

# **The Grapevine**

## **News for the parishes of the Carlford Benefice**

### **September 2014**



#### **YOU ARE INVITED .....**

A few years ago I had the great privilege of receiving an invitation on behalf of H.M. the Queen to a garden-party at Buckingham Palace. Although we did not meet Her Majesty, Jane and I enjoyed a memorable afternoon. The gardens were beautiful, the tea delicious, the music relaxing, and everyone we met gracious and welcoming. Guests and staff alike made us feel really welcome and at ease.

By contrast, I am sure we have all been put off going somewhere by signs that read, "Invited guests only" or "Visitors strictly by appointment". We have also accepted invitations only to be disappointed by a lukewarm or over-formal and artificial welcome and uninspiring atmosphere.

What sort of an invitation do our churches send to the people of our villages? What sort of reception meets those who come? How do we make both the invitation and the reception warm and welcoming? The next few months provide a number of opportunities to think and act on these questions as we enter what has been called the season of invitation. Harvest Festivals, All Saints, Remembrance, Advent and Christmas are often the occasions when those who do not regularly do so, come to church, and so are ideal times for us to invite friends and family to join us for special church services and events.

We all have a part to play in the ministries of invitation and welcome - the two go hand in hand. God used someone to invite us to begin our Christian journeys and He sends people to welcome and encourage us at different stages along the way. Collectively, as His church, we have a responsibility to do the same for the people of the communities we serve. Individually, we have that responsibility for the people with whom we live our daily lives.

Neither the invitation nor the welcome need be lavish or special. Those who have visited our link diocese in Kagera in Tanzania speak of how the warmth and friendship of the local churches more than make up for the very simple hospitality and facilities they can provide. I experienced something similar on a recent tour of churches in Suffolk, when diocesan colleagues and I were invited to visit a church located next door to a supermarket on a modern housing estate. It looked very different from our medieval buildings and clearly suffered from vandalism, but there was someone with a big smile at the door and a smell of baking and coffee to greet us. It wasn't a Sunday or a service, just a chance to visit and share something with some of the congregation and clergy about the church, as building and people, and about God.

Sharing something about God is for all of us and the fact that we will all do it differently should not get in the way. God does not require an appointment and His invitation to His kingdom is open and universal, without distinction between sinner and saint, or any other label we may give someone. "Come unto me all you who are heavy-laden, and I will give you rest." "Knock and the door shall be opened for you." The Bible tells of how God endlessly invites creation to be one with Him. Our inviting someone to share our experience of His love is one way in which He continues to do so.

Our churches aren't planning a Buckingham Palace style party this autumn, but when we give God's invitation to someone, we are offering something far more splendid and lasting. Let's use the season of invitation accordingly.

**James Hall**

#### **PILGRIM**

Clare is offering to run a PILGRIM course on Monday evenings and Friday mornings starting September 8<sup>th</sup> between 7.30pm-9.00pm and 12<sup>th</sup> 10.30am -12.00 noon respectively.

PILGRIM is a new course published this year- designed to help us discover more of the Christian way of life- the course is designed to be both reflective and conversational. Each part of the course has 6 sessions – the 1<sup>st</sup> takes us back to basics- exploring what it means to be baptised- even if that happened to you as a baby years and years ago!

The only qualification needed for PILGRIM is to want to find out more about what it is to lead a Christian life. Please book your place with Clare- [01473 735183](tel:01473735183). If you can offer to host- that would also be appreciated-



## Services across the Carlford Benefice

### September 7<sup>th</sup> Trinity 12

**Ezek 33:7-11; Roms 13:9-14; Matt 18:15-20**

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

### September 14<sup>th</sup> Trinity 13

**Gen 50:15-21; Roms 14:1-12; Matt 18:21-35; Ps 103:8-13**

8.00am	Holy Communion	Grundisburgh	CS
9.30am	Holy Communion	Clopton	CS
9.30am	Par Euch	Hasketon	WG
11.00am	Family Service	Ashbocking	CB
11.00am	Morning Praise	Otley	CS
11.00am	Holy Communion	Grundisburgh	WG
	Par Euch		

### September 21<sup>st</sup> Trinity 14

**Jonah 3:10-4:11; Phil 1:21-30; Matt 20:1-16; Ps 145:1-8**

**If Harvest, consult with clergy**

8.00am	Holy Communion	Grundisburgh	CS
9.30am	Harvest Festival	Burgh	CS
9.30am	Morning Prayer	Hasketon	Lay Led
9.30am	Holy Communion	Otley	JaneH
11.00am	Holy Communion	Boulge	CS
11.00am	Morning Prayer	Grundisburgh	BH
11.00am	Harvest Festival	Swilland	JW

