

The Grapevine
News for the parishes of
The Carlford Benefice
March 2017

Why Do We Do That?



Do you have a ritual? An event you celebrate in a particular way or a little habit that you hope makes things go well for you? There's a football star who can't play until he checked all the loo seats are down and a tennis champion who must have a particular racket bag. Perhaps at Christmas a child has to have a particular sock for Father Christmas, the pudding is served on a special plate or you love coming to crib services although your children have long grown out of it! Why do we make pancakes once a year and give things up for Lent?

The dictionary describes *ritual as a code of ceremonies, an often repeated series of actions, related to rites or performance of divine service*. The church has many rituals – baptisms, weddings, PCC meetings & ashing on Ash Wednesday, Palm Sunday processions, Easter vigils, coffee making, exchanging the peace, Remembrance Sunday and all sorts of Christmas practices. Some have existed for 2000 years and some are modern, some are important and some very trivial, some really matter to people and others are an irritant! What interests me is that very little of what we do as a church, as the body of Christ, was actually prescribed by Jesus.

Yes, Jesus did teach his disciples the Lord's prayer and we still use his words today – don't worry about whether it's the traditional words or modern ones that you know, the importance is in their meaning. An active ministry that lasted only 3 years but in that time he cared for the sick and marginalised, preached and showed, by his example, the importance of love over ritual. He was steeped in the Jewish faith and its practices but summed up screeds of ritualistic law by saying we should love God with all our heart and our neighbours as ourselves.

Jesus didn't leave lots of instructions about how to be a church but before he died he had a Passover supper with his disciples and shared bread and wine with them and said "Do this in remembrance of me". From this comes our practice of celebrating communion. We share bread and wine as the worshipping community of Jesus' followers in our local churches – **It's a ritual but why do we do it and what does it mean?**

On Thursday 13th April we are holding a celebratory **Passover supper and simple communion** - a fellowship meal, to explain both the ancient Jewish tradition of marking the Israelites' escape from Egyptian slavery and our Christian practice of the Lord's supper. It will be a holy meal with lamb, bread, herbs, fruit, haroseth (come to find out what that is!) and of course wine. It is at Otley Hall at 7pm on **Maundy Thursday** and costs £7,50. More details in April. Jesus called us to share bread and wine in his memory, in memory of his love for all humanity – it is a ritual with true meaning.

Rev'd Jane Hall

Services across the Carlford Benefice

March 5th First Sunday in Lent

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7, Romans 5:12-19, Matthew 4:1-11

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

March 12th Second Sunday in Lent

Genesis 12:1-4a, Romans 4:1-5, 13-17, John 3:1-17 or Matthew 17:1-9

8.00am	Holy Communion	Grundisburgh	FW
9.30am	Holy Communion	Clopton	FW/JaneW
9.30am	Parish Eucharist	Hasketon	JW
11.00am	Annual Thanksgiving	Ashbocking	CB
11.00am	Morning Prayer	Boulge	Lay Led
11.00am	Parish Eucharist	Grundisburgh	FW/JaneW

March 19th Third Sunday in Lent

Exodus 17:1-7, Romans 5:1-11, John 4:5-42

8.00am	Holy Communion	Grundisburgh	JW
9.30am	Annual Thanksgiving	Burgh	CS
9.30am	Morning Prayer	Hasketon	Lay Led
9.30am	Holy Communion	Otley	JaneH
11.00am	Holy Communion	Boulge	JaneH
11.00am	Morning Prayer	Grundisburgh	BH
11.00am	Annual Thanksgiving	Swilland	CB

March 26th Mothering Sunday and Fourth Sunday in Lent

1 Samuel 16:1-13, Ephesians 5:8-14, John 9:1-41

8.00am	Holy Communion	Grundisburgh	CS
9.30am	Family Holy Communion	Hasketon	WG
11.00am	Family Service	Clopton	WG
11.00am	Family and Parade service and Baptism of Nellie Boosey	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, MC – Mark Cresswell, GH – Graham Hedger, Jan – Jan Bates, Linda – Linda Pollard, TBC – To be Confirmed

