

**The Grapevine
News for the parishes of
The Carlford Benefice
June 2016**

'Extraordinary Ordinary Time'

After the great festivals of, May - Pentecost and June - Trinity, the Christian calendar begins the season of Ordinary Time. I always feel this is a rather downbeat title and personally prefer to call these weeks 'growing time', a heading that would even marry up with the 'green' colour of church vestments worn. June begins a sustained period of bible teaching when we can take stock of what it means to live in a community as a Christian; to consider what our purpose in life is; to refocus perhaps, or certainly sharpen up, the direction of our efforts and energies in life.

I write this in the knowledge that for our family, like some others in the benefice, this year's June will be anything other than ordinary: for we celebrate the gift of marriage. I think I speak on behalf of all the ministry team in saying that Marriages are wonderful Pastoral Offices to be involved in. They enable relationships to be formed and nurtured, and faith in Christ to grow. However, it is not often that a son or daughter asks their parent to conduct the marriage ceremony itself – but such is the case on June 4th, 2pm at St Mary's Church, Grundisburgh. For me this is a huge privilege, deeply meaningful and certainly a high point of my priestly calling. So, with butterflies in my stomach, even now, in twilight years, I am still growing in God.

The hymns and readings, chosen by Kirsty and Simon, have taken on new meaning as I read them afresh, overlaid on all the experiences and events occurring on sacred ground. Our churches are where people gather to give thanks to God - I recall weekly Sunday worship, Holy Communion, choir practice, baptisms, funerals (too many of late), confirmation services, weddings, crib exhibitions, concerts, and so much more.

I come to the conclusion that there is nothing ordinary about living with Christ.

If you can celebrate with us, we'd love to see you – weddings in churches are public occasions. If however, you read this after 4th June, then please reflect upon the following words, and how they relate to your own life (whether you are married or not) for 'God's is the glory known in this place.'

God, in the planning and purpose of life, hallowed the union of husband and wife;
This we embody where love is displayed, rings are presented and promises made.

Jesus was found, at a similar feast, taking the roles of both waiter and priest,
Turning the worldly towards the divine, tears into laughter and water to wine.

Therefore we pray that his spirit preside over the wedding of bridegroom and bride.
Fulfilling all that they've hoped will come true, lighting with love all they dream of and do.

Praise then the Maker, the Spirit, the Son; Source of the love through which two are made one.
God's is the glory, the goodness and grace seen in this marriage and known in this place.

(Sung to the tune Slane – perhaps better known as Lord of all hopefulness.)

Rev'd Wendy Gourlay

Services across the Carlford Benefice

June 5th 2nd SaT

Galatians 1:1-end, Luke 7:11-17

8.00am	Holy Communion	Grundisburgh	CS
9.30am	Holy Communion	Burgh	JW
9.30am	Pet Service	Hasketon	CS
9.30am	Holy Communion	Swilland	CB
11.00am	Holy Communion	Boulge	JamesH
11.00am	Pet Service	Grundisburgh	CS
11.00am	Family Service and Baptism	Otley	JaneH

June 12th 3rd SaT

As per orders of Service

8.00am	Holy Communion	Grundisburgh	CS
9.30am	Celebration Service	Hasketon	JW
11.00am	Celebratory Eucharist with Bishop Mike Harrison	Ashbocking	CB
11.00am	Holy Communion	Grundisburgh	CS
	Songs of Praise		
12.0pm	Open Air Service of Thanksgiving at The Recreation Ground	Otley	JaneH
6.30pm	Songs of Praise	Clopton	JaneH/CS

June 19th 4th SaT

Galatians 3:23-29, Luke 8:26-39, Psalm 22:19-28

8.00am	Holy Communion	Grundisburgh	JW
9.30am	Morning Prayer	Hasketon	Lay Led
9.30am	Holy Communion	Otley	JaneH
11.00am	Songs of Praise	Burgh	CS
11.00am	Morning Prayer	Grundisburgh	BH
11.00am	Family Service	Swilland	JaneH
6.30pm	Songs of Praise	Boulge	CS

