEAS **SUNDAY 10TH AUGUST**



2.00pm - 4.00pm



Cream teas will be served

The Local Talents include a wide variety of articles, metal work, wood work, paintings, poetry and needlework.

Services across the Carlford Benefice

August 3rd 7th SaT Proper 13

Gen 32:22-31 or Is 55:1-5; Roms 9:1-5; Matt 14:13-21

8.00am	Holy Communion	Grundisburgh	CS
9.30am	Holy Communion	Burgh	MS
9.30am	Family Service	Hasketon	CS
9.30am	Holy Communion	Swilland	FW
11.00am	Holy Communion	Boulge	MS
11.00am	Family Service	Grundisburgh	CS

August 10th 8th SaT Proper 14

Gen 37:1-4, 12-28 or 1 Kgs 19:9-18; Roms 10:5-15;

Matt 14:22-33 Ps 105:1-6,16-22, 45b

8.00am	Holy Communion	Grundisburgh	CS
9.30am	Par Euch	Hasketon	JW
11.00am	Holy Communion	Ashbocking	FW
11.00am	Holy Communion	Grundisburgh	WG
	Par Euch		
6.30pm	Evensong	Boulge	WG

August 17th 9th SaT Proper 15

Gen 45:1-15 or Is 56:1,6-8; Roms 11:1-2a, 29-32;

Matt 15:(10-20) 21-28; Ps 133

8.00am	Holy Communion	Grundisburgh	WG
9.30am	Family Holy Communion	Burgh	WG
9.30am	Morning Prayer	Hasketon	Lay Led
9.30am	Holy Communion	Otley	FW
11.00am	Holy Communion	Boulge	WG
11.00am	Morning Prayer	Grundisburgh	RF
6.30pm	Informal Worship	Grundisburgh	

August 24th 10th SaT Proper 16

Ex 1:8-2:10 or Is 51:1-6; Roms 12:1-8; Matt 16:13-20; Ps 124

8.00am	Holy Communion	Grundisburgh	JW
9.30am	Morning Prayer	Burgh	RP/BH
9.30am	Holy Communion	Clopton	FW
9.30am	Family Holy Communion	Hasketon	WG
11.00am	Family Holy Communion	Grundisburgh	WG

August 31st 11th SaT Proper 17

Ex 3:1-15 or Jer 15:15-21; Roms 12:9-end; Matt 16:21-end

8.00am	Holy Communion	Grundisburgh	WG
11.00am	Benefice Communion Service	Swilland	JW

Key – CS – Clare Sanders, CB – Catherine Beaumont, WG – Wendy Gourlay, FW – Fred Woods, JW – John Waine, BH – Bill Herbert, MS – Mark Sanders, JaneH (Jane Hall), JamesH (James Hall), RP – Richard Pepper RF – Robert Fletcher

During August the COSA parishes have a weekly benefice service as has been the tradition for the last few years. Please support one another

Other Services in August

4 th August	Holy Communion BCP	Hasketon	9.30am
6 th August	Holy Communion BCP	Grundisburgh	9.30am
18 th August	NO SERVICE	Hasketon	

What's On across the Carlford Benefice

July:-

29th Ploughman's Lunch 11.30am - 1.30pm
£4.50. No Booking required. **Burgh School Room.**

August:-

2nd 10.30am – 12.00noon **Grundisburgh Parish Room** Coffee Morning

2nd Blessing of Marriage at **Hasketon** for Megan and Kevin Spiers 4.30pm

6th SWAPSHOP **Grundisburgh Parish Room**
10.15am – 11.30am

9th Wedding at **Otley** between Laura Backhouse and Steve Coltart 3.30pm

9th **Hasketon** Village Fete and Exhibition of Talents
12.00noon to 3.00pm

10th **Hasketon** Exhibition of Talents and Cream Teas 2.00pm to 4.00pm

11th Knit & Stitch 10.30am – 12.30pm £2.00 per session **Burgh School Room**

14th Otley Coffee Morning 10.00am-12.00noon at the home of Russell Ling, **Grange House, Otley**

18th Beyond Alpha "Summer Special" **Hasketon Victory Hall** 10.30am till 12 noon. An open discussion with a young Buddhist Nun.

20th Coffee Morning at **Clopton Village Hall** from 10.00am-12.00noon

21st Bridge for all levels 7.00pm – 9.00pm **Burgh School Room**

30th Wedding of Milan Kosorin and Nathalie Sever at **Grundisburgh** 2.00pm

31st Deanery Celebration Picnic at the **Upper Car Park Ramsholt**- 2.30pm to enjoy a ramble beforehand or 4.00pm to join the 'bring your own' picnic.

As a Ministry Team we share the responsibility for pastoral care.
First point of contact is:

Ashbocking –Catherine Beaumont- 01473 890264

Burgh, Boulge & Grundisburgh–Clare Sanders 01473 735183

Clopton, Otley & Swilland –Jane Hall 01473 785251

Hasketon –Wendy Gourlay 01728 685335



Fairtrade Stalls In Grundisburgh

1st Saturday Coffee Morning 10.30

Parish Room

1st & 2nd Sunday at 12.00

after morning service

Cleaning Materials – Grocery

Cards – Chocolate – Socks – Gifts

For info contact Pat Fletcher 01473 735 775

Thank you for supporting Fairtrade

'FROM THE RECTOR'

Our congratulations, love and prayers to Jane Woods and Richard Pepper, who have been selected for Reader training in the diocese. Their training takes 3 years and it is a big commitment they are making- so our thanks to them and our prayers for them as they prepare for ministry among us as Readers. In the meantime both Jane and Richard will be leading aspects of our worship as part of their training.