Other Services in March

March 1 st	Ash Wednesday	Otley	10.00am
		Grundisburgh	7.30pm
March 6 th	Holy Communion BCP	Hasketon	9.30am
March 8 th	Holy Communion BCP	Grundisburgh	9.30am
March 20 th	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 "Going Deeper" Homegroup, Manor Farm, The Green, Ashbocking 10.00am

1st Hobbies Group, Clopton 10.00am until noon. Everyone is welcome

1st Ash Wednesday – see details of services elsewhere

3rd Ashbocking Coffee Morning 10.00am - 12 noon at the home of Linda Ellis at Dormers, The Green, Ashbocking.

3rd 10.00am PILGRIM at the home of Beryl Hatelie

What's On across the Carlford Benefice

4th Grundisburgh Coffee Morning 10.30am - 11.45am Parish Room

4th Bishops Martin and Mike lead a morning on Prayer at Framlingham – book with the Bishop's Office 01473 252829
4th Otley Quiz Night and Supper 7pm £10/person.

6th 2.00pm Grundisburgh Parish Room Lent Art – see insert

6th 7.00pm PILGRIM at the home of Valerie MacCuish

7th Baby Café Grundisburgh Parish Room 9.00am-10.30am

7th Craft and Coffee at Shrubbery Farm, Hasketon 10.00am - 12 noon

7th Lent Walk Otley to Ashbocking – leave from Otley Church at 10.30am

8th Grundisburgh SWAPSHOP 10.15am - 11.30am Parish Room

8th 12.30-1.30pm Lent Lunch with Table Talk – see insert

9th 10.00am-12.00 noon Otley Coffee Morning at the home of Philip and Betty David 15 Spring Park

9th Grundisburgh Upper Room Tiddlywinks group for toddlers and carers 2.30pm

10th Reader Support Group meet at 9.30am in the Upper Room

10th 10.00am PILGRIM at the home of Beryl Hatelie

11th Diocesan Synod meets at the Cathedral

12th Grundisburgh Sunday Club 10.45am in the Parish Rooms

13th Knit and Stitch, Burgh Schoolroom 10.30am to 12 noon. All welcome. For further details 01473 735544

13th 9.30am Open the Book rehearsal in the Upper Room

13th 10.30am Lent Walk from Burgh to Swilland via Clopton

13th 2.00pm Grundisburgh Parish Room Lent Art– see insert

13th 5.00pm Prayer group in the Upper Room

13th 7.00pm PILGRIM at the home of Valerie MacCuish

14th 2.00pm Boulge PCC meet in the Upper Room

14th 7.30pm Hasketon and Grundisburgh PCC meet at Grundisburgh School

15th 12.30-1.30pm Lent Lunch with Table Talk– see insert

15th "Going Deeper" Homegroup, Manor Farm, The Green, Ashbocking 10.00am

15th 10.00am - 12 noon Clopton Coffee Morning in the Village Hall

17th 10.00am PILGRIM at the home of Beryl Hatelie

18th 10.00am Burgh Schoolroom – Eve Appeal Coffee Morning

18th 1.30pm Grundisburgh Wedding of Luke Billsberry and Kimberley Dodd

20th 2.00pm Grundisburgh Parish Room Lent Art-see insert

20th 7.00pm PILGRIM at the home of Valerie MacCuish

22nd 10.30am Lent Walk from Hasketon to Grundisburgh via Boulge

22nd 12.30-1.30pm Lent Lunch with Table Talk–see insert

23rd 12.15pm Hasketon Community Lunch

23rd From noon Otley Community Lunch please book with The White Hart, Otley 01473 890312

