

The Grapevine

News for the parishes of the Carlford Benefice

May 2014

"You'll Never [Ever] Walk Alone!"

One of the great things about football is that at its best it's unpredictable. The way the Premier League has opened up at the top since Alex Ferguson retired has surely made for a more exciting competition (unless you're a Man U. supporter of course!)

Life is sometimes compared to football (politicians scoring an own goal for instance. After all Bill Shankly said "Some people believe football is a matter of life and death – it's much much more important than that!") Life is often unpredictable – the collapse of banks, last winter's weather, the Arab Spring, Ukraine – almost coinciding with the Winter Olympics.

Some people think Christian faith gives certainty in life, even if they haven't tried it for themselves. A colleague of mine once said, "I think I'm certain of fewer things than when I came to faith many years ago, but I believe them much more passionately now – they are part of me." Someone I visited who was dying said to me, "I know I'll be with Jesus" (perhaps thinking of Jesus's words to the thief on the cross next to him.) But that assurance didn't take away the pain, or the fear, or the repeated disappointments, or the regret at what would be missed in this life. Nevertheless, there was the assurance that love, peace and joy do last for ever, and that anything we've been able to do in the cause of justice on this earth won't have been wasted.

"How can you be so certain?" people sometimes say. Christian faith is not a provable certainty, like in science or maths (though there are strong arguments for Christian beliefs.) It's more a personal assurance – personal because it comes from trust in a person – Jesus of Nazareth. Occasionally people say, "I wish I had your faith." Faith isn't a matter of being religious by temperament, or of being churchy. It doesn't make life predictable. We still mess up, have anxieties, face disappointments. But (to return to the football analogy), you know "you'll never [ever] walk alone!"

Fred Woods



Make Time, For 'Pilgrimage and Journeying' at The Suffolk Show 28-29th May 2014

During May half-term Trinity Park is transformed by agricultural, horticultural and craft displays, marquees housing the best of flowers & vegetables (not to mention the people!) a funfair, horse-jumping and all sorts of arena events, together making simply the *unique* Suffolk Show.

Amongst all the attractions this year don't miss the Church of England marquee housing, as it always does, a range of activities, refreshment and entertainment for children and adults alike.

Local flavour is added, as Wendy is one of three 'artistic Curates' who have been commissioned to produce a mural on the theme of the Diocesan Centenary – *Pilgrims in Time*. Extending over twelve metres in length it imaginatively depicts the influence of four key East Anglian saints – Edmund, Felix, Botolph and Ethelraeda. Visitors to the marquee are also invited to contribute to the design and execution of an altar frontal for the Cathedral.

Wendy will be there on both days - 28th, 29th May - so do pop in and see her.

Services across the Carlford Benefice

May 4th Easter 3

Acts: 214a, 36-41, Lk 24:13-35

8.00am	Holy Communion	Grundisburgh	CS
9.30am	Holy Communion	Burgh	MS
9.30am	Family Service	Hasketon	CS
9.30am	Holy Communion	Swilland	JaneH
11.00am	Holy Communion	Boulge	MS
11.00am	Family Service & Baptism of Leonardo Ling	Grundisburgh	CS
11.00am	Christian Aid Service	Otley	JaneH/JamesH

May 11th Easter 4

Acts 2:42-end, John 10:1-10, Ps 23

8.00am	Holy Communion	Grundisburgh	CS
9.30am	Holy Communion	Clopton	CS
9.30am	Par Euch	Hasketon	MS
11.00am	Family Service	Ashbocking	CB
11.00am	Holy Communion Par Euch	Grundisburgh	MS
11.00am	Holy Communion BCP	Otley	CS
6.30pm	Evensong	Boulge	CS

May 18th Easter 5

Acts 7:55-end, John 14:1-14, Ps 31:1-5, 15-16

8.00am	Holy Communion	Grundisburgh	CS
9.30am	Family Holy Communion	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	Family Service	Swilland	CB

May 25th Easter 6 Rogation Sunday

Acts 17:22-31, John 14:15-21, Ps 66:7-18

8.00am	Holy Communion	Grundisburgh	JW
9.30am	Morning Prayer	Burgh	JamesH
9.30am	Family Holy Communion	Hasketon	WG
11.00am	Rogation Service	Clopton	JaneH
11.00am	Family Holy Communion	Grundisburgh	WG
6.30pm	Evensong	Otley	JamesH

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 May

5 th	Holy Communion BCP	Hasketon	9.30am
7 th	Holy Communion BCP	Grundisburgh	9.30am
19 th	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

What's On across the Carlford Benefice

May:-

2nd Coffee Morning 10.30am-11.30am **Clopton Village Hall**

3rd Grundisburgh Coffee Morning 10.30am-12.00noon

6th Communications Group meet at 24 Post Mill Gardens, **Grundisburgh** at 8.00pm

7th SWAPSHOP Grundisburgh 10.15-11.30am

8th Otley Coffee Morning 10.00am-12.00noon at the home of Nigel And Pauline Crowley, **10 Spring Park.**

8th Tiddlywinks Toddler Group in **Grundisburgh Church** 2.30pm-5.15pm

9th 2nd Friday Group - **Hasketon Victory Hall**, 7.15pm £5 each.

12th Beyond Alpha **Hasketon** 10.30am-12noon

12th Burgh Prayer Group 6.30pm

12th 2nd Monday Housegroup - Quaker & Amish Churches 7.30pm. Contact Robert Fletcher 01473 735775.

