

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

“Change and Transformation”



It is Bank Holiday Monday- the end of May- there has been heavy rain overnight- but the sun is shining now. The rain has cleared the air; the parched earth has received some much needed water and no doubt the combination of water and warmth will mean the grass needs cutting again, before too long. I don't know why I'm worried, I don't cut the grass, it sets my hay fever off!

So why reflect upon the weather- well it's very British- my father always said "what would we talk about, if we didn't talk about the weather" – but it isn't the weather per se that has struck me, but living in a world of change, nothing remains the same for long, we live in a constantly changing world.

It is the week after the horrific Manchester bombing, when lives were changed irreparably; the anniversary of Brexit is upon us and by the time you read this, there will be a new government; change of political party I doubt, but change nonetheless, and what lies ahead regardless of the colour of party residing at No 10, will inevitably mean change for many.

Looking through my diary, change is happening for people across the benefice this month; weddings for Catrin and Richard, David and Amanda; babies being baptised Jesse James and Ava; the end of term and the prospect of leaving one school to go on to another or awaiting results to discover which university or college will you be going to in Sept/Oct.

For us here in the benefice, there are changes too, Jane Hall has resigned from parish ministry; Wendy is preparing for retirement in September; Jane Woods has been licensed as a Reader and Jenny Taylor and Doris Main, are being re-licensed as Elders to work in Grundisburgh and Clopton.

Change and transformation are written into the DNA of our being; the whole creative process is governed by the cycle of life and death. Just as this is true in nature, so it is true of our spiritual lives.

Richard Rohr writes

"Jesus' resurrection is an invitation to look deeper at the pattern of death and rising in all that is human. Jesus, or any member of "the Body of Christ," cannot really die because we are all participating in something eternal—the Universal Christ that has existed "from the beginning."

Death is not just the death of the physical body, but all the times we hit bottom and must let go of how we thought life should be and surrender to a Larger Power. And in that sense, we all probably go through many deaths in our lifetime. These deaths to the small self are tipping points, opportunities to choose transformation early. Unfortunately, most people turn bitter and look for someone to blame. So their death is indeed death for them, because they close down to growth and new life"

But if you do choose to walk through the depths—even the depths of your own sin and mistakes—you will come out the other side, knowing you've been taken there by a Source larger than yourself. Surely this is what it means to be saved. Being saved doesn't mean that you are any better than anyone else or will be whisked off into heaven. It means you've allowed and accepted the mystery of transformation here and now. And as now, so later!

If we are to speak of miracles, the most miraculous thing of all is that God uses the very thing that would normally destroy you—the tragic, sorrowful, painful, or unjust—to transform and enlighten you. Now you are indestructible; there are no dead ends. This is what we mean when we say we are "saved by the death and resurrection of Jesus." This is not a one-time cosmic transaction, but the constant pattern of all growth and change. Jesus is indeed saving the world by guiding us through all would-be deaths to a life that is always bigger than death."

Clare Sanders

Services across the Carlford Benefice

July 2nd 3rd Sunday after Trinity

Genesis 22:1-14, Psalm 13, Romans 6:12-23, Matthew 10:40-42

8.00am	Holy Communion	Grundisburgh	CS
9.30am	Holy Communion BCP	Burgh	WG
9.30am	Animal Service	Hasketon	CS
9.30am	Extended Holy Communion	Swilland	MC
11.00am	Holy Communion	Boulge	WG
11.00am	Family Service	Grundisburgh	MC
11.00am	Animal/Parade Service	Otley	CS

July 9th 4th Sunday after Trinity

Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-end, Psalm 45:10-17, Romans 7:15-25a, Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

8.00am	Holy Communion	Grundisburgh	CS
9.30am	Holy Communion	Clopton	CS
9.30am	Parish Eucharist	Hasketon	JW
11.00am	Songs of Praise	Ashbocking	Jan/Linda
11.00am	Parish Eucharist	Grundisburgh	WG
6.30pm	Evensong	Boulge	JamesH

July 16th 5th Sunday after Trinity

Genesis 25:19-34, Psalm 119:105-112, Romans 8:1-11, Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

