

**The Grapevine**  
**News for the parishes of**  
**The Carlford Benefice**  
**October 2017**

**“Sing to the Lord”**



As I was thinking about what to write I was starting the kneeler I volunteered to embroider for Clopton Church. The kneeler I chose has musical notes on it, and the words “Sing to the Lord.” As Doris said when I went to choose which one I wanted to do, “I thought you would do that, what with Fred (my husband, retired vicar and organist) playing the organ for us and you being a page turner.” I have helped Fred at weddings and other times by turning the pages when he is playing.

So here I am starting the kneeler and thinking, music and singing. We are very blessed to have people who will play the organ or piano at church, but there are occasions when it has to be karaoke, that is singing while being accompanied by CDs. Not easy, need to check the number of verses, will it be fast? Will everyone be able to hear the music? and for the person doing the music what track the hymn is on and remembering to have all the CDs and equipment ready for the service. It is great if you have Clare leading the service as she is an accomplished singer and can lead the music without the CDs.

Then I thought of the time St John’s College Cambridge Choir came to the prison where I work to run a workshop for the prisoners and how both the prisoners and the students learnt new songs together and performed them.

So why do we “Sing to the Lord,” what is the point? If you are one of my stepsons you would say, “There is no point I don’t like singing and that is the part of the service that I least enjoy.” For some people the hymns are memories from school or church in the distant past. For others there are opportunities to learn new hymns and songs.

Did you know that the longest running outside broadcast on the radio is Choral Evensong on Wednesday afternoons! It started over 90years ago on the 7<sup>th</sup> October 1926.

I recently wrote an essay for my Reader Course about the purpose of music within worship. I

looked at Plainsong which is singing unaccompanied, and at that time sung by monks and nuns. Singing in church changed greatly through the ages, Bach’s cantatas, hymns by Charles Wesley (Hark! The herald angels sing), Timothy Dudley Smith (Lord, for the years), to today’s hymn-writers such as Matt Redman (The heart of worship) and Keith Getty (In Christ alone).

When I looked further into plainsong I discovered that it is still popular today with choirs like “The Sixteen” undertaking world tours and their tickets selling out within hours of going on sale, selling as quickly as Ed Sheeran concerts.

We read in both Matthew and Mark that the disciples and Jesus sang a hymn at the Last Supper. Monks used plainsong to sing psalms and canticles as the majority of people at that time would have been unable to read. Today we can go to different churches and find a wide variety of hymns, songs, choruses and meditative music. For some it is the music that decides if a person stays at a church or not.

Singing and praising God is very important in worship. Martin Luther, whose anniversary we celebrate this year, instructed people to meet midweek to learn hymns and practise their singing so that they could sing well on Sunday. Luther wrote, “After the Word of God, the noble art of music is the greatest treasure in the world.”

Singing can be a form of prayer, or putting it another way we can make our prayers into songs. Bishop J.C.Ryle, who was a vicar at Helmingham Church, said: “There is an elevating, stirring, soothing, spiritualising effect about a thoroughly good hymn, which nothing else can produce. It sticks in men’s memories when texts are forgotten. It trains men for heaven, where praise is one of the principal occupations. Preaching and praying shall one day cease for ever; but praise shall never die. The makers of good ballads are said to sway national opinion. The writers of good hymns, in like manner, are those who leave the deepest marks on the face of the church.”

“Oh sing to the Lord a new song;  
sing to the Lord, all the earth!  
Sing to the Lord, bless his name;  
tell of his salvation from day to day.  
Declare his glory among the nations,  
his marvellous works among all the peoples!”  
*(Psalm 96)*

**Jane Woods**

## Services across the Carlford Benefice

### October 1st 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

**Exodus 17.1-7, Psalm 78.1-4, 12-16, Philippians 2.1-13, Matthew 21.23-32**

|         |                         |              |    |
|---------|-------------------------|--------------|----|
| 8.00am  | Holy Communion          | Grundisburgh | CS |
| 9.30am  | Extended Holy Communion | Burgh        | MC |
| 9.30am  | Holy Communion          | Hasketon     | JW |
| 9.30am  | Holy Communion          | Swilland     | CS |
| 11.00am | Extended Holy Communion | Boulge       | BH |
| 11.00am | Harvest Festival        | Grundisburgh | MC |
| 11.00am | Harvest Festival        | Otley        | CS |
| 12.45pm | Baptism                 | Grundisburgh | CS |

