



# **The Grapevine News for the parishes of The Carlford Benefice December 2016**



**“Wishing you a Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year”**

## **The Power of the Christmas Story.....**

Why do so many people go to crib services and Christmas day services when they don't go to church much during the year? Does that matter? Some clergy would say YES! But I am not so sure. Do you remember the film Avatar, where the inhabitants of the island plug their hair into the fronds of the tree to worship and to be reconnected to the goodness of the tree. For me, God is the creator and fount of goodness and we need to be plugged into that goodness –often if possible, but at least once a year at the time when we remember God's coming to earth as a baby.

There is so much goodness around at Christmas: a time of remembering old friends through the sending of cards, the generosity of giving, the joy of feasting, the mystery of worship, the familiarity of the nativity ('the greatest story ever told'), the pleasure of families reuniting (can be a mixed blessing!) And we need to go to the heart of it: the generosity of God in sending his son to be among us, the creating of the family of Joseph, Mary and Jesus, the mystery of the wise men coming to worship... in order to fully appreciate what Christmas is about.

I was very moved by having a *real* new born baby being Jesus, two years in a row from the Clow family, at the crib service for Otley. As the babies were so newly born we asked Carly, their mother to be Mary and she kindly agreed. She was overwhelmed by the experience and began asking questions about the Christian faith. In July this year, she and all her three children were baptised in a family service at Otley church. That is the power of the Christmas story.

The Christmas story also unites us as a society when we are fractured and divided, it was part of our narrative when we were growing up and something we want to share with our children. The other faiths who are part of this country also largely respect the

importance of Christmas and many celebrate it in their own way.

So do come to refresh yourselves with the remarkable goodness and generosity of God: at our carol services, crib services and communion services. You will be welcomed with open arms and maybe some mince pies and mulled wine... Please see the list of services set out in Grapevine or the Church Times.

May God bless your Christmas this year and may you feel the power of the Christmas story.

*Catherine Beaumont*



## Services across the Carlford Benefice

### December 4<sup>th</sup> A2

#### Isa 11.1-10, Roms 15.4-13, Mt 3.1-12

8.00am	Holy Communion	Grundisburgh	CS
9.30am	Holy Communion	Burgh	JaneH
9.30am	Christingle Service	Hasketon	CS
9.30am	Holy Communion	Swilland	CB
11.00am	Holy Communion	Boulge	CB
11.00am	Toy Service	Grundisburgh	CS
11.00am	Advent Praise	Otley	MC

### December 11<sup>th</sup> A3

#### Isa 35.1-10, James 5.7-10, Matt 11.2-11

8.00am	Holy Communion	Grundisburgh	CS
9.30am	Par Eucharist	Hasketon	JW
9.30am	Holy Communion	Clopton	JaneH/JamesH
11.00am	Holy Communion	Ashbocking	CB
11.00am	Morning Prayer	Boulge	Lay Led
11.00am	Holy Communion	Grundisburgh	CS/JamesH
	Par Eucharist		

### December 18<sup>th</sup> A4

#### Isa 7.10-16, Roms 1.1-7, Matt 1.18-end

8.00am	Holy Communion	Grundisburgh	JW
9.30am	Family Holy Communion	Burgh	FW/JaneW
11.00am	Holy Communion	Boulge	FW/JaneW
11.00am	Carol Service	Swilland	CB/CS
4.00pm	Carol Service	Ashbocking	CB
5.30pm	Carol Service	Hasketon	WG/CS
5.30pm	Carol Service	Otley	JaneH
7.00pm	Carol Service	Grundisburgh	CS/WG

### December 24<sup>th</sup> Christmas Eve

#### Ministers Choice

3.00pm	Crib Service	Hasketon	WG
4.30pm	Crib Service	Grundisburgh	CS
6.00pm	Carol Service	Burgh	CS
6.00pm	Carol Service	Clopton	JaneH
7.00pm	Carol Service	Boulge	CS
4.30pm	Crib Service	Otley	CB/JaneH
11.30pm	Midnight Mass	Grundisburgh	WG
11.30pm	Midnight Mass	Hasketon	CS
11.30pm	Midnight Mass	Otley	GH

