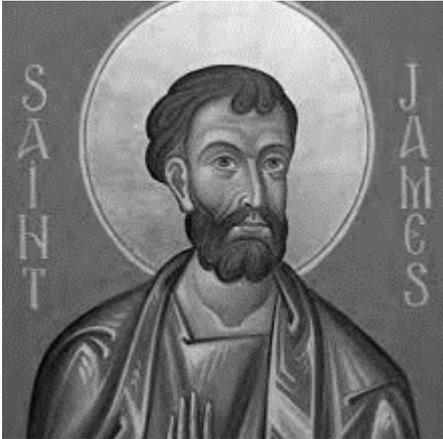


**The Grapevine
News for the parishes of
The Carlford Benefice
July 2016**

ST JAMES, THE APOSTLE



25th July will be of particular significance to me this year. It is the feast day of St. James the apostle, brother of John and patron saint of Spain, where he is supposed to have taken the Gospel before returning to Palestine and execution by Herod. In May, Jane, Ingrid McIvor and I joined a pilgrimage led by Canon Philip Banks from the cathedral at Bury, which is dedicated to St. James, to Santiago (Iago is James in Spanish) di Compostela in N.W. Spain, walking the Camino Ingles (the English Way). Compostela is the third most visited Christian site after the Holy Land and Rome; thousands still make the journey every year. Watch the film "The Way" to get a flavour of the route from the Pyrenees, an arduous five week trek, which makes our 80 miles over six days seem very relaxed.

I am not convinced by the story that, after his death, friends of the saint took his bones in a rudderless stone boat until it landed on the Spanish coast, nor that some of those bones are in the casket under the altar of the cathedral at Compostela. Nevertheless, when the crowds had dispersed and for a few moments I was alone in front of the casket, I felt deeply moved by the knowledge that I share the same name and the same faith as the saint, and that like him, I have been called to follow and serve the same Lord. I

too lose my temper, am impetuous and slow to understand the Gospel.

I can't report a Damascus road vision or an audible word from God; I didn't burn my clothes at Cape Finisterre ("end of the earth") as many pilgrims do in token of starting life afresh; I didn't come to any dramatic decision. What I hope did happen was that I let go and let God more than I normally do. How? Each day's walk required me to trust in the yellow arrows and the scallop shells (the pilgrim's symbol to be seen on most statues of St. James) that mark the Camino. I had no map and no real idea of what lay in store, making my appreciation of my surroundings that much sharper. Walking necessitates travelling light and it frees the mind to savour the presence of God in the natural and human worlds through which we travel.

As we talked with our companions on the Camino, it became clear that most of them were experiencing the same and that they too had things they needed to let go. Side by side conversation can explore depths not usually reached by routine social or domestic chat and it was a privilege to be trusted by others and to trust them in return, respecting one another's dual needs both to unburden and to share in silence.

I am very thankful to my companions and to Philip for his excellent leadership and administration. They would all acknowledge, however, that pilgrimage happens daily in Suffolk for all of us, that God is just as present in all our journeys here, and that we have good travelling companions at hand. So, thank you too, fellow pilgrims of the Carlford benefice, as together we let go and let God.

"Do not walk before me, I may not follow; do not walk behind me, I may not lead; but walk beside me and be my friend".

James Hall

Services across the Carlford Benefice

July 3rd 6th SaT

Isaiah 66.10-14, Psalm 66.1-8, Galatians 6.(1-6) 7-16,

Luke 10.1-11, 16-20

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

July 10th 7th SaT

Deuteronomy 30.9-14, Psalm 25.1-10, Colossians 1.1-14,

Luke 10.25-37

8.00am	Holy Communion	Grundisburgh	CS
9.30am	Par Eucharist	Hasketon	JW
9.30am	Holy Communion	Clopton	JaneH
11.00am	Holy Communion & Baptism	Ashbocking	JaneH
11.00am	Par Eucharist	Grundisburgh	CS
6.30pm	Evensong	Boulge	CS

July 17th 8th SaT

Genesis 18.1-10a, Psalm 15, Colossians 1.15-28, Luke 10.38-42

8.00am	Holy Communion	Grundisburgh	JW
9.30am	Family Holy Communion	Burgh	FW/JaneW
9.30am	Morning Prayer	Hasketon	Lay Led
9.30am	Holy Communion	Otley	CS
11.00am	Holy Communion	Boulge	FW/JaneW
11.00am	Morning Prayer	Grundisburgh	BH
11.00am	Family Service	Swilland	CS