### October 8th 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

**Exodus 20.1-4, 7-9, 12-20, Psalm 19, Philippians 3.4b-14, Matthew 21.33-end**

|         |                           |              |         |
|---------|---------------------------|--------------|---------|
| 8.00am  | Holy Communion            | Grundisburgh | CS      |
| 9.30am  | Holy Communion            | Clopton      | CS      |
| 11.00am | Harvest Festival          | Ashbocking   | LP/JB   |
| 11.00am | Morning Prayer            | Boulge       | Lay Led |
| 11.00am | Parish Eucharist          | Grundisburgh | JW      |
| 11.00am | Harvest Festival          | Hasketon     | CS      |
| 12.30pm | Baptism of Benedict Brown | Otley        | CS      |

### October 15th 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

**Exodus 32.1-14, Psalm 106.1-6, 19-23, Philippians 4.1-9, Matthew 22.1-14**

|         |                  |              |         |
|---------|------------------|--------------|---------|
| 8.00am  | Holy Communion   | Grundisburgh | CS      |
| 9.30am  | Morning Prayer   | Hasketon     | Lay Led |
| 9.30am  | Holy Communion   | Otley        | CS      |
| 11.00am | Holy Communion   | Boulge       | JW      |
| 11.00am | Harvest Festival | Burgh        | CS      |
| 11.00am | Morning Prayer   | Grundisburgh | BH      |
| 11.00am | Family Service   | Swilland     | MC      |

### October 22nd 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Trinity

**Exodus 33.12-end, Psalm 99, 1 Thessalonians 1.1-10, Matthew 22.15-22**

|         |                       |              |          |
|---------|-----------------------|--------------|----------|
| 8.00am  | Holy Communion        | Grundisburgh | CS       |
| 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        | FW/JaneW |

### October 29th Last After Trinity

**Deuteronomy 34.1-12, Psalm 90.1-6, 13-17, 1 Thessalonians 2.1-8, Matthew 22.34-end**

|         |                  |              |    |
|---------|------------------|--------------|----|
| 8.00am  | Holy Communion   | Grundisburgh | FW |
| 11.00am | Benefice Service | Hasketon     | TS |

Key – CS – Clare Sanders, 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, TS – Tim Stevens  
TBC – To be Confirmed

## Other Services in October

|                          |                    |              |        |
|--------------------------|--------------------|--------------|--------|
| October 4 <sup>th</sup>  | Holy Communion BCP | Grundisburgh | 9.30am |
| October 16 <sup>th</sup> | Holy Communion BCP | Hasketon     | 9.30am |

First point of contact is:

**Ashbocking, Burgh, Boulge, Clopton, Grundisburgh, Hasketon, Otley & Swilland**

Clare Sanders 01473 735183

## What's On

**2nd PILGRIM** in the Upper Room, Grundisburgh 7.00pm  
**2nd Otley and District Gardening Club**, Otley Village Hall 7.30pm

**3rd Baby Café** Grundisburgh Parish Room 9.00am – 10.30am

**3rd Craft and Coffee** at Shrubbery Farm, Hasketon 10.00am – 12 noon

**3rd Churchwardens meet with Ministry Team** in Upper Room 7.00pm

**4th Hobbies Group**, Clopton Village Hall 10.00am until 12 noon.

**4th "Going Deeper" Homegroup**, Manor Farm, The Green, Ashbocking 10.00am

**4th Grundisburgh SWAPSHOP** 10.15am - 11.30am Parish Room, Grundisburgh

**6th Ashbocking Coffee Morning** 10.00am – 12 noon at the home of Sue and Mike Surrige of 9 Nelson Close, Ashbocking

**6th PILGRIM** at the home of Sheila Snelling, 54 Gurdon Road, Grundisburgh 10.00am

**6th Hasketon Harvest Supper** 7pm Victory Hall, Hasketon. Adults £5 Under 12's Free. Ring Katherine 01473 745579 if you would like to come

