

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

"BUSY, BUSY, BUSY"

(Luke chapter 10)



When you receive a new piece of kit – a DIY bed to make up, a new phone, a hire car do you usually say to yourself, 'I've seen one of these before some where – let's give it a go, see how it works?' Or do you put the new kit to one side, sit down with a cup of tea and read the instructions manual?

It has taken me nearly sixty years to put aside the habit of youth and read the instructions before I start the task in hand. I confess to making up the kit, plugging in the radio or driving away with the new car before I ever give any thought to reading the instructions. As a school boy I stuck together the airfix kit and then tried to work out how to put the Spitfire pilot into the plane - difficult when the glue is drying.

While I find the story of the Good Samaritan encouraging I find the story of Mary and Martha difficult. Since Sunday school days I have identified more strongly with Martha. I am naturally a person who gets things done. I am an active learner: Give me a task and I'll have a go, give me a new piece of kit and I'll try it out, give me some ideas and I will play with them. I feel I would be out the back trying to keep the show on the road if Jesus was sitting in my front room talking with my sister.

Martha is devastated to learn that Jesus believes her sister has taken the better part. Martha's cooking, baking, cleaning and active haste, all her worrying and service is of no account. What joy to do all that work and then to be told that your lazy sister is a better person... 'that's the last time I will welcome the preacher and prepare his tea'.....'. He tells me not to be distracted by my many tasks. I would have had far less to do if Mary lent a hand.'

In sitting at the feet of Jesus Mary was taking a huge step. Here was a village girl sitting at the feet of the greatest teacher the world has ever known. Such courage, grace, drive and determination - as St Paul said, 'In Christ there is no bond nor free' -

- gender, race, social status and wealth are of no account.

To my mind the story Luke told of two sisters is not an anecdote that illustrates the competition between passive worship and aggressive fussiness. I do not believe that it illustrates the riches of a contemplative life coming out of the world to be closer to God. I think Jesus warns Martha and all of us about the Busy, Busy, Busy lifestyle that cuts out time for reading, prayer and learning.

If I am honest I would probably be Martha – an activist, a person who gets things done. The world is full of people like me and Martha – Busy, Busy, and more Busy – people who get some things done but get stressed out in the process. We are distracted by our many tasks and sometimes we can become resentful that others are not pulling their weight, doing their share or really supporting us.

To those watching a person reading, a woman praying, a couple practising dance steps, a neighbour stopping to talk or a man walking in the winter sunshine. 'This is not work – they should be getting on with the task in hand.' In effect Jesus told Martha that it didn't matter too much if the tea was late, the carpets needed cleaning or the drains needed unblocking. All these things need to be done but you need also to take time to think, time to pray, time to read, time to dance and time to sing a new song to the Lord.

In the words of that famous 20th century thinker from Hoboken, a small town in New Jersey USA, Mr Francis Sinatra gave us all good advice:

'Do, be; do, be; and do' – yes you heard it from him straight – 'do-be-do-be- do'.

I wish you a good November of being and doing.

On a practical note – take time out to read the instruction manual.



Bill Herbert

Services across the Carlford Benefice

November 6th Sat 24 3rd Sba

2Thess 2:1-5, 13-17 and Luke 20:27-38

8.00am	Holy Communion	Grundisburgh	CS
9.30am	Holy Communion	Burgh	JaneH
9.30am	Remembering Service	Hasketon	CS
9.30am	Holy Communion	Swilland	CB
11.00am	Holy Communion	Boulge	JamesH
11.00am	Remembering Service	Grundisburgh	CS
11.00am	All Souls	Otley	JaneH

November 13th Remembrance Sunday

As set for Remembrance Sunday

8.00am	Holy Communion	Grundisburgh	CS
9.30am	Remembrance Service	Hasketon	JW
11.00am	Remembrance Service	Ashbocking	CB
11.00am	Remembrance Service	Boulge	RP
11.00am	Remembrance Service	Burgh/ Grundisburgh	WG
11.00am	Remembrance Service	Clopton	JamesH
11.00am	Remembrance Service	Otley	CS
12.00noon	Remembrance Service	Swilland	JaneH

November 20th Christ the King

Colossians 1:11-20 and Luke 23:33-43, Psalm 46

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

November 27th Advent Sunday

Romans 13:11-14 and Matt 24:36-44, Psalm 122

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

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 November

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

CRIBFEST Talk by Rowan Williams (The 104th Archbishop of Canterbury)

November 21st at 6.30pm
Grundisburgh Church

“Mary and her role in the nativity story; how she has inspired artists, musicians and craftspeople and what she says to us today?”

