

The Grapevine

News for the parishes of the Carlford Benefice

April 2014

Which is the most important Christmas /Easter?

It's a question I am sometimes asked, and to some extent it is chicken and egg. Certainly Easter is the most ancient – significantly older than Christmas. We don't know when it first began to be observed as an annual festival. There is no reference to an annual celebration in first century writings- indeed the date for celebrating Easter varied considerably for a number of centuries and was not universally resolved until the 600s, but the proclamation "God raised Jesus" was central to Christianity from the beginning. Celebrating Sunday as the Lords Day – every Sunday- celebrates the resurrection, and reflects its central importance.

Easter is grounded in the experience of his early followers- who experienced Jesus after his death in a radically new way. They had experienced the pre-Easter Jesus as a human being, an extraordinary remarkable human being, but nevertheless as somebody who was in one place at a time, who ate and slept, who was arrested and killed.

After his death they experienced him very differently- Paul in a vision on the road to Damascus- the disciples in a locked room- the friends walking to Emmaus as one who walked alongside them- the post Easter Jesus is no longer a corporeal figure constrained by time and space; he can appear anywhere, pass through walls, be unrecognised and suddenly vanish. Experiences like these led to the conviction that Jesus is not simply a figure of the past, dead and gone, but a living reality of the present. This is the meaning of the Easter we celebrate- "He is not dead- He is risen- Alleluia"(Luke 24:5)

Thomas is moved to proclaim on experiencing the risen Jesus "My Lord and my God"(John 20:28)- the post Easter Jesus is a divine reality- and who promises to his followers his abiding presence "Remember I am with you always to the end of time". (Matt 28:20) These words echo the Christmas word Emmanuel- God is with us. Like God, the post Easter Jesus is an abiding presence- omnipresent- may we abide in his love and know his living presence in each of us. A very Happy Easter to you all

Clare Sanders

*Grundisburgh
Parish Rooms*



Swap Shop 2nd April

10.30 – 11.30

**Over a drink of
tea or coffee**

an opportunity to swap
stories, news, toys, veg,
fruit, flowers, books,
recipes, cakes etc

FUNSTERS

The Funsters will meet in
Grundisburgh Parish
Rooms on Wednesdays
(5.30-6.30pm)
Youth group for young
people in Years 4-6
**September 2013
to July 2014**

HOLY WEEK APRIL 14th–19th

Discover Holy Week in a fresh way through creative arts.

Journey in heart and mind from Palm Sunday to Maundy Thursday with reflective music, contemporary meditations and visual images.

Monday – 14th April – Ashbocking church – 7.30 to 8.30 – through the eyes of Martha; Mary; and Lazarus.

Tuesday – 15th April – Burgh church – 7.30 to 8.30 – through the eyes of Peter; a bystander; and a religious leader.

Wednesday – 16th April – Swilland church – 7.30 to 8.30 – through the eyes of Judas; the Zealot; and the Servant Woman.

Maundy Thursday 17th

10.00am Messy Church at Grundisburgh for children and their families
7.30pm Hasketon Reflective Communion Service with Washing of Feet

Good Friday 18th

10.00am Messy Church at Otley for children and their families
2.00pm An Hour at the Cross in Otley led by the Revd Fred Woods

Holy Saturday 19th 7.00pm Boulge Easter Eve ceremonies – lighting of Easter Fire and Candle – with hot soup and rolls

Services across the Carlford Benefice

April 6th Lent 5

Ezek 37:1-14, Rom 8:6-11, Jn 11:1 – 45, Ps 130

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

April 13th Palm Sunday

Palm Gospel, Mt 21:1-11, Passion Readings,

Is 50:4-9a, Phil2:5-11, Mt 26:14-27-end, Ps 118:12,19-end

8.00am	Holy Communion	Grundisburgh	CS
9.30am	Holy Communion	Clopton	CS
9.30am	Par Euch	Hasketon	JW
11.00am	Morning Prayer	Boulge	Lay led
11.00am	Holy Communion	Grundisburgh	MS
	Par Euch		
11.00am	Morning Praise	Otley	CS

April 20th Easter Day

Acts 10:34-43 or Jer 31:1-6, Col 3:1-4, Jn 20:1-18 or Mt 28:1-10

SUNRISE	Holy Communion	Clopton	JaneH
8.00am	Holy Communion	Grundisburgh	CS
9.30am	Family Holy Communion	Burgh	JW
9.30am	Holy Communion	Hasketon	MS/WG
9.30am	Holy Communion	Otley	CS
11.00am	Family Service & Holy Communion	Ashbocking	CB/JaneH
11.00am	Holy Communion	Boulge	WG
11.00am	Family Holy Communion	Grundisburgh	CS
11.00am	Family Holy Communion	Swilland	FW