July 24th 9th SaT

Genesis 18.20-32, Psalm 138, Colossians 2.6-15 (16-19),

Luke 11.1-13

8.00am	Holy Communion	Grundisburgh	CS
9.30am	Morning Prayer	Burgh	RP
9.30am	Family Holy Communion	Hasketon	CS
11.00am	Family Service	Clopton	JamesH
11.00am	Family Holy Communion	Grundisburgh	CS
6.30pm	Evensong	Otley	JamesH

July 31st 10th SaT

Ecclesiastes 1.2, 12-14; 2.18-23, Psalm 49.1-12, Colossians 3.1-11,

Luke 12.13-21

8.00am	Holy Communion	Grundisburgh	CS
11.00am	Benefice Service	Boulge	CS

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 July

July 4th	Holy Communion BCP	Hasketon	9.30am
July 6th	Holy Communion BCP	Grundisburgh	9.30am
July 18th	Holy Communion BCP	Hasketon	9.30am

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

What's On across the Carlford Benefice

1st Ashbocking Coffee Morning 10.30am - 12 noon at the home of the Stoddards of Wellsacks, The Green, Ashbocking

2nd Grundisburgh Parish Room Coffee Morning 10.30am-12 noon

2nd Exploring Prayer Day @ the Cathedral - see details elsewhere

5th Craft and Coffee at Shrubbery Farm, Hasketon 10.00am - 12 noon.

6th "Going Deeper" Homegroup, Manor Farm, The Green, Ashbocking 10.00am.

6th SWAPSHOP - Grundisburgh Parish Room from 10.15am - 11.30am

8th 2nd Fridays Group 7.15pm Hasketon Victory Hall

10th Grundisburgh Symphony Orchestra, 3pm Grundisburgh Village Hall. Tickets only £1 (pre-schoolers free) Olde Forge Stores and Grundisburgh School

11th Knit and Stitch Burgh Schoolroom 10.30am-12.30pm. All welcome. Details 01473 735544

11th Benefice Prayer Group meet in Grundisburgh Upper Room 5.00pm

11th Lunar Ladies at The Moon and Mushroom, Swilland 7pm.

14th COSA Pastoral Committee meet at 9.30am at Karin Upson's

14th TIDDLYWINKS Grundisburgh Church for preschool children 2.30pm

16th Grundisburgh Village Show

19th Bible Book Club 10.30am - see details elsewhere

20th 10.00am-12 noon **Clopton Coffee Morning** in the village hall

20th "Going Deeper" Homegroup, Manor Farm, The Green, Ashbocking 10.00am.

21st Social Bridge Burgh Schoolroom 7.15pm All levels, tuition available 01473 735544

23rd Grundisburgh 2.30pm **Wedding** of Charlotte Gray and Tom Holmes

24th Boulge 3.00pm **Concert and Strawberry Tea** - see details elsewhere

28th 10.00am **Otley Coffee Morning** at the home of Jane and James Hall of Countryside, Gibraltar Road, Otley

28th Hasketon Community Lunch 12.15pm

30th Burgh Summer Garden Party at the Gurdon's- see details elsewhere

30th- 31st Grundisburgh Art Club Summer exhibition in Grundisburgh church- see details elsewhere

2ND FRIDAYS

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.

July 8th

From Boat to Barn. Local duo **Jacki Smith and Elizabeth Murphy** will entertain us with the story how Jacki came to write 'Pudding in a Tutu: Recipes and Tales from the Suffolk Barn Café'.

August No Supper and Talk

Exploring Prayer Day

Saturday, July 2nd, 2016 from 9:30am

Location: St Edmundsbury Cathedral

A time for anyone interested to try out prayer in different way. No experience necessary – and lots of experience welcome

Come all day or pop in

Explore prayer in the one hour workshops and take time at the prayer spaces and labyrinth in the Cathedral:

full details on our Prayer and Spirituality pages.

Please see that Cathedral website for more information.

