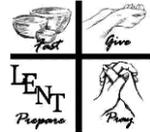




**The Grapevine
News for the parishes of
The Carlford Benefice
March 2016**



"Acts of Kindness"

Easter is almost as early as it possibly can be this year – and with daffodils, primroses and snowdrops all out together in January- quite what Easter flowers will look like, or whether we will easily be able to make posies for Mothering Sunday, is a bit of a mystery at the moment.

Easter in the northern hemisphere is frequently associated with spring and spring flowers – new life springing out of cold dark earth- and they are wonderful symbols for us to enjoy and reflect upon, but they are just that- symbols – they point us towards the meaning of Easter- the mystery of the transformation of what seemed the end –into a new beginning; the turning of what seemed like the triumph of evil, into the victory of love.

The Easter story tells us of the lives of Jesus' followers- stories of lives where sorrow is turned into celebration; doubt to faith; questions to answers; confusion to confidence; darkness to light.

I am writing this letter before even Lent has begun – still in the season of Epiphany- a season of Christ making himself known in people's lives, revealing himself and God to the people entrusted into his care. Epiphany and Easter go hand in hand – as Christ revealed himself, so each of us is called to live "the risen life", living out Christ's love for the world, in all that we are, all that we do and all that we say.

When you read this at the beginning of March, there will still be several weeks of Lent left...one of the challenges this Lent is to use the 40 days to show 40 acts of kindness- do something each and every day- that reveals something of our faith, in service to the world, that God loved so much that he sent his only Son. It may be that you are taking part in Christian Aid's challenge to count your blessings or another similar project ... but by doing something each and every day- which demonstrates something of God and his love for the world- we anticipate Easter and the great saving work of Jesus and his call to each of us, not just to take up our cross and follow him, but to live his risen life.

Across the benefice this year we have several opportunities for you to explore your faith – there is Sacred Space on a Friday afternoon – see the details elsewhere in Grapevine and on Maundy Thursday to join us for a Poetry Eucharist at Clopton Church. There is the Deanery Lent Course too, on a Tuesday evening at Rendlesham, offering a lift to someone would count as 1 of your 40 acts of kindness too!

A very Happy Easter to you all

Rev'd Clare Sanders

Services across the Carlford Benefice

March 6th Mothering Sunday

Ex 2.1-10 or 1 Sam 1.20-end; Lk 2.33-35 or John 19.25-27

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

March 13th Passion Sunday

Isa 43.16-21; Phil 3.4b-14; John 12.1-8

8.00am	Holy Communion	Grundisburgh	CS
9.30am	Holy Communion	Clopton	WG
9.30am	Parish Eucharist	Hasketon	JW
11.00am	Parish Eucharist	Grundisburgh	WG

March 20th Palm Sunday

Palm Gospel Lk 19.28-40; Passion readings Isa 50.4-9a; Phil 2.5-11; Lk 22.14-23 or Lk 23.1-49

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

March 27th Easter Day

Acts 10.34-43 or Isa 65.17-end or 1 Cor 15.19-26; John 20.1-18 or Lk 24.1-12 Acts take precedence over Isa or Cor

8.00am	Holy Communion	Grundisburgh	CS
9.30am	Holy Communion	Burgh	CS
9.30am	Family Holy Communion	Hasketon	WG
9.30am	Holy Communion	Otley	JW
9.30am	Holy Communion	Swilland	JaneH
11.00am	Holy Communion	Ashbocking	CB
11.00am	Holy Communion	Boulge	JaneH
11.00am	Holy Communion	Clopton	FW/JaneW
11.00am	Family Holy Communion and Baptism of Romeo Wegg	Grundisburgh	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 March

March 7 th	Holy Communion BCP	Hasketon	9.30am
March 9 th	Holy Communion BCP	Grundisburgh	9.30am
March 21 st	Holy Communion BCP	Hasketon	9.30am

Fairtrade Fortnight 2016

29 February -13 March

Sit down to Breakfast to support farmers who grow it



Fairtrade Coffee Morning

10.30 5 March 2016

Grundisburgh Parish Room



FANCY A COFFEE?