Clare Sanders

Carlford Benefice Beyond Alpha Group invite you to a '**Summertime Special**' with coffee and cake

on

**Monday 18th August
10.30am-12.00noon**

An Open Discussion with Emma – a young Buddhist Nun
Hasketon Victory Hall

All are very welcome

Grundisburgh Parish Rooms



Swap Shop 6th August

10.15am – 11.30am

Over a drink of tea or coffee an opportunity to swap stories, news, toys, veg, fruit, flowers, books, recipes, cakes etc

FANCY A COFFEE?

We have opportunities at

Grundisburgh – August Saturday 2nd and Wednesday 6th at the Parish Rooms
10.30am-12 noon

Otley - August Thursday 14th at the home of, Russell Ling, Grange House, Otley 10am – 12 noon

Clopton – August Wednesday 20th at the Village Hall 10am – 12 noon



BOOK THE DATE!



SEPTEMBER 6TH

GRUNDISBURGH CHURCH FETE 2.00PM

If you can help – provide cakes/ produce- prizes/ bottles - please contact

Bottle stall - Jenny Sewell 01473 735329

Cakes / produce - Lynda and Hugh Bridges
01473 735611

Teas - Sue Harvey 01473 735755

Grand Draw- Valerie MacCuish 01473 735857
Jumble/ white elephant/ bric a brac and books -
Hilary Hill 01473 735336

Jumble/white elephant/bric a brac and books can be left in church during the first week of Sept.

Help with setting up and clearing away is always appreciated – contact - Ana Wilkinson
[anaconndor@yahoo.co.uk]

BURGH SCHOOLROOM EVENTS JULY AND AUGUST

29th July

Ploughman's Lunch . 11.30am – 1.30pm. Another opportunity to sample one of our popular lunches.
Ploughman's £4.50, Seasonal desserts £1.50.
Free tea/coffee. No booking required.

11th August

Knit and Stitch .10.30am – 12.30pm. Bring along your current project. Help with crochet/knitting available. £2.00 per session. (2nd Monday of each month).

21st August

Bridge for all levels. 7.00pm – 9.00pm. £2.00 per session. (3rd Thursday of each month)

ST BOLTOPH'S RESTORATION APPEAL

"We are very grateful for the prompt response from now ten donors who have given £1320.00 in the first week of our appeal. With Gift Aid these generous and very welcome donations will be worth some £1750 which is around 18% of the total we need to raise. We need to maintain the momentum behind the appeal so please do all you can to support us and send your donations to Adrian Stevensen Hon Treasurer Valley Farm Martins Lane Clopton Woodbridge IP13 6QX or to find out more please call me on [07721 415668](tel:07721415668). Thank you for your support"

20 Years On September 4th 7.00pm

A service in Bury Cathedral to celebrate 20 years of men and women as priests serving in Suffolk – do join us- lifts possible- Ring Clare 735183

2nd Fridays at Hasketon Victory Hall

You are very welcome to join us on the second Friday of most months for Ploughman's Supper followed by a talk, or some other entertainment. We start at 7.15pm and entrance is £5 each. Please let **Katherine Smith – 01473 735579** know by the previous Wednesday if you wish to come, but pay on the door.

August - No supper talk

12th September – Science journalist/author of 'A piece of the Sun' **Dan Clerly** will talk to us about **Fusion Energy**. Fusion is the process the powers the sun and stars. It is an alternative form of nuclear energy.



Woodbridge Deanery
Invites you to a

DIOCESAN CENTENARY CELEBRATION

PICNIC

Date: Sunday 31 August 2014

Venue: Upper car park - Ramsholt

If you are feeling energetic arrive at
2:30pm and enjoy a ramble with Michael Stagg
and a prayer stop at Ramsholt church



**Members of the Deanery
are very welcome**



For further details contact
Tony Allwood – Tel: 01394 384575
Email – Tony_allwood@btopenworld.com

JUST42 SUMMER HOLIDAY CLUB

M.I.42 is the new Just42 Summer Holiday Club that is coming up on Wednesday 27th to Friday 29th August at the Woodbridge Youth Centre.

The theme is secret agents and we will be having film clips from Spy Kids! There will be fun activities, catchy songs, funny drama and amazing Bible Stories! This is for all Primary School children in Years 1 to 6.

Only £2 per child per day.

On Friday lunchtime we invite you to bring a picnic to eat with your family and join us for a sponsored spy trail from 1:30pm. The cost will be £4 per family for the trail. This includes free refreshments on your return to the Youth Centre. If you can raise £10 in sponsorship for Just42 then no other donation is needed.



HASKETON COMMUNITY LUNCH

This takes place on the **4th Thursday** each month, 12.15pm at **Hasketon Victory Hall**. For £6 you will enjoy a hot 2-course meal plus coffee and the opportunity to meet up with local residents from Hasketon and surrounding villages.

If you are interested in coming along, please book your place by the Monday before with Claire Harrington Tel [01394 380644](tel:01394380644)

From the Editor The cut off date for material to be included is the 8th of the month and material should be sent to Clare at revclaresanders@tiscali.co.uk & Amy at bakergirl174@gmail.com please.