23rd Grundisburgh Upper Room Tiddlywinks group for toddlers and carers 2.30pm

24th 10.00am PILGRIM at the home of Beryl Hatelie

26th Grundisburgh Sunday Club 10.45am see elsewhere

27th Open the Book @ Grundisburgh School

27th 2.00pm Grundisburgh parish Room Lent Art-see insert

27th 7.00pm PILGRIM at the home of Valerie MacCuish

29th 12.30pm – 1.30pm Hasketon Lent Lunch with Table Talk – see elsewhere

29th 7.30pm Hasketon PCC

30th 7.30pm COSA PCCs meet at Clopton Village Hall

31st 10.00am PILGRIM at the home of Beryl Hatelie

Looking Ahead to April

1st Swilland Coffee Morning at the Moon and Mushroom Grundisburgh Coffee Morning in the Parish Room

6th Otley and District Gardening Club AGM and "Growing from seed, and in containers" Bob Booker



The Carlford Churches 2017

Ash Wednesday - March 1st



Services in Otley @ 10.00am and Grundisburgh @ 7.30pm
Communion with imposition of ashes.

Take the Kagera Challenge

Kagera is our link diocese in Tanzania – the Diocesan Lent Appeal is to take the Kagera Challenge – learn more about life in Kagera- pray for our brothers and sisters there – raise money to help them improve their lives. Details on the Diocesan website at

www.cofesuffolk.org

An invitation to walk!

- Tuesday 7th March, Otley to Ashbocking starting at 10.30
- Monday 13th March, Burgh to Swilland via Clopton church starting at 10.30
- Wednesday 22nd March, Hasketon to Grundisburgh via Boulge church starting at 10.30



Details from Jane Woods – 01473 890786 – revdfredwoods@hotmail.com

“Lent Art”

Join Wendy in creating an Easter mosaic from old Christmas cards – and journey in word and deed through the Passion story to Easter Day and beyond - no artistic ability needed.

Monday March 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th Grundisburgh Parish Room 2.00-3.00pm

Details from Wendy rev.gourlay@gmail.com

Table Talk

Share in conversation around our Easter faith on Wednesdays from 12.30 to 1.30pm, while enjoying homemade soup and friendship in the homes of **8th March**, Shrubbery Farm, Molly & Gordon Smith with Dot Warner 01394 382208, **15th March**, Allen's Cross House, Shirley & Ron Daws with Wendy, 01473 735138, **22nd March**, Oak House, Anne Craggs, with Wendy 01473 738945, **29th March**, Victoria House, Ann & Keith Green, 01394 389433. Further details from Wendy rev.gourlay@gmail.com



House Groups

Join one of our House Groups:

- **Otley** 2nd and 4th Monday 1.45pm at the home of Penny Clark (Cherry Bank)
- **Grundisburgh** Thursday 7.30pm at the home of Mark and Sandra Cresswell (15 Gurdon Rd, contact: Mark@thecresswells.me.uk)
- **Ashbocking** 1st and 3rd Wednesday 10.00-12.00 at the home of Andrew Gaught (Manor Farm, The Green)
2nd and 4th Wednesday 7.30pm at the home of John and Linda Pollard (Hawthorns, The Green)

PS – The PILGRIM groups in Grundisburgh have reached capacity

40acts

Follow “40 Acts of Kindness” online. Sign up @ www.40acts.org.uk and take the daily challenge.



Maundy Thursday

Join us on Thursday 13th April for a Passover supper and simple communion fellowship meal at Otley Hall 7.00pm – it will be a holy meal with lamb, bread, herbs, fruit, haroseth and of course wine and costs £7.50.

Good Friday

For all the family - **Messy Church** @ Otley Village Hall
10am -11.30am

An Hour at the Cross - Grundisburgh Church 2.00- 3.00pm



The Carlford Churches
Grundisburgh, Otley, Ashbocking, Burgh
Swilland, Clopton, Hasketon, Boulge.

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 April 18th 2017 at 10.30am

We'll be discussing 'Who Moved the Stone' by Frank Morison.

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



FANCY A COFFEE?

We have opportunities, throughout March,

Ashbocking – Friday 3rd at the home of Linda and Mick Ellis of Dormers, The Green, Ashbocking 10.00am – 12 noon

Burgh – 'Eve Appeal' Saturday 18th at the Burgh School Room 10.00am

Clopton – Wednesday 15th at the Village Hall 10.00am – 12 noon

Grundisburgh – Saturday 4th 10.30am - 11.45am and then Wednesday 8th 10.15am – 11.30am both at Grundisburgh Parish Rooms

Otley – Thursday 9th at the home of Philip and Betty David of 15 Spring Park, Otley 10.00am.
Do come along and join us.

