

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 8th between 7.30pm-9.00pm and 12th 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 1st 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 7th Trinity 12

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

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| 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 14th Trinity 13

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

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| 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 21st Trinity 14

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

If Harvest, consult with clergy

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| 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 28th 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

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| 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

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| 8 th September | Holy Communion BCP | Hasketon | 9.30am |
| 10 th September | Holy Communion BCP | Grundisburgh | 9.30am |
| 22 nd 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 3rd at the Parish Rooms 10.30am-12 noon

Ashbocking - September Friday 5th at Otley Hall 10.30am - 12 noon

Otley - September Thursday 11th at the home of, John & Helen Jay, 7 Spring Park, Otley 10am - 12 noon

Clopton - September Wednesday 17th at the Village Hall 10am - 12 noon

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

3rd SWAPSHOP Grundisburgh Parish Rooms 10.15am-11.30am

4th Celebration of Shared Ministry 7.00pm at the

Cathedral in Bury St Edmunds

5th Ashbocking Coffee Morning at **Otley Hall** 10.30am - 11.30am

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

6th **Burgh** 11.00am Wedding of Maston King and Carol Pallant

6th 2.00pm **Grundisburgh Church Fete** - see details elsewhere

8th 7.30pm - 9.00pm PILGRIM - a course to explore our faith **Grundisburgh Rectory** - see details elsewhere

8th 2nd Monday Housegroup 7.30pm Contact Robert Fletcher 01473 735775 - see details elsewhere

9th Benefice Music Group practice **Grundisburgh Church** 7.00pm-8.00pm

10th Funsters start back 5.30pm **Grundisburgh Parish Rooms**

11th Coffee Morning at John and Helen Jay's **7 Spring Park, Otley** 10.00am - 12 noon

11th Woodbridge Deanery Chapter meet in **Otley Church** at 12.00 noon - for a Eucharist- all welcome

11th**Grundisburgh Church** 2.30pm "Tiddlywinks" Toddler Group

12th 10.30am - 12 noon PILGRIM **Grundisburgh Rectory** - see details elsewhere

13th Bike Ride Saturday - see details elsewhere

15th Prayer Group meets 6.30pm **Burgh School Room**

15th Benefice Music Group practice **Grundisburgh Church** 7.00pm-8.00pm

15th 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 and tel [01473785726](tel:01473785726) or [07768285670](tel:07768285670)

15th 7.30pm-9.00pm PILGRIM MEETS **Grundisburgh Rectory** - see details elsewhere

16th 2.00pm Boulge PCC meet in **Woodbridge**

16th 7.30pm Grundisburgh, Burgh and Hasketon PCCs meet at **Grundisburgh School**

17th **Clopton Village Hall** Coffee Morning 10.00am- 12 noon

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

18th 7.30pm COSA Churchwardens meet with the Ministry Team

19th 10.30am - 12 noon PILGRIM MEETS **Grundisburgh Rectory** - see details elsewhere

22nd 7.30pm-9.00pm PILGRIM MEETS **Grundisburgh Rectory** - see details elsewhere

23rd STORYTIME begins at **Otley School** 3.20pm

23rd 7.30pm Post Confirmation Group meets at

3 Meeting Lane, Grundisburgh

25th Hasketon Community Lunch 12 noon

25th **Grundisburgh Church** 2.30pm "Tiddlywinks" Toddler Group

26th 10.30am - 12 noon PILGRIM MEETS **Grundisburgh Rectory** - see details elsewhere

28th **Grundisburgh Church** 2.30pm Wedding of Stuart Wells and Charmian White

29th STORYTIME begins at **Grundisburgh School** 3.20pm

29th Prayer Group **Burgh School Room** 6.30pm

29th 7.30pm-9.00pm PILGRIM MEETS **Grundisburgh Rectory** see details elsewhere

30th 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 31st October, then on 28th November, possibly a week earlier in December to allow for a Christmas meal or something, 30th January 2015, 27th February, 27th 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 26-27th.

Please prayerfully consider is this something you could do. Give me a ring if you would like to talk it through [01473 735183](tel:01473735183)"

Clare Sanders

HARVEST FESTIVALS

Swilland - **Sunday 21st 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 21st September** at 9.30am at **St Botolph's Church, Burgh. Harvest Supper** is on **Saturday 20th September** at 7pm. Please let Gillian know if you would like tickets £5.00 01473 735273 or gilliangurdon@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 4th October** 10.00am -12 noon. "The Traditional Harvest" supper is also **4th 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 5th October** at 11.00am at **St Mary The Virgin, Otley.**

Hasketon Harvest Festival is on **Sunday 12th 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.wgourlay@gmail.com



Grundisburgh Church Fete on the Green Saturday 6th 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 3rd 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 6TH 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 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 - 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)

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.

12th September - Science journalist/author of 'A piece
of the Sun' **Dan Clery** will talk to us about **Fusion
Energy**. Fusion is the process that 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.

Boulton - 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 19th 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 10th 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**

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

**Grundisburgh Church
2.30 - 3.15pm**

Activities, stories, songs,
drinks & refreshments

CARLFORD NETWORK GROUP

17th 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 or 01473 738492.

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.