**7th Grundisburgh Coffee Morning** 10.30am Parish Room, Grundisburgh

**7th Swilland Coffee Morning** at the home of Gina Wilden of 7 High Road, Swilland from 10.00am

**7th Ashbocking Wedding of Oliver Christian and Chelsea Dorey**

**8th Grundisburgh Sunday Club** 10.45am in the Parish Rooms, Grundisburgh

**9th Grundisburgh Prayer Group** 5.00pm in the Upper Room, Grundisburgh

**9th PILGRIM** in the Upper Room, Grundisburgh 7.00pm

**10th 9.00am Open The Book rehearsal** in the Upper Room, Grundisburgh

**11th Ashbocking House Group** 7.30pm at the home of John and Linda Pollard of Hawthorns, Ashbocking

**12th 10.00am Otley Coffee Morning** at the home of David and Tess Papworth – Lavender House, Otley

**12th 12.00noon Woodbridge Deanery Chapter meet** in Grundisburgh Church with Bishop Mike

**12th Grundisburgh Church Tiddlywinks** group for toddlers and carers 2.30pm

**13th PILGRIM** at the home of Sheila Snelling, 54 Gurdon Road, Grundisburgh 10.00am

**14th Visiting Bell Ringers** in Grundisburgh 2pm

**14th Burgh Harvest Supper** – 6pm at The Barn Burgh House. Tickets in Advance £7.50

**16th PILGRIM** in the Upper Room, Grundisburgh 7.00pm

**16th Monday House Group** at the home of Malcolm and Sandra Green at 7.30pm

**17th Open the Book performs** at Grundisburgh School 8.30am

**17th Ministry Team Meet** 6.00pm

**18th 10.00am - 12 noon Clopton Coffee Morning** in the Village Hall

**18th "Going Deeper" Homegroup**, Manor Farm, The Green, Ashbocking 10.00am

**20th PILGRIM** at the home of Sheila Snelling, 54 Gurdon Road, Grundisburgh 10.00am

**21st Burgh Soup Lunch** 12.00 noon – 1.30pm Burgh Schoolroom

**22nd Grundisburgh Sunday Club** 10.45am in the Parish Rooms, Grundisburgh

**25th Ashbocking House Group** 7.30pm at the home of John and Linda Pollard of Hawthorns, Ashbocking

**26th 12.15pm Hasketon Community Lunch**

## Carlford Groups

### Social Groups

**Baby Café** – 3rd October 9am Grundisburgh

**Craft and Coffee** – 3rd October 10am Hasketon

**Hasketon Community Lunch** – 26th October 12.15pm, Hasketon

**Hobbies Group** – 4th October 10am, Clopton

**Swapshop** – 4th October 10.15am, Grundisburgh

**Tiddlywinks** – 12th October 2.30pm, Grundisburgh

### Prayer and Study Groups

**Ashbocking House Group** – 11<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> October 7.30pm, Ashbocking

**Going Deeper** – 4th and 18th October 10am Ashbocking

**Grundisburgh Prayer Group** – 9th October 5pm, Grundisburgh

**Monday House Group** - 16th October 7.30pm, Grundisburgh

**Pilgrim** – 2nd, 9th and 16th October 7.00pm and 6th, 13th and 20th October 10.00am Grundisburgh



## FANCY A COFFEE?

We have opportunities, throughout October,

**Ashbocking** – Friday 6th at the home of Sue and Mike Surridge of 9 Nelson Close, Ashbocking 10.00am – 12 noon

**Clopton** – Wednesday 18th at the Village Hall 10.00am – 12 noon

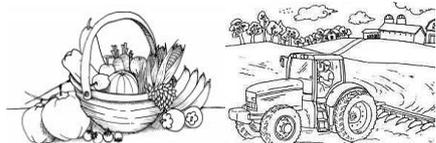
**Grundisburgh** – Wednesday 4th 10.15am – 11.30am and then Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> 10.30am – 11.45am both at Grundisburgh Parish Rooms

**Otley** – Thursday 12th at the home of David and Tess Papworth of Lavender House, Otley 10.00am.

**Swiland** – Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> at the home of Gina Wilden of 7 High Road, Swiland From 10.00am

Do come along and join us

## Join us for our Harvest Festivals



**October 1<sup>st</sup>** 11.00am at Grundisburgh and Otley  
**October 8<sup>th</sup>** 11.00am at Ashbocking and Hasketon  
**October 15<sup>th</sup>** 11.00am at Burgh

Harvest gifts of tinned or packaged food are welcomed

## WELCOME!

Revd Tim Stevens  
on **October 29<sup>th</sup>** 11.00am  
at the Benefice Service in Hasketon

We welcome the Rt Revd Tim Stevens as our preacher. Bp Tm has recently retired as Bp of Leicester and was Bp of Dunwich before that. He acts as Clare's work consultant, please come and welcome him, on his first visit to the Carlford Benefice.