June 26th 5th SaT

Galatians 5:1,13-25, Luke 9:51-end, Psalm 16

8.00am	Holy Communion	Grundisburgh	FW
9.30am	Morning Prayer	Burgh	FW/JaneW
9.30am	Family Holy Communion	Hasketon	WG
11.00am	Family Service	Clopton	FW/JaneW
11.00am	Family Holy Communion	Grundisburgh	WG
6.30pm	Evensong	Otley	WG

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, JaneW - Jane Woods, IW - Ian Wilson, PI - Philip Ind, TBC - To be Confirmed

Other Services in June

June 6th	Holy Communion BCP	Hasketon	9.30am
June 8th	Holy Communion BCP	Grundisburgh	9.30am
June 20th	Holy Communion BCP	Hasketon	9.30am

Sunday June 5th Animal Service

Bring your animal friends with you



Owners remain responsible for them throughout the service

9.30am at Hasketon
11.00am at Grundisburgh

What's On across the Carlford Benefice

1st "Going Deeper" Homegroup, Manor Farm, The Green, Ashbocking 10.00am.

3rd Ashbocking Coffee Morning 10.30am - 12 noon at the home of John and Jan Bates of 4 Ashley Grange, Ashbocking

4th Swilland Coffee Morning at the home of Ann Kent of Red Court, Swilland 10.00am - 11.30am

4th Grundisburgh Parish Room Coffee Morning 10.30am-12.00 noon

4th Weddings:-

Simon and Kirsty 2.00pm at Grundisburgh

Tom and Abi 2.00pm at Hasketon

6th Beyond Alpha 10.30am - 12 noon meets in Grundisburgh Church - see details elsewhere

7th Craft and Coffee at Shrubbery Farm, Hasketon 10.00am - 12 noon.

8th SWAPSHOP - Grundisburgh Parish Room from 10.15am - 11.30am

9th TIDDLYWINKS Grundisburgh Church **Tiddlywinks** for preschool children 2.30pm

10th 2nd Fridays Group 7.15pm Hasketon Victory Hall

12th For the **Queen's Birthday celebrations** please see boxed info

13th Knit and Stitch Burgh Schoolroom 10.30am-12.30pm. All welcome. Details 01473 735544

13th Benefice Prayer Group meet in Grundisburgh Upper Room 5.00pm

13th Monday House Group, Grundisburgh 7.30pm

14th 7.30pm Deanery Synod at Clopton Village Hall - if you are interested in issues concerning Mental Health - please do join us

15th "Going Deeper" Homegroup, Manor Farm, The Green, Ashbocking 10.00am.

15th 10.00am-12.00noon **Clopton Coffee Morning** in the village hall

16th Social Bridge Burgh Schoolroom 7.15pm All levels, tuition available 01473 735544

18th Burgh Soup Lunch 12 noon - 1.30pm

18th Wedding of Michael and Nicky 2.00pm at Hasketon

19th Queen's Birthday celebrations continue on June 19th-please see boxed info

23rd 10.00am **Otley Coffee Morning** at the home of Geoff and Ann Robinson of Southview, Chapel Road, Otley

23rd Hasketon Community Lunch 12.15pm

23rd TIDDLYWINKS Grundisburgh Church **Tiddlywinks** for preschool children 2.30pm

25th Clopton Strawberry Tea 2.30pm onwards - see details elsewhere

25th Ashbocking Quiz night 6.00pm - 10.00pm See details elsewhere

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

Ashbocking & Swilland

Catherine Beaumont- 01473 890264

Burgh, Boulge & Grundisburgh

Clare Sanders 01473 735183

Clopton & Otley

Jane Hall 01473 785251

Hasketon

Wendy Gourlay 01728 685335

Fast Broadband from your Church Tower

The Church always welcomes the opportunity to work in and with the community and a new opportunity has presented itself whereby the church parishes of Ashbocking, Boulge, Burgh, Clopton, Grundisburgh, Hasketon, Otley and Swilland, collectively known as the Carlford Benefice, have taken the first step to improve the speed of broadband in our area.

