

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

Christmas Is Really For The Children

Easter is early this year – Easter Sunday coincides with the start of British Summer Time – March 27th. Lent, beginning on Ash Wednesday, February 10th, is the 6 week period before Easter and originated in the 4th Century. It reflects the forty days and forty nights when Jesus fasted in the desert and prepared himself spiritually for his three year ministry. Many Christians today give up something, or take up something extra, in order to deepen their relationship with Jesus. But the word Lent simply means spring, referring to the lengthening of the days as we move forward through spring to summer. So (for us) Lent and Easter are closely associated with springtime – chicks, lambs, eggs, new shoots appearing in the garden.

Last year I spent two months in Australia as locum vicar of a church in Melbourne. We had a great time, but I would have found it hard to get my head around the “wrong way round” seasons! Christmas at 40°C? And Lent and Easter in the autumn, when the days are getting shorter and – at least in the south – you’re coming up to winter. So no obvious allusions to the world of nature – no eggs or blossoms. If you celebrate Easter in Church “down under” I suppose you have to make do with Jesus’ death and resurrection.

I find Steve Turner’s poem thought provoking as we are poised between Christmas and Easter. Have a good Lent.

Christmas Is Really For The Children

Christmas is really for the children
especially for children who like animals, stables,
stars and babies wrapped in swaddling clothes.
Then there are wise men, kings in fine robes,
humble shepherds and a hint of rich perfume.
Easter is not really for the children
unless accompanied by a cream filled egg.
It has whips, blood, nails, a spear and
allegations of body snatching.
It involves politics, God and the sins of the world.
It is not good for people of a nervous disposition.
They would do better to think on rabbits,
chickens and the first snowdrop of spring.
Or they’d do better to wait for a re-run of Christmas
without asking too many questions about
what Jesus did when he grew up
or whether there’s any connection.

(Steve Turner, “Up to Date” pub. Hodder and Stoughton , p.126)

Rev’d Fred Woods

Services across the Carlford Benefice

February 7th Sunday next before Lent

Ex 34:29-end; 2 Cor 3:12-4:2; Lk 9:28-36

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

February 14th Lent 1

Deut 26:9-end, Rom 10:8b-13, Lk 4:1-13

8.00am	Holy Communion	Grundisburgh	CS
9.30am	Holy Communion	Clopton	CS
9.30am	Parish Eucharist	Hasketon	JW
11.00am	Family Service	Ashbocking	CB
11.00am	Service of the Word	Boulge	RP
11.00am	Parish Eucharist	Grundisburgh	CS

February 21st Lent 2

Gen 15:1-12, 17-18, Phil 3:17-4:1, Lk 13:31-end

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

February 28th Lent 3

Isa 55:1-9, 1 Cor 10:1-13, Lk 13:9

8.00am	Holy Communion	Grundisburgh	CS
9.30am	Songs of Praise	Burgh	CS
9.30am	Family Holy Communion	Hasketon	WG
11.00am	Family Service	Clopton	JaneH
11.00am	Family Holy Communion	Grundisburgh	CS
4.30pm	Evening Prayers	Otley	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 February

February 10 th	Holy Communion with	Grundisburgh	9.30am
Ash Wednesday	imposition of ashes	Hasketon	12 noon
		Otley	7.30pm
February 22nd	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



FANCY A COFFEE?



We have opportunities, throughout February, at

Ashbocking -Friday 5th February at the home of Linda Ellis of The Dormers, The Green, Ashbocking 10.30am - 12 noon

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

Grundisburgh - Wednesday 3rd 10.15am - 11.30am and then Saturday 6th at 10.30am-12 noon at Grundisburgh Parish Rooms

Hasketon - Tuesday 2nd at Shrubbery Farm, Hasketon 10.00am - 12 noon

Otley - Thursday 25th at the home of Betty and Phillip David of 15 Spring Park, Otley 10.00am - 12 noon

What's On across the Carlford Benefice

2nd Craft and Coffee at Shrubbery Farm, Hasketon 10.00am to 12 noon.

3rd Swapshop 10.15am - 11.30am, Grundisburgh Parish Rooms

3rd "Going Deeper" Homegroup, Manor Farm, The Green, Ashbocking 10.00am.

3rd Craft and Chat Morning 10.00am to 1.00pm at the Village Hall, Clopton.

3rd Churchwardens meeting in the Upper Room, Grundisburgh at 7.00pm

5th Ashbocking Coffee Morning 10.30am to 12 noon at the home of Linda Ellis - Dormers, The Green

6th Grundisburgh Coffee Morning -Parish Rooms- 10.30am -12.00 noon

8th Knit and Stitch Burgh Schoolroom 10.30am-12.30pm. All welcome. Details 01473 735544

8th Monday Housegroup, Grundisburgh 7.30pm

8th Otley and District Gardening Club, 7.30pm Otley Village Hall with guest speakers Sarah Cook and Jim Marshall - topic "Horticultural Snippets".