### September 28<sup>th</sup> Trinity 15

**Ezek 18:1-4 and 25-32; Phil 2:1-13; Matt 21:23-32; Ps 25:1-8**

**If Harvest, consult with clergy**

8.00am	Holy Communion	Grundisburgh	CS
9.30am	Morning Prayer	Burgh	JamesH
9.30am	Harvest Festival	Clopton	CS
9.30am	Family Holy Communion	Hasketon	WG
11.00am	Family Holy Communion	Grundisburgh	CS
6.30pm	Harvest Festival	Boulge	CS
6.30pm	Evensong	Otley	JamesH

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

### Other Services in September

8 <sup>th</sup> September	Holy Communion BCP	Hasketon	9.30am
10 <sup>th</sup> September	Holy Communion BCP	Grundisburgh	9.30am
22 <sup>nd</sup> September	Holy Communion BCP	Hasketon	9.30am

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



### **FANCY A COFFEE?**



We have opportunities at

**Grundisburgh** – September Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Parish Rooms 10.30am-12 noon

**Ashbocking** – September Friday 5<sup>th</sup> at Otley Hall 10.30am – 12 noon

**Otley** - September Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> at the home of, John & Helen Jay, 7 Spring Park, Otley 10am – 12 noon

**Clopton** – September Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> at the Village Hall 10am – 12 noon

## What's On across the Carlford Benefice - September:-

3<sup>rd</sup> SWAPSHOP Grundisburgh Parish Rooms 10.15am-11.30am

4<sup>th</sup> Celebration of Shared Ministry 7.00pm at the

**Cathedral in Bury St Edmunds**

5<sup>th</sup> Ashbocking Coffee Morning at **Otley Hall** 10.30am – 11.30am

6<sup>th</sup> **Ashbocking Village Show Manor Farm, The Green** 2.00pm- 6.00pm - See details elsewhere

6<sup>th</sup> **Burgh** 11.00am Wedding of Maston King and Carol Pallant

6<sup>th</sup> 2.00pm **Grundisburgh Church Fete** – see details elsewhere

8<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm – 9.00pm PILGRIM – a course to explore our faith **Grundisburgh Rectory** – see details elsewhere

8<sup>th</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday Housegroup 7.30pm Contact Robert Fletcher 01473 735775 – see details elsewhere

9<sup>th</sup> Benefice Music Group practice **Grundisburgh Church** 7.00pm-8.00pm

10<sup>th</sup> Funsters start back 5.30pm **Grundisburgh Parish Rooms**

11<sup>th</sup> Coffee Morning at John and Helen Jay's **7 Spring Park, Otley** 10.00am – 12 noon

11<sup>th</sup> Woodbridge Deanery Chapter meet in **Otley Church** at 12.00 noon – for a Eucharist- all welcome

11<sup>th</sup>**Grundisburgh Church** 2.30pm "Tiddlywinks" Toddler Group

12<sup>th</sup> 10.30am – 12 noon PILGRIM **Grundisburgh Rectory** - see details elsewhere

13<sup>th</sup> Bike Ride Saturday – see details elsewhere

15<sup>th</sup> Prayer Group meets 6.30pm **Burgh School Room**

15<sup>th</sup> Benefice Music Group practice **Grundisburgh Church** 7.00pm-8.00pm

15<sup>th</sup> 6.30pm Men's Group meet at the **Moon and Mushroom, Swilland** – Graham Parker will be doing a talk entitled "My Life Of Crime". Contact Brian Williams with telephone or email rsvp's so I can inform Nikki at the pub. [bfwdent@btinternet.com](mailto:bfwdent@btinternet.com) and tel [01473785726](tel:01473785726) or [07768285670](tel:07768285670)

15<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm-9.00pm PILGRIM MEETS **Grundisburgh Rectory** - see details elsewhere

16<sup>th</sup> 2.00pm Boulge PCC meet in **Woodbridge**

16<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm Grundisburgh, Burgh and Hasketon PCCs meet at **Grundisburgh School**

17<sup>th</sup> **Clopton Village Hall** Coffee Morning 10.00am- 12 noon

17<sup>th</sup> Carlford Network Group meet at 2.30pm in **Grundisburgh Parish Rooms** – Hilary Hill speaks about her trip to Vietnam- Contact 01473 738188

18<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm COSA Churchwardens meet with the Ministry Team