14th Carlford Churchwardens meet 7.30pm **Grundisburgh Parish Rooms**

15th 9.30am Otley Pastoral Committee meet at the home of Karin Upson **16 Spring Park, Otley**

17th Royal Archaeological Institute visit **Boulge Church** 11.15am.

20th Archdeacons Deanery Visitation at **Grundisburgh Church** - swearing in of Churchwardens 7.30pm

21st Clopton Coffee morning 10am - 12noon at the **Village Hall.**

22nd Hasketon Victory Hall Community Lunch 12.15pm

22nd Tiddlywinks Toddler Group **Grundisburgh Church** 2.30pm-3.15pm

26th Beyond Alpha **Hasketon** 10.30am-12noon

MESSAGE FROM CLARE AS RECTOR

It was a great delight to welcome Doris Main, Jenny Taylor, Jane Hilliar, Jane Woods and Richard Pepper as Elders on March 30th.

Jane W and Richard are also exploring Reader ministry and if selected for training by the diocese will serve as Elders for a year, as part of their Reader training.

Our AGMs held during April have made us all aware that all of us are called to live out our faith in different ways – we cannot be a Church- the Body of Christ- unless we all give of the gifts that God has entrusted to us – so I thank God for all of you in your witnessing of your faith in daily life, and especially with those who have the gifts of administration, care of finance, buildings and churchyards, and those who share in the pastoral and liturgical ministry of our churches- thank you.

Clare

GRUNDISBURGH EASTER FLOWERS

Thank you for your donations of time, talent, flowers and money that made our church look so lovely for Easter.

Pat Fletcher



Grundisburgh Parish Rooms



Swap Shop 7th May

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 – May Saturday 3rd and Wednesday 7th at the Parish Rooms 10.30am-12 noon

Ashbocking – May Friday 2nd – at the home of Mike and Sue Surrige at 9 Nelson Close Ashbocking 10.30am-11.30am

Otley – May Thursday 8th at the home of Nigel and Pauline Crowley, 10 Spring Park, Otley. 10am – 12 noon

Clopton – May Wednesday 21st at the Village Hall 10am – 12 noon

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.

9th May – A return visit from Ted Wheatley, who this time will entertain us with his talk '10,000 Miles in Africa'

13th June - Edward and Mrs Simpson will be the subject of our talk by William Tyler



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

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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

FAMILY PET SERVICES



The Otley Family Pet service will be at 11am at Otley Village Hall on Sunday 1 June and the Ashbocking Pet service will be at Ashbocking church on Sunday 8 June at 11am. All pets welcome, on leads or in cages, plus poop scoops and bags please. They will be blessed.

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' or 'Human AND Divine'? When: At Birth; Baptised; Death; Resurrection; Ascension?**
Hebrews1:3; 2:14-15; John1:1, 14, 18; Mark1:12-13; Philippians2:5-7; Colossians1:15-16; Matthew1:20; Luke1:35; Mark1:9-11; Matthew3:13-17; Luke3:21-22; Mark15:33-39; Luke24:44-47; John20:26-31; 21:4-25
- 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?**
Luke11:2-4; Matthew6:5-14; Luke22:40-46; 1Corinthians10:13; Hebrews4:14-16; Mark11:22, 25; Ephesians4:32; Colossians3:12-14; John17:6-11, 13-19; John20:21-23
- Session Three – June 9th JONAH-A 'small' book with a 'BIG' message!
Luke11:28; Ezekiel33:11; Luke11:29-32; Matthew12:39-41; Psalm36:6; Psalm145:16; Ezekiel18:21-23
- Session Four – June 23rd Spirits - Angels: What are they? God's Creation? Are there different kinds?
Exodus23:20; Luke1:26; 2:7; Acts12:5; Psalm91:9; Matthew4:1-11; Luke20:36; Hebrews2:6; Hebrews13:2; 1Thessalonians4:16; Matthew28:5-7; Acts1:10-11; 1Samuel4:4; Genesis 3:24; Revelation1:1; 2:5; 12:11-12; 20:3, 13-14; Matthew10:1; Ephesians6:12
- **Session Five – July 7th Creation/Environment - How should we treat it? What are our responsibilities?**
Genesis1:2; Nehemiah9:6; Psalm24:1-2; Genesis1:26-30; Genesis2:7; Genesis8:22; Genesis 9:1-3; Psalm8:4-8; Genesis2:15-16; Deuteronomy22:6-7; Proverbs27:23-27; Hosea4:2-3; Psalm115:16

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

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

OTLEY BIG LUNCH SUNDAY 1ST JUNE

We are holding another Big Lunch in the village on Sunday 1st June as part of a national initiative. You are all invited to come along. Plans are being developed all ideas are welcome! If you are interested in helping or being involved do ring or email me (Jane Hall 785251 or allthealls@tiscali.co.uk) or come and join us at the White Hart on Wed 14th May at 7.30pm

The outline for the day includes:-

- 11 am - Open Air Pet Service - your animals are welcome but should be suitably restrained and protected!
- 12.30 - Picnic time – bring your own food, drink and chairs or rugs
- 1.30 - Organised games including football and rounders
- 2.30 - Traditional races, a treasure hunt and other attractions
- 3.30 – Music, raffle and clear up

It is intended to be an informal time of fun for all ages, families and residents. Do come and join us.

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.