We have opportunities, throughout March, at

Ashbocking –Friday 4th March at the home of Linda and John Pollard of Hawthorns, The Green, Ashbocking 10.30am – 12 noon

Clopton –Wednesday 16th at the Village Hall 10am – 12 noon

Grundisburgh – Wednesday 2nd 10.15am – 11.30am and then Saturday 5th at 10.30am-12 noon at Grundisburgh Parish Rooms

Hasketon – Tuesday 1st at Shrubbery Farm, Hasketon 10.00am – 12 noon

Otley – Thursday 24th at the home of Russell Ling of Grange House, Otley 10.00am – 12 noon

What's On across the Carlford Benefice

1st Craft and Coffee at Shrubbery Farm, Hasketon 10.00am to 12 noon.

1st Lent Course at Rendlesham 7.30pm – see details elsewhere

2nd SWAPSHOP Grundisburgh parish Room 10.00am

2nd "Going Deeper" Homegroup, Manor Farm, The Green, Ashbocking 10.00am.

2nd Hasketon Lent Meeting at The Turk's Head 10.30am – 11.45am

3rd Hasketon Lent Meeting at Fernlea, Boulge Road 7.30pm – 8.45pm

4th Ashbocking Coffee morning at the home of Linda and John Pollard of Hawthorns, The Green, Ashbocking

4th 2-3.00pm Sacred Space at Ashbocking Church

5th Grundisburgh "Fairtrade" Coffee Morning – Parish Rooms- 10.30am -12.00 noon

6th Traidcraft Big Brew 10.00am Grundisburgh Church

7th Otley and District Gardening Club, 7.30pm Otley Village Hall

8th Lent Course at Rendlesham 7.30pm – see details elsewhere

9th Hasketon Lent Meeting at The Turk's Head 10.30am – 11.45am

10th Tiddlywinks – Toddler and pre-school group meet in the Upper Room Grundisburgh at 2.30pm

10th Hasketon Lent Meeting at Fernlea, Boulge Road 7.30pm – 8.45pm

11th 2-3.00pm -Sacred Space at Burgh Church

11th 2nd Fridays Group 7.15pm Hasketon Victory Hall.

13th Grundisburgh 2-4.00pm Marriage Preparation

14th Knit and Stitch Burgh Schoolroom 10.30am-12.30pm. All welcome. Details 01473 735544

14th 5.00pm Benefice Prayer Group meet in the Upper Room

15th Lent Course at Rendlesham 7.30pm – see details elsewhere

16th "Going Deeper" Homegroup, Manor Farm, The Green, Ashbocking 10.00am.

16th Clopton Coffee Morning 10.00am – 12.00 noon at The Village Hall.

16th Hasketon Lent Meeting at The Turk's Head 10.30am – 11.45am

16th Deanery Synod – considers the Refugee crisis and the Christian response

17th Social Bridge Burgh Schoolroom 7.15pm All levels, tuition available 01473 735544

17th Hasketon Lent Meeting at Fernlea, Boulge Road 7.30pm – 8.45pm

18th 2-3.00pm Sacred Space at Hasketon Church

18th Upbeat Ladies Choir 7.30pm, Gresham Sports and Social Club. £10 Per Person

19th Burgh School Room Coffee Morning

21st Monday House Group 7.30pm

22nd BBC 10.30am– see details elsewhere

22nd -23rd Experience Easter – See details elsewhere

24th Tiddlywinks – Toddler and pre-school group meet in the Upper Room Grundisburgh at 2.30pm

24th Otley Coffee Morning 10.00am – 12 noon at the home of Russell Ling, Grange House, Otley

24th Hasketon Community Lunch 12.15pm

24th Otley 1.00pm Wedding of Dale Moyze and Clair Jones

26th Grundisburgh Renewal of Marriage vows



Holy Week

- Maundy Thursday 24th @ 7.00pm
Clopton Church - Poetry Eucharist
- Good Friday @ 10.15am- 11-45am
Otley Village Hall
Café church for All Ages with art and
craft activities – food – and worship
- Good Friday @ 2.00-3.00pm
Otley Church - An Hour at the Cross
Revd Fred Woods

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 is on March 22nd 2016 at 10.30am

We are discussing 'The Last Week' by Marcus J Borg & John Dominic Crossan.

Why not get a copy and start reading now, we would be very pleased to have you come along.

paulwiffen222@btinternet.com or 01473738474 - Please let us know if you would like to join us.

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

Held at Grundisburgh Church (Coffee area), 10.30 – 12.00 on **Monday April 11th & 25th; May 9th & 23rd and 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.