How can they do that you might ask? Well we have interviewed 3 suppliers of Wi-Fi (wireless) broadband and have invited County Broadband to use our church towers as relay stations for their service.

However it doesn't just stop there. As a commercial undertaking County Broadband will only come into our area if there is a sufficient take up of their service by householders and businesses.

So to take the second step we all need to play our part, whether we live within or outside the Carlford Benefice, by coming along to one of the public meetings at Grundisburgh Village Hall at 7.30pm on 14th June or at Otley Village Hall at 7.30pm on 15th June. County Broadband will talk to us about what they can provide and what it will cost. We will be able to ask them ANY questions we may have about any aspect of the arrangement.

Please come along and decide for yourself whether County Broadband can provide the broadband service you need and at the right price for you.

Should County Broadband proceed Carlford Benefice will receive £600 per year for every tower that is used as a relay station. The money received, as part of this community project, will be divided equally between all 8 of the churches.

Carlford Benefice Broadband Group

fast village broadband is up to you!

Bringing superfast broadband to our village depends on YOUR cooperation.

We are planning a community led project that needs your support.

So join us to discuss how we can improve broadband in our villages

14th June 2016

at the Grundisburgh Village Hall
at 7.30pm

OR

15th June 2016

At the Otley Village Hall
At 7.30pm



'Beyond Alpha' – Spring 2016 What do we really know about these Bible topics...?

Held at Grundisburgh Church (Coffee area), 10.30am
– 12.00 noon on **June 6th**

The meetings will be facilitated by Revd Wendy Gourlay. Tea and coffee will be available and a warm welcome to all. A small charge of £1 per session covers costs.

In the remaining session we will consider - 'What do we really know about:

Session 5 - June 06th **Biblical Topic** – "Sell your possessions & give to the poor"

Haven't been along yet, why ever not?

Join us this Spring 2016

Enquiries: Paul on: 01473 738474 or
paulwiffen222@btinternet.com



SIGNPOST

This month we are signposting....An online way to help you pray:- Google "Rejesus Daily Prayer"

Opening Clock

The first screen shows you that it knows what day and time it is and lets you know if you are doing morning, daytime or night prayer. It draws you from the busyness of life and the environment of computers into a deeper world of imagery and focus on Christ. The meditative 'Jesus Clock' could symbolise Jesus' presence with us every second.

Traditionally daily prayers have had different focus for each day. Sunday focusses on Jesus' death and **resurrection**. Monday is the Holy spirit and mission and so on through the week. With the rejesus daily prayer Each day of the week, Sunday to Saturday, Jesus is given an alternative name to mirror this tradition. The large background image also emphasises that name.

Beginning prayer

The opening prayer is where you can focus your thoughts and attention on prayer. It gets you into the mood. There is a different prayer for the three different times of the day - morning, daytime and night.

Each of these prayers asks you to think about your situation or mood by asking you some questions to promote thought. It then finishes with a prayer.

The story

In this Jesus focused daily prayer there are 31 stories taken from the four gospels (the first four books of the New Testament) and from Acts (the next book that talks about what happened next...).

Each day of the month you will get a different story that shows a glimpse of Jesus life. Some of these might be familiar and well known. Others might be new to you. Each story has some thoughts or ideas for meditation that can help you reflect more on the passage.

Prayer exercise

After the bible passage there is time given to prayer. There are a range of different prayer exercises to try from simply sitting in silence to pouring out the desires of your heart. Give them a try. Prayer can be much more than sitting with your eyes closed and your hands together.

The world

The daily prayer finishes off with a suggestion of some action that can take what you have received and give out to the world around you. These actions tie the daily prayer together as they relate to the name of Jesus for that day.



FANCY A COFFEE?



