

The Grapevine

News for the parishes of the Carlford Benefice

February 2014

Communicate!

Yes, that has been addressed to me, more than once, and many's the time when, although I did try to communicate something to someone, the message was not received as I intended. I also know that poor listening on my part has meant that I have often not received an intended message. "There has been a breakdown in communication" may be a commonly-heard excuse, but when it comes to the Gospel, we should never shelter behind it, either as we try to share it with others or receive it from God.

You will see reference elsewhere to a meeting of the "Communications Group" on Feb. 12th. We have been thinking about how best to use The Grapevine and the different magazines circulating in our eight villages to best effect. When we next meet, we shall consider other ways of disseminating information – websites, group emails, Facebook, Twitter and other modern methods that some folk may read more. (Fortunately some of the group understand these things better than I).

Of course, any discussion must include thinking about whom each message is intended for. Different information needs to reach different people and the best method for one may not be the same for another. Getting it right becomes harder as choices widen and information-overload increases. Data protection, privacy, and duplication all complicate the subject.

God has never been constrained in his communicating with us. Think of the written word of the Bible – law, poetry, narrative, lament, prophecy, teaching, letters, visions are all included. Think beyond the written word – God reveals himself in creation, in history, in people and in ways that often take us completely by surprise. The Word, with a capital W, in the person of Jesus, has no limits. Nor are there any limits on how we may communicate with God – "Pray continually with all kinds of prayers" wrote Paul to the Ephesians.

The benefice has a ministry team (clergy and readers), but theirs is not the sole responsibility for ministry any more than communication is the sole responsibility of the communications group. As God's people, we are all called to proclaim the Gospel, the good news of the love of God, among those with whom we live and work – as St. Francis of Assisi reputedly said, "Use words if you have to." Equally, we must all be open to receive that love, however God communicates it to us. Communicate!

James Hall

Services across the Carlford Benefice

February 2nd

Candlemas Mal 3:1-5, Heb 2:14-end, Lk 2:22-40

8.00am	Holy Communion	Grundisburgh CS
9.30am	Holy Communion	Burgh MS
9.30am	Family Service	Hasketon WG
9.30am	Holy Communion	Swilland CS
11.00am	Holy Communion	Boulge WG
11.00am	Christingle Family Service	Grundisburgh CS
11.00am	Christingle	Otley JaneH
6.30pm	Youth Service	Grundisburgh

February 9th

4th Before Lent Is 58:1-9a; 1 Cor 12:1-12, Mt 5:13-20, Ps 112:1-9

8.00am	Holy Communion	Grundisburgh CS
9.30am	Holy Communion (Thamaniya, Shop Road)	Clopton CS
9.30am	Holy Communion	Par Euch Hasketon JW
11.00am	Family Service	Ashbocking CB
11.00am	Morning Prayer	Boulge Layed
11.00am	Holy Communion Grundisburgh WG	Par Euch
11.00am	Morning Praise	Otley CS

February 16th

3rd Before Lent Deut 30:15-end; 1 Cor 3:1-9, Mt 5:21-37, Ps 119:1-8

8.00am	Holy Communion	Grundisburgh JW
9.30am	Family Holy Communion JaneH/JamesH	Burgh
9.30am	Morning Prayer	Hasketon Layed
9.30am	Holy Communion	Otley FW
11.00am	Holy Communion JaneH/JamesH	Boulge
11.00am	Morning Prayer	Grundisburgh BH
11.00am	Family Service	Swilland FW

February 23rd

2nd Before Lent Gen 1:1-2:3, Rom 8:18-25, Mt 6:25-34, Ps 136:1-9, 23-26

8.00am	Holy Communion	Grundisburgh CS
9.30am	Morning Prayer Layed(School Room)	Burgh
9.30am	Family Holy Communion	Hasketon CS
11.00am	Family Service	Clopton CB
11.00am	Family Holy Communion	Grundisburgh CS
4.00pm	Evensong (Lavender House)	Otley CS