April 27th Easter 2

Acts 2:14a, 22-32, Jn 20:19-end Ps 16

8.00am	Holy Communion	Grundisburgh	CS
9.30am	Morning Prayer	Burgh	Lay Led
9.30am	Family Holy Communion	Hasketon	CS/JamesH
6.30pm	Evensong	Otley	JamesH
11.00am	Family Service	Clopton	JaneH
11.00am	Family Holy Communion	Grundisburgh	MS

Key – CS – Clare Sanders, CB – Catherine Beaumont, WG – Wendy Gourlay, FW – Fred Woods, JW –John Waine, SB –Sheila Brechin, BH – Bill Herbert, MS – Mark Sanders, JaneH (Jane Hall), JamesH (James Hall),

Other Services in April

7th	Holy Communion BCP	Hasketon	9.30am
9th	Holy Communion BCP	Grundisburgh	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

What's On across the Carlford Benefice

April:-

1st Grundisburgh 10.00am Playgroup visit Church for Easter story

2nd 10.15am Grundisburgh Parish Rooms
SWAPSHOP

2nd 2.30pm Carlford Network Group informal Communion Service – **Grundisburgh Parish Rooms**

4th 10.30am Coffee morning – Steve and Sarah Wilson, **Eastbrook House, The Green, Ashbocking**

5th 10.30am Coffee Morning **Grundisburgh Parish Rooms**

10th 10am Otley Coffee Morning at the home of Geoffrey Mason, **Foxgloves, Chapel Rd,**

11th 2nd Friday Group – **Hasketon Victory Hall,** 7.15pm £5 each.

12th Spring Coffee Morning at **Burgh School Room** 10.00-12.00 noon

24th TIDDLYWINKS – group for toddlers and carers **Grundisburgh Church** 2.30pm

24th Community Lunch Hasketon Victory Hall 12.15pm

25th Burgh Quiz Night

26th Swilland Dog Walk Starting between 10-11am from **Red Court Farm, Swilland.**

APCM's Dates

6th Boulge after 11.00am service

13th Otley after 11.00am service

22nd Burgh 7.30pm

27th Grundisburgh after 11.00am service

28th Hasketon- in the Village Hall 7pm

FANCY A COFFEE?

We have opportunities at

Grundisburgh – April Wednesday 2nd and Saturday 5th at the Parish Rooms 10.30am-12 noon

Ashbocking– April Friday 4th – at the home of Steve and Sarah Wilson's, Eastbrook House, The Green, Ashbocking 10.30am-11.30am

Otley – April Thursday 10th at the home of Geoffrey Mason, Foxgloves, Chapel Rd, Otley. 10am – 12 noon

Burgh – April Saturday 12th at Burgh School Room 10am – 12 noon

Clopton – April Wednesday 16th at the Village Hall 10am – 12 noon

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK

'A hungry man is not a free man.' This was a quotation that I saw recently in some literature produced by Christian Aid. Having recently watched '12 years a Slave' – a film that vividly conveys the suffering that comes when people are denied their liberty – this quote very much resonated with me.

Hunger, in a similar way to chronic illness, has a severely limiting effect on a person's potential to work, enjoy a creative life and live as God intended them to. Sadly this is not a problem that affects a small minority: we know that one in eight people experience hunger regularly, despite there being enough food in the world to feed everyone.

Christian aid is a charity which continues to challenge the systems that keep people in poverty and once a year we have the opportunity to support their work. This year Christian aid week runs from the 11th – 17th of May. Please contact me if you can help with collecting in **Grundisburgh, Burgh or Hasketon**. We would love to have some new collectors this year and promise not to give you too long a road! Nicky Seabrook Tel: 735131

Please see below, contact details for each parish, for which they would all love new collectors:-

Ashbocking is Hamish Bullough, on 01473 890130.

Swilland is Brian Williams, on 01473 785954.

Clopton is Doris Main, on 01473 737602

Burgh Schoolroom

Friday 4th April – Curry and Adnams Night 19.00-21.30 £7.00 per person includes curry and half pint of Adnams Alternative beverages available and extra beer for a donation. Admission by Tickets ONLY Telephone 738877

Saturday 5th April – Mens' Shed 10.30 An initial meeting to discuss the formation of a Mens' Club and the type of interests members have.