We have opportunities, throughout June, at **Ashbocking** – Friday 3rd at the home of Jan and Jon Bates of 4 Ashley Grange, Ashbocking 10.30am – 12 noon

Clopton –Wednesday 15th at the Village Hall 10am – 12 noon

Grundisburgh –Saturday 4th at 10.30am-12 noon and then Wednesday 8th 10.15am – 11.30am at Grundisburgh Parish Rooms

Hasketon – Tuesday 7th at Shrubbery Farm, Hasketon 10.00am – 12 noon

Otley – Thursday 23rd at the home of Geoff and Ann Robinson of Southview, Chapel Road, Otley 10.00am-12 noon

Swilland – Saturday 4th June at 10.00am – 11.30am at the home of Ann Kent of Red Court, Swilland

Burgh Events

Sunday 12th June 2.30pm

Birthday Celebrations for The Queen
The Barn, Mill House, Mill Hill, Burgh
Please bring a plate of sweet or savoury finger food for sharing. Further details phone Sally 738877 or Anne 735544

Monday 13th June

Knit and Stitch 10.30am – 12.30pm
All welcome, help available, plenty of tea and chat!

Thursday 16th June

Social Bridge 7.30pm – 9.30pm
Come and learn the basics

Saturday 18th June

12 noon – 1.30pm Soup Lunch
Burgh Schoolroom Homemade soup £3.50
Dessert £1.50 Tea/Coffee free

Sunday 19th June

A challenge for St Botolph's Burgh to have one person for every year of the Queen's life in Church for the Queen's birthday Service at 11am. 90 year olds are going to be ESPECIALLY welcome!!

Saturday 30th July

Garden party in aid of St. Boltoph's to be held at Burgh Croft at 2pm. Music, tea, Bucks Fizz and Punch and Judy

Don't forget the Bike Ride on

September 10th

Burgh need lots of cyclists

2ND FRIDAYS

Hasketon Victory Hall

You are very welcome to join us for Ploughman's Supper 7.15pm £5 each

Please let **Katherine Smith – 01473 735579** know if you wish to come

June 10th - To be confirmed, either **A Soldiers Experiences of the War in Afghanistan** by **Iain Murison** OR **Southern African Safari**. Travel from Cape Town to the Zambian side of Victoria Falls with **Hilary and Trevor Hill**.

WHITE HOUSE FARM WILDLIFE SITE

in Hasketon and Burgh (IP13 6JP)

The open season at this special 115-acre wildlife site runs from May to September each year and visitors can now follow a signed nature trail through the wildflower meadows and woodland. Visit the site in mid to late June to see magnificent displays of orchids and see the conservation herd of cattle grazing the meadows.

A guided walk is taking place on **Sunday 26th June** starting at 2.30 pm.

Further details can be found at www.sinfieldtrust.org or contact [01394 382992](tel:01394382992).

A WEEKEND OF CELEBRATION

JUNE

10TH 11TH 12TH



FLOWER FESTIVAL

OUR QUEEN A LIFETIME OF SERVICE

St Mary's Church for 3 days starting on Friday 10th June
Open from 10am to 6pm except Sunday when open from 1:30pm to 9pm.

Light refreshments available

A STREET PARTY

in the School grounds on Saturday 11th June at 2:30
The Lunch Club, The Lyttelton Club, Children of Primary School age and below
Games and Races for the Children followed by Tea and Entertainment
from the School Choir, Upbeat and Music from the 9 decades

THE DOG

Mini Beer and Cider Festival
Plus Something Extra Special

A SPECIAL SONGS OF PRAISE

Sunday 12th at 11 o'clock in St Mary's

MUSICAL FIREWORK DISPLAY

Sunday 12th at 9:15pm on The Village Green



Flower Festival



Our Queen A Lifetime of Service

St. Mary's Church
Grundisburgh IP13 6TA

Fri 10th & Sat 11th June 10am - 6pm

Sunday 12th 1.30pm - 9pm

Light refreshments available

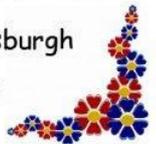
Followed on Sunday by Fireworks on The Green

Also open on

Saturday 18th & Sunday 19th June 2pm - 6pm

Hidden Gardens - Grundisburgh

Refreshments in the Parish Room



The Flower Festival will remain open on the Sunday evening until the fire work display so we thought we could use our beautiful church as a venue where anyone could come along and show off their musical talent, share their musical talent. Between 6pm and 9pm. So you are invited to come to St Mary's, Grundisburgh and share your musical talents in a very informal way. Bring an instrument if you wish or just sing we would love to hear you.