Tickets £10.00 includes wine and nibbles
Contact Alex: blomfield2010@hotmail.co.uk
07884034673
or
Anne: ledgley@talktalk.net
01473 735953

What's On across the Carlford Benefice

1st Baby Cafe at Grundisburgh Parish Room 9.00am-10.30am

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

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

2nd Hobbies Group, Clopton 10.00am until noon. Everyone is welcome.

2nd SWAPSHOP Grundisburgh 10.15am-11.30am meets in the Parish Room

2nd 7.00pm Meeting of Churchwardens and Ministry Team

4th Ashbocking Coffee Morning - at the home of June Thrower of 2 Millfields, Ashbocking 10.00am

5th Grundisburgh Coffee Morning 10.30am-11.45am Parish Room

6th Deanery Confirmation 3.00pm St Andrew's Melton

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

9th The Shoebox Appeal Workshop 10.00am Grundisburgh Parish Room

10th Deanery Chapter meet in Otley at 12.00noon

10th 2.30pm Tiddlywinks- pre school group meet in the Upper Room Grundisburgh

11th Reader Support Group meet at 9.30am in the Upper Room

11th 2nd Friday 7.15pm Hasketon Victory Hall - see details elsewhere

12th Burgh Soup Lunch in the School Room in aid of Burgh Church Fabric Fund

14th Beyond Alpha Grundisburgh Parish Rooms 10.30am - 12 noon - details elsewhere

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

14th Prayer Group meets in the Upper Room at 5.00pm

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

16th 10.00am-12 noon Clopton Coffee Morning in the Village Hall

16th-20th CRIBFEST 10.00am-5.00pm Grundisburgh Church see details elsewhere

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

17th COSA PCCs meet at Otley Hall 7.30pm

21st Lord Williams of Oystermouth gives the **CRIBFEST bi annual talk** - Grundisburgh Church 6.30pm Tickets £10

23rd Wood Trust meet in Burgh 2.00pm

24th 10.00am Otley Coffee Morning at the home of Fred & Jane Woods of Windmill, 36 Church Road, Otley

24th Hasketon Community Lunch 12.15pm

24th 2.30pm Tiddlywinks - pre-school group meet in the Upper Room in Grundisburgh

24th Deanery Synod 7.30pm meet at St John's Woodbridge 7.30pm. We welcome Bishop Martin as our speaker. All are welcome to attend

28th Beyond Alpha Grundisburgh Parish Rooms 10.30am - 12 noon - details elsewhere

28th Men's Group at the Moon and Mushroom 6.30pm

29th Burgh PCC meet in the schoolroom at 10.00am

29th 7.30pm Hasketon and Grundisburgh PCCs meet at Grundisburgh School

'Beyond Alpha' – Autumn 2016

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

Held at GRUNDISBURGH PARISH ROOMS, 10.30 – 12.00 on

Monday **November 14th & 28th**; December 12th

The meetings 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 4 – Nov.14th Group discussion: 'The Book of Job'
- Session 5 – Nov.28th ppt. Presentation: 'Paul's Epistles?'
- Session 6 – Dec.12th 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

REMEMBERING SERVICE NOVEMBER 6TH

Hasketon
9.30am

*Please join us to remember
loved ones who have died*

Grundisburgh
11.00am

SOUP LUNCH BURGH SCHOOLROOM

Saturday 12th November

12.00noon to 1.30pm
Usual food and prices

All money raised will go to
Burgh Church Fabric Fund.



An invitation to remember a loved one at an All Souls service

For the last 6 years we have held a simple but sensitive service around the time of All Saints Day (1st November) to remember loved ones who have died and whose memory is very precious. There has been music, prayers, time for reflection, readings & a sense of peace that we think everyone who came found helpful. You are warmly invited to join us for a similar service at 11am **on Sunday 6th November in Otley church.** We read out the names of those you have asked us to remember. Any one who'd like to come will be very welcome.

If you would like us to include someone's name please let Jane (785251 or email – allthealls@tiscali.co.uk) or Catherine (890264 or email catherine.beaumont@otleyhall.co.uk) know. The Rev'd Jane Hall & the Rev'd Catherine Beaumont

Advance Notice

Otley church's annual Christmas draw & coffee morning will be held on Sat 10th Dec 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.