8.00am	Holy Communion	Grundisburgh	CS
9.30am	Holy Communion	Burgh	JW
9.30am	Morning Prayer	Hasketon	Lay Led
9.30am	Holy Communion	Otley	CS
11.00am	Extended Holy Communion	Boulge	JamesH
11.00am	Morning Prayer	Grundisburgh	MC
11.00am	Family Service	Swilland	CS

July 23rd 6th Sunday After Trinity

Genesis 28:10-19a, Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24, Romans 8:12-25, Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

8.00am	Holy Communion	Grundisburgh	CS
9.30am	Family Holy Communion	Hasketon	CS
11.00am	Family Holy Communion	Grundisburgh	CS
6.30pm	Evensong	Otley	JamesH

July 30th 7th Sunday After Trinity

Genesis 29:15-28, Psalm 105:1-11, 45b or Psalm 128, Romans 8:26-end, Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

11.00am	Benefice Service & Re-commissioning of Doris Main and Jenny Taylor as Elders	Clopton	CS
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Key - CS - Clare Sanders, CB - Catherine Beaumont, WG - Wendy Gourlay, FW - Fred Woods, JW - John Waine, BH - Bill Herbert, MS - Mark Sanders, 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 July

July 3 rd	Holy Communion BCP	Hasketon	9.30am
July 5 th	Holy Communion BCP	Grundisburgh	9.30am
July 17 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, Clopton, Grundisburgh & Otley
Clare Sanders 01473 735183
Hasketon
Wendy Gourlay 01728 685335

What's On across the Carlford Benefice

1st Midsummer Music - see details elsewhere

3rd Beyond Alpha Grundisburgh Parish Room

10.30am - 12 noon - see details elsewhere

4th Baby Café Grundisburgh Parish Room 9.00am - 10.30am

4th Craft and Coffee at Shrubbery Farm, Hasketon 10.00am - 12 noon

5th Grundisburgh SWAPSHOP 10.15am - 11.30am Parish Room

5th Hobbies Group, Clopton 10.00am until noon. Everyone is welcome

5th "Going Deeper" Homegroup, Manor Farm, The Green, Ashbocking 10.00am

7th Ashbocking Coffee Morning 10.00am - 12 noon at the home of Liz and Steve Stegman at Old House Cottage, The Green

8th 12.30pm Wedding of Catrin and Richard at Grundisburgh

8th 2.30pm Burgh Church Thanksgiving and Baptism of Jesse James Crisp

9th Grundisburgh Sunday Club 10.45am in the Parish Rooms

10th Otley House Group 1.45pm - 3pm, Otley

10th Grundisburgh Prayer Group 5.00pm in the Upper Room

11th 9.30am Burgh PCC in the Schoolroom

11th 2.00pm Boulge PCC meets at the home of Sheila Snelling

11th 7.30pm Hasketon and Grundisburgh PCCs meet at Grundisburgh School

13th Otley Coffee Morning 10.00am - 12 noon at the home of Janet Booker Smith Helmingham Cottage, Helmingham Rd

13th Grundisburgh Church Tiddlywinks group for toddlers and carers 2.30pm

15th Grundisburgh Church 2.00 Thanksgiving and Baptism of Ava Anderson

17th Beyond Alpha Grundisburgh Parish Room 10.30am - 12 noon - see details elsewhere

17th Monday House Group 7.30pm, Grundisburgh

18th BBC 10.30am - see details elsewhere

19th "Going Deeper" Homegroup, Manor Farm, The Green, Ashbocking 10.00am

19th 10.00am - 12 noon Clopton Coffee Morning in the Village Hall

22nd 1.30pm Clopton Church Wedding of David and Amanda

23rd Grundisburgh Sunday Club 10.45am in the Parish Rooms

23rd 3.00pm - 4.30pm Clopton Village Hall MESSY PICNIC - see details elsewhere

24th Otley House Group 1.45pm - 3pm, Otley

27th 12.15pm Hasketon Community lunch

29th- 30th Grundisburgh Art Club Summer

Exhibition in Grundisburgh Church 10am - 5pm - see details elsewhere



SUMMER PICNIC

What better than a family picnic?