9th 2.00pm Boulge Pcc meeting at the home of Mary Anderson

9th 7.30pm Grundisburgh, Burgh and Hasketon PCCs meeting at Grundisburgh School

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

11th Tiddlywinks - Toddler and pre-school group meet in the Upper Room Grundisburgh at 2.30pm

12th 2.00pm Reader Support Group in the Upper Room, Grundisburgh

12th Sacred Space in Swilland 2.00pm-3.00pm

13th Burgh Soup Lunch 12 noon to 1.30pm

13th Grundisburgh 1.00pm-wedding of Caroline Wojcik Gammell and Ian Vince

16th Deanery Lent Course St Felix, Rendlesham 7.30pm - 9.00pm

17th "Going Deeper" Homegroup, Manor Farm, The Green, Ashbocking 10.00am.

17th Clopton Coffee Morning 10.00am - 12.00 noon at The Village Hall.

18th Social Bridge Burgh Schoolroom 7.15pm All levels, tuition available 01473 735544

19th Sacred Space in Grundisburgh 2.00pm - 3.00pm

23rd Deanery Lent Course St Felix, Rendlesham 7.30pm - 9.00pm

25th Otley Coffee Morning - at the home of Philip and Betty David

25th Hasketon Community Lunch 12.15pm

25th Tiddlywinks - Toddler and pre-school group meet in the Upper Room Grundisburgh at 2.30pm

26th Sacred Space at Boulge 2.00pm - 3.00pm

26th Burgh Quiz night in the Schoolroom 7.30pm

"GOING DEEPER" HOMEGROUP

We have moved to Manor Farm across the road on the Green, at Ashbocking, where we have plenty of room to welcome any newcomers.

We study the Bible, pray, and encourage each other to "go deeper" in our faith in Jesus together.

We meet every 1st & 3rd Wednesday at 10.00am,

For more details call Jan or Jon Bates on 01473 892605
Wendy Gourlay 01728 685335

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.

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

Monday 8 February – speakers Sarah Cook and Jim Marshall. The title of their talk is "Horticultural Snippets". All welcome

Admission £1.50 (members) £4.00 (non members)
(Includes refreshments) Annual Membership £10.00

For more information contact Alan Trevelyan (07706054630) Jenny Vince (01473 738244) or Issy Lincoln (01473 890826)



TRAIDCRAFT
Fighting poverty through trade

Traidcraft Stalls

In Grundisburgh Every Month

1st Saturday Coffee Morning 10.30 Parish Room

1st Sunday & 2nd Sunday in St. Mary's

at 12.00 after morning service

Chocolate – Cleaning materials – Grocery

Greetings Cards – Socks – Gifts

Catalogues in St. Mary's

Look for Special Offers

Come & Buy & Support the Farmers & Artisans

For info contact Pat Fletcher 01473 735 775

Thank you for your support.

FOOD BANK

Thank you to all throughout our villages who make donations to the Food Bank. They bring much relief to a growing number who fall on hard times.

If any of you hear of someone who wishes to donate and does not know how; tell them, 'Do it at your church'. The donations go to **FIND** and these words from the East Anglian Daily Times page of Unsung Heroes describe it.

Maureen Reynel MBE is a remarkable lady, who started a very special charity based in Ipswich, FIND, 20 years ago. FIND is a Christian charity which helps those living in Ipswich and surrounding areas who are deprived of a minimum standard of living.

FIND's focus is on providing emergency aid – regardless of age, gender or creed. They believe "everyone is family".

Maureen needs help please. Are you able to help with...

- * Regular collections of non-perishable food.
- * Van deliveries throughout the year.
- * Donations to support out of pocket expenses such as storage, rent, vehicle costs, food...
- * Initiating and organising fundraising events.
- * Donations of good quality clean basic household goods e.g. beds and bedding, sofas, chests of drawers, table and chairs, soft furnishings, white goods and kitchen equipment (Items must comply with safety regulations of course.)

I hope you can help!

For more information please contact
Maureen Reynel on 01473 833 351



Signposts

One of the requests from last year's questionnaire was that we should signpost resources for you to help in your Christian living – so this month we are signposting the "International Bible Reading Association" – enter their name in Google and a wealth of resources will appear!

Follow them on Facebook
at www.facebook.co/freshfromtheword or on
Twitter www.twitter.com/IBRAbibleread

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.

February 12th

"Over 60 and Still in the Saddle – riding round the Cathar Castles" by Peppy Barlow and friends

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

Feb 12th Swilland Feb 19th Grundisburgh
Feb 26th Boulge

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

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

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 – 1.45 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 Little Manor, Blacksmiths Road. Courtesy of Jane Cabedo

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

Burgh Soup Lunch The Schoolroom

13th February

12 noon to 1.30pm

Homemade soups served
with rustic bread £3.50 and
Desserts £1.50.
Free tea or coffee

Christingle Service



February 7th 11.00am

Grundisburgh Church

Please ring
Clare – [01473 735183](tel:01473735183)

or Email
revclaresanders@tiscali.co.uk

**so she ensures that
there are enough
Christingles for
every child!"**



BURGH QUIZ FRIDAY 26th FEBRUARY

Burgh Quiz to be held in Burgh Schoolroom. 7.30pm cost £2 per person. Bring your own tipples. Soft drinks and tea/coffee and nibbles provided. Teams of 4 or can be made on evening.

To book phone

[01473 735544](tel:01473735544).

Monday House Group Grundisburgh

We meet next at 7.30pm

On

8th February and 21st March

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 735775

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.