PATIENT PARTICIPATION GROUP

This is a plea for new members from Grundisburgh for the PPG of the Debenham Group Practice. It is a forum for supporting our local Gps- primarily to learn how the Practice works and to keep the doctors via the Business Manager Stevie Bloomfield, aware of patients' concerns and to make suggestions that will help the Doctor/Patient relationship.

The PPG also endeavour to raise funds to provide equipment for the 3 surgeries, which is outside the NHS remit. Over the past 3 years we have been able to contribute to the purchasing of a Spirometer. Foetal Heart monitors and a Blood pressure monitor.

The task is not onerous- meetings are held once a quarter at the Debenham Surgery. Some time is also required for fund raising but this is mainly done on flu vaccination days.

At present I am the only member from Grundisburgh. Please consider if this is something you could do.

For further information please call me on 01473 735856. Sheila Snelling

Otley & District Gardening Club



Patron: Matthew Tanton-Brown

2016 – 2017 Season

**We meet at 7:30 pm, 1st Monday of the month
Otley Village Hall, Chapel Road, Otley**

Monday 7 November

“Who Dares, Prunes!” with Simon White

**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



HOST is a charity, founded 29 years ago by the British Council, Foreign & Commonwealth Office and Victoria League, which encourages international friendship and understanding by arranging for adult international students at universities in the UK to spend 1 – 4 days in a British home. Hosting is a wonderful opportunity to meet people from around the world and introduce them to our customs. HOST's work is even more important at the moment with the recent increase of racist and xenophobic abuse across the UK.

More information can be found on our website, www.hostuk.org, and I am happy to answer any questions you might have about the scheme.



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.

November 11th

What better way to end our 2015 series of talks than by welcoming a return visit by **Erik Punaks** who will entertain us with more of his **poetry and songs**.

MEN'S GROUP

Monday 28th November 2016

at the Moon and Mushroom, Swilland starting at 6.30pm.

Please email or telephone Brian Williams for numbers wanting Supper.
Tel 01473 785726 or
bfwdent@btinternet.com

The speaker for this meeting is Catherine Beaumont, who is for those who inconceivably might not know her, Swilland and Ashbocking's spiritual minder erstwhile solicitor.

The title for her talk is:-

My life as a businesswoman... life before ordination'

She will be speaking about her time as a solicitor, qualifying as an American attorney, setting up her own law firm and running her company in London, Bond Solon training, the witness training company. She has some interesting stories including the year she almost went bankrupt and all the staff but four left, plus the time of selling the business and buying Otley Hall.



Tuesday 1st November

9.00-10.30am

Baby Cafe

1st 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

Future dates Dec 6th



FANCY A COFFEE?



We have opportunities, throughout November, at

Ashbocking – Friday 4th at the home of June Thrower of 2 Millfields, Allotment Lane, Ashbocking
10.00am – 12 noon

Clopton – Wednesday 16th at the Village Hall
10.00am – 12 noon

Grundisburgh – Wednesday 2nd at 10.15am – 11.30am and then Saturday 5th 10.30am - 11.45am
at Grundisburgh Parish Rooms

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

Otley – Thursday 24th at the home of Fred and Jane Woods of Windmill, 36 Church Road, Otley
10.00am – 12 noon

Swilland – The next coffee morning will be held at The Christmas Draw which will take place on Saturday 3rd December at Winesham 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



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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



The Shoobox Appeal

**Will you take part in bringing a smile
to the face of a child this Christmas?**

**A child who otherwise
would have nothing at all.**

**All you need to do is to fill a shoe box
with fun items that any child would
enjoy. The shoe boxes are sent
worldwide to needy children.**

Not sure what to do?

**Bring your gifts and shoebox
to the Workshop**

**Parish Room 10.00 am 9th November
Most of all pack each box with a smile.**

**For more information phone
Jenny Taylor 01473 738066**

Cribfest

Madonna & Child

Grundisburgh

St. Mary's

November 16th - 20th
10am to 5pm

**Refreshments
available all day**

Remembrance Sunday Services

November 13th

Ashbocking	11.00am
Boulge	11.00am
Burgh and Grundisburgh combined	11.00am
Clopton	11.00am
Hasketon	9.30am
Otley	11.00am
Swilland	12.00noon