Swilland – There is no coffee morning this month but the next one will be on Saturday 1st April hosted by Nikki Gavin at The Moon and Mushroom, Swilland from 10.00am



Message from the Rector.....

One of the joys of ministry in our benefice over the last 10 years has been to see people growing in their Christian life and service. We are richly blessed with our Ministry Team and our Elders, our Churchwardens, Treasurers, PCC secretaries, and all who play a part in Church life in music and worship, in caring for and decorating our church buildings, in offering hospitality...so once a year it is good to give thanks to God for our life together, not just in a formal annual meeting, but in a service of thanksgiving. Over the next 2 months, in each of our churches we will be combining a service of thanksgiving with our Annual Parochial Church Meeting. Please take time to reflect on what you want to say thank you for and what you can offer to the life of the church in your village and community.

As we give thanks, it's also good to be able to share our life with others training for ministry. Over the last 3 years Jane and Richard have been training for Reader ministry and in June will be commissioned at a special service at the Cathedral on June 18th at 3.30pm. They have trained as part of a larger group and in their final months of training, as Richard goes on placement to Kesgrave during Lent, we welcome Jenny Catchpole, who will be based for her placement in Grundisburgh. Jenny comes from Wickham Market and brings an experience of church from a more evangelical tradition, so there will be much for us to learn from each other.

Jane has already done her placement...in Australia! Lucky her!

Rev Clare Sanders



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Mothering Sunday March 26th

Grundisburgh Church 11.00am

A service for all the family – everyone welcome
flowers for all the ladies too!



Hasketon Lent Lunches

We invite you to join 'Table Talk' discussion over a simple, delicious lunch of soup and fruit at four home venues in Hasketon, during March. Please join us when you can, for one or more of these lunches. On each occasion, a voluntary donation towards a charitable cause will be gratefully received. For practical catering purposes, it is appreciated that you confirm with the host beforehand whether you hope to attend, and if you have any specific dietary needs. Similarly, if you require a lift, please advise, and we will do our best to arrange something suitable.

Wednesday @ 12.30 -1.30 pm.

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22nd March, Oak House, Anne Craggs, with Wendy 01473 738945

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We look forward to seeing you.

Revd Wendy Gourlay

Grundisburgh Sunday Club

2nd & 4th Sunday 10.45am

In the Parish Room

for pre-school and primary school age children

Stories, activities, fun and games

More information from
Jenny Sewell - 01473 735329

MID SUMMER MUSIC

2017

Saturday 1st July

Grundisburgh House

Returns again this summer

*If you would like to perform, email to
midsummermusic@easy.com*

*All styles of music welcome, whether
you've performed at a previous
Midsummer Music, or not,
we'd love to hear from you*

Otley & District Gardening Club



Patron: Matthew Tanton-Brown

2017 Season

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

Monday 3rd April (AGM)
"Growing from Seed, and in Containers" with Bob Booker

All welcome 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)



Tuesday 7th March 2017

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

Otley Annual Quiz Night and Supper



Saturday 4th March

Doors open at 7pm
for 7.30pm Start

Teams up to 8,
£10 per person to
include a yummy
jacket potato supper

Bar and Raffle

Contact Ruth
01473 890543
07902024976
refarnhill@btinternet.com



Fairtrade Fortnight

Monday 27 February - Sunday 12 March



Fairtrade Coffee Morning

4th March 10.30am

In aid of Traidcraft & St.Mary's
Fairtrade goods and cake to buy
Enjoy Fairtrade coffee,
tea & homemade biscuits,
in the company of friends

Traidcraft Spring Catalogue
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Supporting the Let it Grow campaign

Sunday 5th March St. Mary's Grundisburgh

Coffee & cake from 10.15am
before & after the 11.00am service