### December 25<sup>th</sup> Christmas Day

#### Ministers Choice

9.30am	Holy Communion	Burgh	JaneH
9.30am	Holy Communion	Swilland	CS
11.00am	Holy Communion	Ashbocking	CB
11.00am	Holy Communion	Boulge	CS
11.00am	Holy Communion	Clopton	JaneH

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, MC – Mark Cresswell, GH – Graham Hedger, TBC – To be Confirmed

## Other Services in December

December 5 <sup>th</sup>	Holy Communion BCP	Hasketon	9.30am
December 7 <sup>th</sup>	Holy Communion BCP	Grundisburgh	9.30am
December 19 <sup>th</sup>	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

**2nd Ashbocking Coffee Morning** 10.00am – 12 noon at the home of John and Linda Pollard – Hawthorns, The Green, Ashbocking

**2nd Grundisburgh Church Upbeat Concert** 7.30pm, Tickets £8, Admission by ticket only – call 07834084581 to book. Profits donated to The Ipswich Winter Night Shelter and window for Tommy.

**3rd Swilland Christmas Draw and Coffee Morning** at Witnesham Village Hall starting at 12 noon

**3rd Grundisburgh Coffee Morning** 10.30am-11.45am Parish Room

**5th Otley and District Gardening Club** Otley Village Hall 7.30pm

**6th Baby Cafe** at Grundisburgh Parish Room 9.00am-10.30am

**6th Craft and Coffee** at Shrubbery Farm, Hasketon 10.00am - 12 noon

**7th Hobbies Group**, Clopton 10.00am until noon. Everyone is welcome

**7th "Going Deeper" Homegroup**, Manor Farm, The Green, Ashbocking 10.00am

**7th Grundisburgh SWAPSHOP** 10.15am-11.30am Parish Room

**8th Grundisburgh Upper Room Tiddlywinks** group for toddlers and carers 2.30pm

**9th Reader Support Group** meet at 9.30am in the Upper Room

**10th Otley Christmas Draw and Coffee Morning** from 10.30am at Otley Village Hall

**10th Burgh Coffee Morning** 10.00am to 12 noon, proceeds to Ipswich Night Shelter

**12th Beyond Alpha** Grundisburgh Parish Rooms 10.30am – 12 noon – details elsewhere

**12th Knit and Stitch** Burgh Schoolroom 10.30am-12.30pm. All welcome. Details 01473 735544

**12th 5.00pm Benefice Prayer Group** meet in the Upper Room

**12th Lunar Ladies** 7.00pm at The Moon and Mushroom, Swilland

**13th Otley School Carol Service** at Otley Church 1.45pm

**15th Grundisburgh Church – hosts the School's Carol Service** 6.30pm

**21st 10.00am-12 noon Clopton Coffee Morning** in the Village Hall

**21st "Going Deeper" Homegroup**, Manor Farm, The Green, Ashbocking 10.00am

**21st The Carlford Benefice Group - 'Dancing with Carols'** in the Parish Rooms, Grundisburgh 2.30pm

**22nd Otley Crib Service Rehearsal** at Otley Church 10.00am – 12 noon

**22nd Hasketon Community Lunch** 12.15pm

## **'Beyond Alpha' – Autumn 2016**

**What do we really know  
about these Bible topics ...?**

GRUNDISBURGH PARISH ROOMS, 10.30 – 12.00

**Monday December 12<sup>th</sup>**

The meeting will be facilitated by Revd Wendy Gourlay.  
Tea and coffee will be available and a warm welcome to those  
of faith, agnostic, or atheist. A small charge of £1 per session  
covers costs. We will consider: Session 6 – Dec.12<sup>th</sup>  
Group discussion: 'Jesus Ransom Sacrifice'

Haven't been along yet, why ever not?