Messy Church is an informal style of Christian worship for all the family, adults and children, to participate together involving fun, singing, creative activities and sharing food.

Clopton Village Hall

Sunday 23rd July 2017, 3pm to 4.30pm
All Welcome, £1 per family suggested donation.

If you'd like to come, please let us know names of adults and children so we can get the catering right and have fun together!

mark@thecresswells.me.uk

Will you join us?



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

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 will be held on the **18th July 2017** at 10.30am

We'll be discussing the book 'The Lost Message of Jesus' by Steve Chalke and Alan Mann.

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.

Carlford Groups

Social Groups

Baby Café – 4th July 9am Grundisburgh

Craft and Coffee – 4th July 10am Hasketon

Hobbies group – 5th July 10am, Clopton

Swapshop – 5th July 10.15am, Grundisburgh

Hasketon Community Lunch – 27th July 12.15pm

Tiddlywinks – 13th July 2.30pm Grundisburgh

Prayer and Study Groups

Going Deeper – 5th and 19th July 10am Ashbocking

Grundisburgh Prayer Group – 10th July 5pm

Monday Housegroup – 17th July 7.30pm, Grundisburgh

BBC Bible Book Club – 18th July 10.30am, Grundisburgh

Otley House Group – 10th and 24th July 1.45pm, Otley



FANCY A COFFEE?



We have opportunities,
throughout July,

Ashbocking – Friday 7th at the home of Liz and Steve Stegman at Old House, The Green, Ashbocking
10.00am – 12 noon

Clopton – Wednesday 19th at the Village Hall 10.00am – 12 noon

Grundisburgh – Wednesday 5th 10.15am – 11.30am at Grundisburgh Parish Rooms
Please note that there will be no coffee morning on Saturday 1st July due to Midsummer Music taking place that day.

Otley – Thursday 13th at the home of Janet Booker Smith of Helmingham Cottage, Helmingham Road, Otley 10.00am.

Do come along and join us.

29th – 30th July
GRUNDISBURGH SUMMER



In Grundisburgh Church

10 am till 5 pm. Admission free.
There will be works from the group
of drawings, watercolours, acrylics
and oil paintings.

Also including sculptures in various
materials.

Tea/coffee and cakes will be
available.

There will be a raffle for a
celebrated local artists painting,
with a percentage of all proceeds to
be donated to the church.

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*

There will be a bar, BBQ, tea, coffee, cake, sandwiches,
face painting, children's area & of course wonderful
musical entertainment. Tickets are £5 for adults, £1 for a
child and can be obtained from The Olde Forge Stores,
Williams' Stores, Grundisburgh School or Clive Willetts
on 01473 738831. All monies raised will go to St Mary's
extension toilets and boiler.



Tuesday 4th July 2017
9.00-10.30am

Baby Cafe
1st Tuesday of each
month in
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



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

Held at GRUNDISBURGH PARISH ROOMS, 10.30 – 12.00 Monday **July 3rd & 17th**.

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 person, per
session, covers costs. We will consider:

Session 5 – July 3rd

Biblical Topic – ppt. **Presentation 2 'Moses & Exodus'**

References: Google, commentaries, footnotes and appendices in your Bible

Session 6 – July 17th

Biblical Topic – 'Trinity' **Do definitions and metaphors assist or hinder our
understanding of the Holy Trinity? How do we experience the Holy Trinity
working in and through our lives today?**

References: Discussions will include insights from a recent publication of 2016, 'The
Divine Dance', written by Richard Rohr.

Haven't been along yet, why ever not? Join us this Spring 2017

Enquiries: Paul on: 01473 738474 or paulwiffen222@btinternet.com

Grundisburgh Sunday Club

2nd & 4th Sunday
of the month

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



TRAIDCRAFT *Traidcraft Stalls*
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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

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For info contact Pat Fletcher 01473 735 775
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Otley & District Gardening Club 2017 Season



Patron: Matthew Tanton-Brown

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

"New season – meetings start on Monday 4th September"

Compare gardening notes over tea/coffee & biscuits. All welcome -
Join up or just come along - Admission £1:50 (members) £4:00
(non-members) Annual membership £10:00

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