We will consider - 'What do we really know about:

Session 1 – April 11th **Biblical Topic** – The NT SMALL book of James

Session 2 – April 25th **Biblical Topic** – ppt. Presentation 'The Bible's Journey – From Scrolls to Codex'

Session 3 – May 9th **Biblical Topic** – Jesus according to John

Session 4 – May 23rd **Biblical Topic** – ppt. Presentation 'Three Jewish Philosophies'

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

Please come to our Traidcraft BIG BREW...



Sunday March 6th

Mothering Sunday

at St. Mary's, Grundisburgh

Enjoy Fairtrade Refreshments
a Treat for Mum

10am before the service
(and afterwards)

Buy Fairtrade goods and perhaps
a donation to the work of
Traidcraft



For children from across the benefice - nothing to do on the 1st day of the holidays - come and join us at.....Easter Café Church for all ages from 10.15 – 11.45 am at Otley Village hall on Good Friday (25th March) Come along for coffee, bacon rolls hot cross buns & learn about the Easter story along side the trees that overlooked events in Holy Week with music, craft, reflections & fellowship. For further details contact Jane Hall 01473 785251



SIGNPOST

This month we are signposting Richard Rohr's Daily Meditation Centre for Action and Contemplation

These thought provoking meditations can be delivered each day to you online- **2016 Daily Meditation Theme** Richard Rohr's meditations this year invite us to discover, experience, and participate in the foundation of our existence--Love.

Throughout the year, Fr. Richard's meditations follow the thread of Love through many of his classic teachings in 1-2 week segments. Read previous meditations and view a video introduction at cac.org/category/daily-meditations/.



On Monday and Tuesday March 22nd and 23rd the children of Grundisburgh School will be visiting church to take part in Experience Easter – hearing the stories from Palm Sunday through to Easter Day and engaging in craft activities – outside school hours the church will be open as normal - please come in and enjoy your own personal journey through the Easter story.

5 “T”s of Mission

The Deanery Lent course this year will be held at St Felix Rendlesham- a warm church, with toilets and easy level access, on a Tuesday evening from 7.30-9.00pm. The theme is the 5 “T”s of Mission – these are recognised across the world by all the major church denominations- as descriptors of our mission in the world as members of the Church and followers of Christ.

- Tues 16th Feb - the Revd. Canon Dave Gardner **TELL** – Proclaim the good news of the Kingdom
- Tues 23rd Feb - Bishop Martin **TREASURE** - Safeguard the integrity of Creation, and sustain and renew the life of the earth
- Tues 1st March - the Revd. Canon Paul Daltry **TEND** - respond to human need by loving service
- Tues 8th March - the Very Revd. Keith Jones **TEACH** - teach, baptise and nurture new believers
- Tues 15th March - the Revd. Canon Clare Sanders **TRANSFORM** - seek to transform unjust structures of society

Sacred Space

During Lent this year we are offering the opportunity of silence and space to you, in which to contemplate, reflect and pray, each Friday between 2.00-3.00pm. There will be no spoken prayers or preaching, but resources for you to use at your own pace in your own way. You can come for the hour or 10 minutes- as long or as short a time as you like- all we ask is that you come and go in silence

March 4th Ashbocking Church March 11th Burgh Church
March 18th Hasketon Church

MONDAY HOUSE GROUP - GRUNDISBURGH

We meet next at 7.30pm 21st March Looking at the NOOMA series of short films that explore our world from a perspective of Jesus.

Hasketon's Topic for Lent

“What is the point of prayer?” Wendy invites you to come, discuss, and learn about different aspects of prayer in comfortable and accessible surroundings.

We'll consider, for instance 'the point of prayer', the difference between confession and praise, petition, thanksgiving and creative ways of praying.

MARCH 2nd, 9th and 16th
Wednesday Mornings 10.30 – 11.45 in The Snug, The Turk's Head - Courtesy of Jemima and Dominic Withey

OR

MARCH 3rd, 10th and 17th
Thursday Evenings 7.30 – 8.45, at Fernlea, Boulge Road. Courtesy of Susie Stafford

All are most welcome, Revd Wendy Gourlay 01728 685335 or rev.wgourlay@gmail.com



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Friday 18th March 2016 @ 7.30pm|

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Otley and District Gardening Club

7.30pm

Otley Village Hall

Monday 7th March – Our guest speaker will be Geoff Hodge on Greenhouse Gardening. All welcome

Admission £1.50 (members)

£4.00 (non members)

(Includes refreshments)

Annual Membership £10.00

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

March 11th Climate Change
A talk by Jo Stokes

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.