Join us this Autumn 2016

Enquiries: Paul on: 01473 738474 or [paulwiffen222@btinternet.com](mailto:paulwiffen222@btinternet.com)

### **Otley Christmas Draw**

Otley church's annual  
Christmas draw & coffee  
morning will be held on  
Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December  
at Otley village hall from  
10.30am – do come along  
& join us. Tickets will be  
on sale at £5/ book &  
there will be some super  
prizes.

### **Grundisburgh Toy Service**

**December 4<sup>th</sup> 11.00am**



Please bring new toys for children and gifts for  
teenagers. Donations of wrapping paper  
welcomed too. These gifts go to the homeless  
families unit at West Villa in Ipswich.

### **Come and Join Us at Hasketon Christingle Service**

**December 4<sup>th</sup> 9.30am**



As we support the work of The Children's Society

**Burgh Schoolroom  
Drabbs Lane IP13 6QA**

### **CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING In aid of IPSWICH NIGHT SHELTER**

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December  
10.00 – 12.00**

Coffee, Tea, Cakes  
Fabulous Christmas Raffle  
Sales Table

**BURGH "BOOZE UP"  
Friday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2017  
18.30 – 20.30**

Mulled wine, non-alcoholic drinks,  
beer, nibbles, mince pies

For all Burgh Residents and families

### **The Carlford Benefice Group**

#### **'Dancing with Carols'**

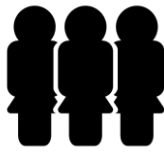
Rev. Wendy Gourlay will lead an afternoon of  
Christmas Miscellany with tea, mince pies, sausage  
rolls and more. Tap your toes to Christmas Carols.  
Learn of their origin and development with live  
music and lively interpretation – voice and  
keyboard.

Forget the things you still must do for a peaceful  
and happy afternoon. Everyone is welcome!

**21<sup>st</sup> December** in the Parish Rooms, Grundisburgh,  
at 2.30pm.



## LUNAR LADIES



**December 12th at 7.00pm**  
see`s the Lunar Ladies Christmas Evening  
at  
The Moon and Mushroom, Swilland.

No speaker this time but we will be holding a Christmas  
themed quiz followed by a Christmas meal.

Lunar Ladies are invited to wear a bit of Christmas  
Bling or their Best Christmas Jumpers

## **2<sup>ND</sup> FRIDAYS** **Hasketon Victory Hall**

As you probably know, we are not continuing  
with the Hasketon 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday evenings.  
A huge **"thank you"** to everyone who has  
helped with these evenings over the years.

## Otley & District Gardening Club



Patron: Matthew Tanton-Brown

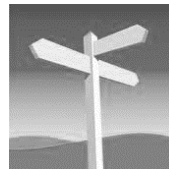
**2016 – 2017 Season**  
**We meet at 7:30 pm, 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month**  
**Otley Village Hall, Chapel Road, Otley**

**Monday 5th December**

**"Horticultural Christmas Decorations"**  
**with Sue Courteney**  
**Compare gardening notes over 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 (01473 890563)  
Jenny Vince (01473 738244) or  
Isabel Lincoln (01473 890826)



## SIGNPOSTING

Alternative ideas for Christmas presents! How about going online and trying

[www.embraceme.org/shop](http://www.embraceme.org/shop) supporting work in the Holy Land

[www.toilettwinning.org](http://www.toilettwinning.org) – exactly what it says on the tin- over 4,000 toilets have been built through this project

[www.traidcraftshop.co.uk](http://www.traidcraftshop.co.uk) – online- but we have many of the goods to hand in Grundisburgh  
– ask Pat on [01473 735775](tel:01473735775)

[www.cms-shop.org.uk](http://www.cms-shop.org.uk) some of you will remember the CMS elephant collecting boxes- well  
you can have elephant dung cards too!

[www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/uspganglicanmission](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/uspganglicanmission) USPG as was, now US receives  
commission from goods bought through this site.

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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 is on January 17<sup>th</sup> 2017 at 10.30.

We are discussing 'The Nativity' by Geza Vermes.