[Formerly 'Alpha Plus' & 'Beyond Alpha']

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

The thirteenth run of this highly successful group which gives us the opportunity to discuss more areas of Christian Faith at six meetings held at **GRUNDISBURGH PARISH ROOMS**, 10.30–12.00.

Sessions are fortnightly on **Monday October 9<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>**; November 6<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>; December 4<sup>th</sup>. People of faith, agnostic, and atheist are all welcome. Tea or coffee and a piece of cake will be available and a warm welcome to all. A small charge of £1 per person, per session, covers costs.

We will consider – 'What do we really know about . . . .

**Session 2 – October 9<sup>th</sup> Biblical Topic – Discussion: 'Some sayings of Jesus' – What did he mean?** References: Matthew Chapters 5-7 [Especially 5:39, 40, 41]

**Session 3 – October 23<sup>rd</sup> Biblical Topic – ppt. Presentation 2 'Hallowed be thy name' - Which One?** References: Matthew 6:9 & Exodus 3:13-15

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

## **THANKS from Wendy**

Thank you everyone for a wonderful and memorable retirement-celebration on the morning of September 3rd. Your kind words, written messages and exceptionally generous gifts somewhat overwhelmed me.

I knew that saying 'farewell' to so many Benefice friends in both services at Hasketon and Grundisburgh would be an emotionally bitter-sweet occasion with my tears very close to the surface - which indeed they were. Yet, my memories now also recall moments of laughter, happiness and joy in being able to publicly thank and acknowledge certain aspects of my ministry with you.

My spiritual growth and opportunities to minister in a broad and fulfilling way have, of course, been guided and nurtured by Clare to whom I owe an enormous debt of gratitude. Yet, so too, with many of you, who have shared prayers and pastoral occasions which have been meaningful and profound.

Thank you Hasketon and Grundisburgh P.C.C.'s for arranging delicious refreshments at both coffee time and lunch, which enabled myself and Alister to mingle and chat informally with folk.

I'd like to especially thank the parishioners of Hasketon who gave me a beautiful picture of St Andrew's Church, which now graces my study. Also, I received an exceedingly generous gift of National Garden Vouchers, which I can assure you will be put to good use.

Furthermore, I received generous cheques from Hasketon, Burgh, Boulge and Grundisburgh which I have forwarded to my chosen charity, EACH (East Anglian Children's Hospice). The combined donation to EACH will total £795.50 when they reclaim Gift Aid. This is a wonderful sum of which I am truly grateful. THANK YOU.

I look forward to meeting with you in the not too distant future, and catching up with all your news.

Heartfelt thanks, once again. Blessings and Good Health, Wendy



Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October

9.00am-10.30am

Baby Cafe

1<sup>st</sup> 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

## **BURGH EVENTS IN OCTOBER**

### **Harvest Supper**

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October at 6pm  
The Barn Burgh House, courtesy of Bill and Jacqui Mayne. Tickets in Advance £7.50 to include

a glass of wine or non- alcoholic drink

and a two-course hot meal.

Please contact Sally 01473 738877

or Anne 01473 735544

### **Soup Lunch**

Burgh Schoolroom

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> October  
12.00 – 1.30pm

Homemade soups and rustic bread £3.50 Dessert £1.50



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## **Otley & District Gardening Club 2017 Season**



Patron: Matthew Tanton-Brown

We meet at 7:30 pm, 1<sup>st</sup> Monday  
of the month at Otley Village  
Hall, Otley

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November**

**"Sir Cedric Morris – Iris Breeder,  
Gardener and Artist" with Sarah  
Cook and Jim Marshall**

Compare gardening notes over  
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Join up or just come along

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To find out more, contact Alan  
Trevelyan (01473 890563),  
Emma Coomber (07814112860)  
or Isabel Lincoln (01473 890826)

**pilgrim**

A COURSE FOR THE CHRISTIAN JOURNEY

The **PILGRIM** groups begin  
again in Grundisburgh

On **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>**  
7.00pm at The Upper Room,  
Grundisburgh

On **Friday 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>**  
10.00am at the home of  
Sheila Snelling – 54 Gurdon  
Road, Grundisburgh