ALL SAINTS CHURCH ASHBOCKING

FUN! PRESENTS FAMILY

QUIZ
NIGHT

RAFFLE
Ticket price includes BBQ and dessert
PRIZES

BAR

Tickets
£10 Adults
£5 Children under 16
Under 2's go free
Family Ticket
2 Adults + 2 Children £25

Contact John Pollard
to register (max 5 per
team) and for tickets on
890836

AT ASHBOCKING CHURCH
SATURDAY 25th JUNE 6pm
IP6 9LG

THE CARLFORD BENEFICE GROUP

15th June Carlford Benefice Group in the Grundisburgh Parish Room
Rev Jane Hall will be speaking on 'The Holy Land revisited or how to survive a 'relaxed pilgrimage'.

Come and share in the experiences of the Coastland Pilgrims when they travelled in the footsteps of Jesus last autumn - from dancing on the Sea of Galilee via a Bethlehem orphanage and Arab souk to a Dead Sea dip. Jane, Rev Catherine Beaumont and some of the survivors will tell you more.

Monday House Group Grundisburgh

We meet next at 7.30pm
On June 13th

Looking at the NOOMA series of short films that explore our world from a perspective of Jesus.

An invitation to search, question and join the discussion.

Contact Robert 01473 735 775

Otley and District Gardening Club
7.30pm on the first Monday of each month



Otley Village Hall, Chapel Road, Otley
Invited speakers on a wide range of subjects

Date for Your Diaries

24th September

Trip to Beth Chatto Gardens, Essex.
COACH DAY-TRIP - to see the lovely Beth Chatto Gardens in late summer colour.
GREAT VALUE - Cost only £15 inclusive of coach and garden entrance (normally £6.95)

For details contact Alan Trevelyan
on [01473 890563](tel:01473890563)
or atrevelyan62@gmail.com

CLOPTON STRAWBERRY TEA

25th June from 2.30pm onwards
At Thamanyia, Shop Road, Clopton
Enjoy delicious strawberries and cream,
homemade cakes, relax
and chat with friends

**Come & Celebrate
the Queen's 90th Birthday**



We are planning to celebrate the Queen's
90th Birthday celebrations in Otley on

SUNDAY 12th JUNE

You are invited to be part of the BIG LUNCH
event which will include:-

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| 12 noon | Service of thanksgiving |
| 1.00 pm | Big Lunch (BYO picnic & drinks, rugs or chairs, no BBQ's please), a children's treasure Hunt & An exhibition of Otley in the last 9 decades |
| 2.00 pm | Activities on the playing field including:-
Rounders
Races & games
Tug of war
Apple bobbing
Competitions in Otley Village Hall (Details from Otley Post Office |
| 4 pm | Community tea - (BYO cup & saucer) in the car park |

BBC

Bible Book Club

A small group - those of faith, agnostics,
& atheists -interested in the historical context of
Christian literature.

We meet in Grundisburgh on the third Tuesday of
just four months each year, our next meeting will
be on **July 19th 2016** at 10.30am We are
discussing '**The Greatest Prayer**' by **John
Dominic Crossan**.

Why not get a copy and start reading now, we
would be very pleased to have you come along.
Please let us know if you would like to join us.
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For the Queen's 90th Birthday



There are celebrations across the benefice

June 12th 9.30am in Hasketon a Celebration of 90 Years

11.00am in Ashbocking - Village Celebration Service (with
communion), led by Bishop Mike Harrison

11.00am **Songs of Praise** in Grundisburgh Church

In Otley – the **BIG LUNCH**- with worship- picnic- games-
tea from 12.00noon- at the Recreation ground

In Burgh 2.30pm – village **BBQ** by kind invitation of the
Creasy's

In Clopton – churchyard **picnic tea** followed by **Songs of
Praise** at 6.30pm

June 19th 11.00am **Songs of Praise** in Burgh Church

In Boulge – **Songs of Praise** 6.30pm – with combined
choirs from Grundisburgh and Melton

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
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