Celebrate the Queen's Birthday Year and Shakespeare's 400th Anniversary with

Music and Readings

at Boulge Church on Sunday July 24th

at 3.00pm

Interval with refreshments – Raffle

Tickets £6.50 from Sue Parr 01394 382643

SIGN POSTING



Our PILGRIM groups begin again in Sept – if you would like me to order the booklet for this session – please let me know.

If you would like to know more about our PILGRIM groups – please ask – it would be great to start another group- there are some spaces in the Friday morning group – starting on Sept 9th. The Monday group begins again on Sept 5th at 7.30pm.

Read more about the PILGRIM project at www.pilgrimcourse

Thanks Clare – [01473 735183](tel:01473735183)

GRUNDISBURGH VILLAGE SHOW

The Grundisburgh Village Show on July 16th is an event enjoyed by many and well worth a visit. St. Mary's will once more have a stand showing aspects of the life of the church in the village. Stands will include charities both local, from the villages of the Benefice, and international, such as Traidcraft. All are causes worthy of your support.

Burgh Summer Garden Party

At Burgh Croft
by kind invitation of the Gurdons



SATURDAY 30th JULY 2016

2.00-5.00pm

- Easton Alpacas
- Paul Fosker, The One-Man Band
- "5 in a Bar" choir
- Musicians from Burgh
- Punch and Judy by Bryan Clarke

£5.00 entry – 5's and Under go Free
includes a traditional English Afternoon Tea

Donations for Bucks Fizz

In aid of St Botolph's Burgh

Charity No. XR390000

Parking off B1079 in Finndale field
Disabled parking at The Croft in field on site



FANCY A COFFEE?



We have opportunities, throughout July, at

Ashbocking – Friday 1st at the home of Pat, Michelle & David Stoddart of Wellsacks, The Green, Ashbocking 10.30am – 12 noon

Clopton – Wednesday 20th at the Village Hall 10.00am – 12 noon

Grundisburgh – Saturday 2nd at 10.30am - 12 noon and then Wednesday 6th at 10.15am – 11.30am both at Grundisburgh Parish Rooms

Hasketon – Tuesday 5th at Shrubbery Farm, Hasketon 10.00am – 12 noon

Otley – Thursday 28th at the home of Jane and James Hall of Countryside, Gibraltar Road, Otley 10.00am – 12 noon

Swiland – There is no coffee morning this month. Next one will be 6th August hosted by Shirley Coady & Andy Ling at the Church.

Monday House Group Grundisburgh

Following our June meeting the group is now on its summer break. We shall gather together again at the meeting in September, which will be informal and open to all, to look forward to knowledge we hope to gain in the coming months.

This is not a group that seeks to delve deep into a few subjects, but rather to broaden knowledge and grow understanding of the faith we hold and the church we support.

Do join us.

Dates and times will be in the Grapevine.

Contact Robert 01473 735 775

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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. paulwiffen222@btinternet.com or 01473738474

" LUNAR LADIES"

The next Lunar ladies evening will be held at the Moon and Mushroom Swiland on **Monday 11th July**

The Speaker will be Jane Rowley Evans - Subject - The Greatest Show on Earth Olympics 2012 - a bank managers view.

We are now offering a wider choice of food. The menu for the night will be:-

Mains

- Beef Chilli Con Carne
- Chicken & Mushroom Casserole & New Potatoes
- Lentil Chilli Con Carne Veg Option

Desserts

- Lemon Drizzle & Custard
- Selection of Ice Cream

Bookings need to be made, with menu option by 1st may to my email gina.wilden@btinternet.com or phone [01473 785577](tel:01473785577)

Cost of the evening excluding bar £13.95

Grundisburgh Art Group Exhibition

Saturday 30th and Sunday 31st July

In St Mary's Church
10am - 4pm
Tea, coffee and cake

Donations to Church Funds

Telephone 01473 738265 for more Info.

Otley and District Gardening Club



2016-2017 New Season Programme

We meet at 7.30pm, 1st Monday of the month
Otley Village Hall, Chapel Road, Otley
(Invited speakers on a wide range of subjects)

First meeting Monday 5th September

Cambridge College Gardens (Rodney Tibbs)

Compare gardening notes tea, coffee & biscuits
All welcome – Join up or just come along
Admission £1.50 (members) £4.00 (non-members)
Includes refreshments
Annual Membership £10.00

To find out more contact Alan Trevelyan (07706054630)
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Isabel Lincoln (01473 890826)