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

[paulwiffen222@btinternet.com](mailto:paulwiffen222@btinternet.com) or 01473738474

Please let us know if you would like to join us.



Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December

9.00-10.30am

Baby Cafe

1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month

Grundisburgh Parish Room

Free Coffee / Tea / Biscuits

Plenty of buggy parking space

Car parking in back lane - in front of church

For mums / dads / carers / babies / toddlers

Drop older children off at school

and join us



### FANCY A COFFEE?

We have opportunities, throughout December, at

**Ashbocking** – Friday 2nd at the home of John and Linda Pollard of Hawthorns, The Green, Ashbocking  
10.00am – 12 noon

**Burgh** – Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December at the Burg Schoolroom for the Christmas Coffee Morning with a fabulous raffle, coffee, tea and cakes.  
10.00am – 12 noon

**Clopton** – Wednesday 21st at the Village Hall  
10.00am – 12 noon

**Grundisburgh** – Saturday 3rd 10.30am - 11.45am  
and then Wednesday 7th at 10.15am – 11.30am at Grundisburgh Parish Rooms

**Hasketon** – Tuesday 6th at Shrubbery Farm,  
Hasketon 10.00am – 12 noon

**Otley** – Church's annual Christmas Draw and Coffee Morning Thursday 10th at the Village Hall, Otley  
From 10.30am. Do come along and join us.

**Swilland** – Coffee Morning and Christmas Draw Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December at Witnesham Village Hall starting at 12 noon. We shall be serving soup and filled rolls with tea/coffee and mince pies. The draw takes place at 1pm. There will be stalls selling preserves, cakes and books. Plenty of opportunity to meet and have a chat.

## Justice In Trade Matters



**TRAIDCRAFT**  
Fighting poverty through trade

**Stalls**

### In Grundisburgh Every Month

1st Saturday Coffee Morning 10.30 Parish Room

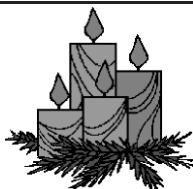
1st Sunday & 2nd Sunday in St. Mary's  
at 12.00 after morning service

*Charity Christmas & Greetings Cards  
Chocolate – Grocery – Bamboo Socks  
and much more*

*Please take a catalogue from St. Mary's*

For info contact Pat Fletcher 01473 735 775

## **Christmas Services**



### **Ashbocking**

Dec 18<sup>th</sup> 4.00pm Carol Service

Dec 25<sup>th</sup> 11.00am Family Service with Communion

### **Boulge**

Dec 16<sup>th</sup> 7.00pm Carol Service

Christmas Day 11.00am BCP Communion

### **Burgh**

Dec 24<sup>th</sup> 6.00pm Carol Service

Christmas Day 9.30am Family Communion

### **Clopton**

Dec 24<sup>th</sup> 6.00pm Carol Service

Christmas Day 11.00am Family Communion

### **Grundisburgh**

Dec 18<sup>th</sup> 7.00pm Carol Service

Dec 24<sup>th</sup> 4.30pm Crib Service

11.30pm Midnight Mass

### **Hasketon**

Dec 18<sup>th</sup> 5.30pm Carol Service

Dec 24<sup>th</sup> 3.00pm Crib Service

11.30pm Midnight Mass

### **Otley**

Dec 18<sup>th</sup> 5.30pm Carol Service

Dec 24<sup>th</sup> 4.30pm Crib Service

11.30pm Midnight Mass

### **Swilland**

Dec 18<sup>th</sup> 11.00am Carol Service

Christmas Day 9.30am Christmas Communion

**From The Editor** The cut off date for material to be included is the 8<sup>th</sup> of the month – **PLEASE NOTE FOR JANUARY MATERIAL THE CUT OFF DATE WILL BE 3<sup>RD</sup> DECEMBER 2016** and material should be sent to Clare at [revclaresanders@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:revclaresanders@tiscali.co.uk) & Amy at [bakergirl174@gmail.com](mailto:bakergirl174@gmail.com) please.