19<sup>th</sup> 10.30am – 12 noon PILGRIM MEETS **Grundisburgh Rectory** - see details elsewhere

22<sup>nd</sup> 7.30pm-9.00pm PILGRIM MEETS **Grundisburgh Rectory** - see details elsewhere

23<sup>rd</sup> STORYTIME begins at **Otley School** 3.20pm

23<sup>rd</sup> 7.30pm Post Confirmation Group meets at

**3 Meeting Lane, Grundisburgh**

25<sup>th</sup> Hasketon Community Lunch 12 noon

25<sup>th</sup> **Grundisburgh Church** 2.30pm "Tiddlywinks" Toddler Group

26<sup>th</sup> 10.30am – 12 noon PILGRIM MEETS **Grundisburgh Rectory** - see details elsewhere

28<sup>th</sup> **Grundisburgh Church** 2.30pm Wedding of Stuart Wells and Charmian White

29<sup>th</sup> STORYTIME begins at **Grundisburgh School** 3.20pm

29<sup>th</sup> Prayer Group **Burgh School Room** 6.30pm

29<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm-9.00pm PILGRIM MEETS **Grundisburgh Rectory** see details elsewhere

30<sup>th</sup> STORYTIME at **Otley School** 3.20pm

## LADIES UNLIMITED



This new group is for all ladies from across the benefice who would be interested in enjoying a range of social activities eg a drink and a chat at someone's house, meals out, trips to the cinema/theatre etc.

It would be from 7pm to 9.30pm ish.

It would take place on the last Thursday of each month starting on 31<sup>st</sup> October, then on 28th November, possibly a week earlier in December to allow for a Christmas meal or something, 30th January 2015, 27th February, 27<sup>th</sup> March, 24th April and 29th May. Summer meetings would depend on holidays etc.

Contact details:

Vanessa Barker 01473 735818, mobile 07931707494

Sandra Green 01473 738779 mobile 07788863004

## 'FROM THE RECTOR'

**"Wanted – Needed- a Local Giving Adviser!**

**"A what"- you might ask?**

A Local Giving Adviser- just what it says- someone who would work within our 8 parishes- the Carlford Benefice- to help each of our parishes to engage with a deeper understanding of our Christian vocation to be "generous givers".

This is a Diocesan initiative- there are now over 40 advisers working across the diocese in their benefices – the Diocese provides free training and ongoing support. The next training course is at Belsey Bridge near Bungay – an overnight residential from Sept 26-27<sup>th</sup>.

Please prayerfully consider is this something you could do. Give me a ring if you would like to talk it through 01473 735183"

Clare Sanders

## HARVEST FESTIVALS

Swilland – **Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> September** – The service will be held in **The Barn, Red Court, Swilland** at 11.00am. There will be a Ploughman's Lunch after the service for which we will ask for donations. Please contact Ann Kent 01473 785262 or Gill Reidy 01473 785716 if you would like to join us.

Burgh – **Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> September** at 9.30am at **St Botolph's Church, Burgh. Harvest Supper** is on **Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> September** at 7pm. Please let Gillian know if you would like tickets £5.00 01473 735273 or gillianguardon@dsl.pipex.com

Clopton – **Sunday 28th September** at **St Mary's Church, Clopton** to include breakfast– bacon sandwiches, toast and marmalade, tea, coffee and fruit juice) will be served from 9.00am and the service starts at 9.30am.

Otley – Harvest Messy Church & farm visit on **Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> October** 10.00am -12 noon. "The Traditional Harvest" supper is also **4<sup>th</sup> October** 6.30pm – 11.00pm More details from Jane Hall 01473 785251 & tickets from Ruth Farnhill 01473 890543 & Alyson Chilvers 01473 737674 or Otley Post Office. Harvest Festival is **Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October** at 11.00am at **St Mary The Virgin, Otley**.

Hasketon Harvest Festival is on **Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> October** at **St Andrew's Church, Hasketon** at 11.00am. All are welcome.



## Calling musicians....

### from across the Carlford Benefice

Instrumental musicians of all ages and abilities are warmly invited to join together to play for specific key events /services, about 6 times a year.

We have two dates to look forward to in Autumn: Harvest Celebration in a barn, Swilland, 21st Sept and 'Prisoners of Conscience' reflective service, Otley, early evening Nov 30th. Please give me, Wendy, a ring / email if you are interested?

The heart of the group is born from skilled musicians from Hasketon and Burgh (all ages) and we're really looking forward to welcoming new members from across the whole benefice.