Saturday 12th April – Coffee Morning 10.30 onwards Seasonal gifts for sale and our fantastic raffle. Wonderful range of cakes. Coffee or tea and chat.

Monday April 14th – Knit and Stitch 10.30-12.30 Bring your project to do while chatting. Guidance available for novices. £2.00 per session, includes refreshments. Every second Monday monthly.

Tuesday 15th April – Kids' Craft Club 10.00 – 12.00 Bored kids? Come to our craft session and make cards, bunting, Easter baskets and Easter hats, £4.00 to cover materials. Drinks provided, Children please bring an adult.

Thursday 24th April – Bridge for all levels 19.00-21.30 £2.00 refreshment provided held 3rd Thursday of every month

MESSY CHURCH

For children and their families

MAUNDY THURSDAY 17TH APRIL

10.00am
Grundisburgh Church

Please let Clare know that
you will be coming:
Clare Sanders 01473 735183



FRIDAY 18TH APRIL

10.00am
Otley Church

Please let Catherine or Jane know that
you will be coming:
Catherine Beaumont 01473 890264
Jane Hall 01473 785251

Informal Worship

Do You Enjoy a Good Sing and a Cuppa?
We meet on the **3rd Sunday**
of every month to sing



Contemporary worship songs accompanied
by a keyboard. Come and join us at **6.30pm**
in the **Parish Rooms, Grundisburgh**
on the 3rd **Sunday**.

Any questions call Hilary Hill 735336

2ND FRIDAYS AT HASKETON VICTORY HALL IN 2014

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.

11th April – We welcome **Isabel Clover**, who is renowned nationally for her ecclesiastical embroidery, to talk to us about **The Ipswich Charter Hangings**, which she researched and designed. They were commissioned by the Ipswich Arts Association to celebrate the 800th anniversary of the granting of a Royal Charter to Ipswich by King John.

FOODBANK

Please do not forget to support this wonderful cause.
If you have any tins or packets, please leave at the back of your churches.



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)

'Beyond Alpha' – Late Spring 2014 What does the Bible really say about . . . ?

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

Sessions are fortnightly on **Monday May 12th; 26th; June 9th; 23rd; July 7th.**

The meetings will be facilitated by Revd Wendy Gourlay. Tea and coffee will be available and a warm welcome to all.

The 'Beyond Alpha Group' will consider

Session One – May 12th Jesus – Human or Divine?
When: At Birth; Baptised; Resurrection; Ascension?

Session Two – May 26th The 'Lord's Prayer' / 'Our Father' – What is it all about? How can we forgive others sins, only Jesus can do that? Why would God lead us into temptation?

Session Three – June 9th JONAH - A 'small' book with a 'BIG' message!

Session Four – June 23rd Spirits - Angels: What are they? God's Creation? Are there different kinds?

Session Five – July 7th Creation/Environment - How should we treat it? What are our responsibilities?

If you haven't attended a session yet, why not join us this Late Spring 2014? Enquiries: Paul (Beyond Alpha) on: 01473 738474 or paulwiffen222@btinternet.com

TIDDLYWINKS

For Pre-School Children with parents/carers
2nd & 4th Thursday of every month in term time at
Grundisburgh Church 2.30-3.15pm.
Activities, stories, songs, drinks & refreshments

Carlford Network Group EXTRA!

Communion Service led by
Rev. Canon Clare Sanders

Wednesday April 2nd 2.30pm

Grundisburgh Parish Rooms
All welcome.

SWILLAND DOG WALK

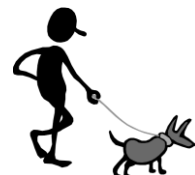
Saturday 26th April

We are hosting a dog walk in order to raise funds for the church organ and bell tower.

It will be approximately 5 miles along footpaths in Swilland and Otley.

The cost will be £7 per person (under 10s £5) and includes a Ploughman's lunch and apple pie.

To assist with catering, if you would like to take part or should you require any further information please contact Ann Rose ([01473 785702](tel:01473785702)). Walkers without dogs will be welcome.



CLOTHING BANK

'A BIG THANK YOU'

to all who supported the clothes collection, as part of the Ipswich Churches Winter Nightshelter project.
The collection is now closed.



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

SUNDAY CLUB

For 4 plus yr olds in Grundisburgh Parish Rooms on **2nd and 4th Sundays** meet at 10.45am- join parents in church at 11.45am- for the end of the service
Art- craft- stories- and more.

For Info- contact Jenny Sewell 01473 735329