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

Feb 3rd	9.30pm	Holy Communion BCP	Hasketon
Feb 5th	9.30pm	Holy Communion BCP	Grundisburgh
Feb 17th		No service at Hasketon –	Half Term

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

Ashbocking –Catherine Beaumont- 01473 890264
Burgh –Clare Sanders 01473 735183
Boulge - Clare Sanders 01473 735183
Clopton –Jane Hall 01473 785251
Grundisburgh –Clare Sanders 01473 735183
Hasketon –Wendy Gourlay 01728 685335
Otley - Jane Hall 01473 785251
Swilland –Jane Hall 01473 785251

**FEBRUARY 2ND
is the feast of Candlemas**

**Grundisburgh Celebrate their
Christingle Service at 11.00am**

Please put the date in your diary
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Childrens' Society will be available

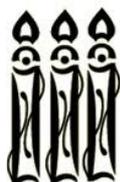
**Otley Celebrate their Christingle
Service at 11am**

at St Mary's Church, Otley. All welcome

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At Grundisburgh Church**

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Grundisburgh Parish Rooms
Swap Shop 5th February 10.30 – 11.30
Over a drink of tea or coffee

« Anyone for Coffee? »

We have opportunities at

Grundisburgh – February Saturday 1st &
Wednesday 5th at the Parish Rooms
10.30am-12 noon

WWW

WORSHIP IN WARMTH THIS WINTER



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**MESSAGE FROM CLARE AS
RECTOR**

GIVING GENEROUSLY IN GRACE

Each of our churches has a budget
unique to them for the year
ahead- covering costs of
maintaining and heating the
building, insurance, and the cost
of ministry and mission. Each of
our churches contributes to a
central fund which is paid to the
diocese "Parish Share", this
covers the stipends and housing
costs of clergy and their inservice
training and the costs of training
for future ministry – Elders-
Readers and Priests.

Our Carlford Parish Share is
£65,000- in addition we have
committed ourselves to giving an
additional £25,000 to assist those
parishes who are unable to raise
their full amount of Parish Share.
This makes a total of £90,000 for
us in the Carlford Benefice- which
is a reduction from our previous
share of £101,000.

Thank you for all that you do and
give to ensure that the ministry
and mission of our Church is as
lively and as caring as it can be.

Clare



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FUNSTERS

The Funsters will meet in Grundisburgh Parish Rooms on Wednesdays (5.30-6.30pm) from **September 2013 to July 2014**

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 11.45pm- for the end of the service.

Art- craft- stories- and more.

For Info- contact Jenny Sewell 01473 735329



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 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.

14th February – We'll cast our minds forward to the flowers of late spring as gives **John Dyter** an illustrated talk on **The Mystery and Magic of Chelsea**

FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT 2014
24 FEBRUARY – 9 MARCH



THE POWER OF YOU

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Fairtrade is about better prices, decent working conditions, local sustainability, and fair terms of trade for farmers and workers in the developing world.

Grundisburgh St. Mary's

Fairtrade Coffee Morning

Parish Room 10.30am Saturday 1st March

Big Brew

10.15am and 12.00am Sunday 9th March

Before and After 11.00am Service

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)

CARLFORD MEN'S GROUP 24th February

"Wellington trounces Napoleon
- tips and tactics for budding war gamers"

Meet at

Swiland's Moon and Mushroom

6.30pm

Contact Brian Williams to book your supper
by **Feb 17th** please [01473 785726](tel:01473785726)



THANK YOU

GRUNDISBURGH CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Thank you to everyone who gave a donation of money, flowers and time to make our church beautiful for Christmas. Pat Fletcher.

Woodbridge Deanery Lent Course 2014



St Felix Church, Rendlesham

Each Thursday in March at 7.30pm

Speaker: The Dean
of St Edmundsbury

The Very Revd Dr Frances Ward

"The Wild Patience"

Exploring the "wild patience" of
God, Jesus Christ,
the Church and humanity

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