Since some instrumental music requires to be transposed, please, it is essential that I know in advance of our practices that 'you would like to play' and 'what instrument you will be playing'? Practices 9/9 and 15/9 with venue are listed in the events diary. With thanks, Wendy Revd. Wendy Gourlay 01728 685335 rev.gourlay@gmail.com



## Grundisburgh Church Fete on the Green

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> September**  
**2pm to 4.30pm**



Bottle Stall Grand Draw

Wood Carving



Jumble Stall

Fair Trade



Ice-creams

Tea & Cakes



Cake Stall

Lucky Dip

and a variety of traditional games  
with prizes to be won!!

### HELPERS NEEDED!!

**If you can provide cakes / produce / prizes / bottles, run a game or help set up / clean up**

**please contact Anna Wilkinson**  
**01473 735925 anacondor@yahoo.co.uk**

All proceeds in aid of Grundisburgh Church

## Grundisburgh Parish Rooms



**Swap Shop 3<sup>rd</sup> September**  
**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

## ASHBOCKING VILLAGE SHOW 6<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER

The Ashbocking show is at Manor Farm, The Green.

The event starts at 2pm - 6pm.

The farm is in a central position along the B1077.

The event features a produce, arts and crafts show, with BBQ, cream teas, tombola, raffle, clay pigeon shooting, archery, trailer rides, face painting, second hand books, a treasure hunt, and children's games.

Hopefully, a good family day out.

## 20 YEARS ON September 4<sup>th</sup> 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 – 01473 735183

## 2nd Monday House Group

We shall meet on 8th Sept. at 7.30pm to plan the programme of our meetings from October - August. New members would be most welcome, so come along.

Contact Robert Fletcher [01473 735 775](tel:01473735775)

## 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

**12th September** – Science journalist/author of 'Apiece of the Sun' **Dan Clery** 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.

## BIKE RIDE



The great church bike ride is with us again- you can ride for your church- and you can be sponsored for being part of the hospitality and welcome team in each of our churches.

All of our churches are open...all our churches would be delighted if you chose to ride/sit for them.

Sponsor forms available from the contacts below and in church

### Who to contact:

Ashbocking – Richard Davison 01473 710060

Clopton – Doris Main 01473 737602

Swilland – Ann Kent 01473 785262

Otley – James Hall 01473 785251

Burgh – Tina and Shane Hines 01473 738492.

Boulge – Sue Parr 01394 382643

Hasketon – Julia Longe 01394 382518

Grundisburgh – Sheila Caryer 01473 738108

## BURGH POP UP LIBRARY

We now have a pop-up library in the old red telephone box on Burgh's village green. Donations of books for all tastes and ages welcome. Anyone can borrow books – all we ask is that they are returned so that others can enjoy them.

## Ashbocking – Auction of Promises

We held the Auction of Promises on 19<sup>th</sup> July. It was a lovely evening, the atmosphere was excellent, the church looked beautiful, the BBQ was delicious, the Bar was busy and raffle was a great success, every promise was bid for. and we made £5,000. Thank you so much to all those involved in helping and who came and shared the superb event with us.

## FUNSTERS RETURNS

**September 10<sup>th</sup> 5.30pm – 6.30pm**

The Funsters will meet in Grundisburgh Parish Rooms on Wednesdays. Youth Group for young people in Years 4-6

## TIDDLYWINKS

**For pre-school children with parents/carers**

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of every month in term time, as of 11<sup>th</sup> September, at

**Grundisburgh Church  
2.30 – 3.15pm**

Activities, stories, songs, drinks & refreshments

## CARLFORD NETWORK GROUP

**17<sup>th</sup> September**

**2.30pm**

**Grundisburgh  
Parish Rooms**

Hilary Hill will be talking about her trip to Vietnam

Contact 01473 738188

## Burgh's War Dead

As part of the centenary of the First World War I am researching the lives of the men from Burgh who died in the war.

Albert Victor Last - died 30 December 1915

Horace Sherman - died 1 February 1917

William Gladstone Chenery - died 16 September 1916

Herbert George Hughes - died 12 November 1914

Robert Broom - died 25 April 1918

I have found some information from the Ancestry website.

If you are a descendant of these men, or have any further information or photographs

I would love to hear from you contact Shane Hines on [shane.hines2012@btinternet.com](mailto:shane.hines2012@btinternet.com) or 01473 738492.

**From the Editor** The cut off date for material to be included is the 8<sup>th</sup> of the month and material should be sent to Clare at [revclaresanders@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:revclaresanders@tiscali.co.uk) & Amy at [bakergirl174@gmail.com](mailto:bakergirl174@gmail.com) please.