

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

"Inspired to Inspire"



' I hope some of us will use 9th September to visit churches open for Suffolk Historic Churches Trust's annual "Ride and Stride". Throughout the years I have taken part, I have always come back feeling inspired, whether by the church buildings themselves, or by those who have welcomed me. Stained glass doing stunning things with light; cheery ladies serving tea and cake; corners; churchwardens tackling a leaking roof; smells of harvest decorations; flower-arrangers working with nature; medieval carvings; young people making music; the peace of an empty church in the fields; the happy chatter of a children's activity club make your own lists.

Such encounters away from home make me realise how much I overlook what is going on here in Carlford. Just look in your own church for its own particular "angels" or points of inspiration; don't overlook its sermons in stone. Look in Grapevine for evidence of God at work in his people regardless of collar or label. Be inspired by what and who we have and are here, however familiar, ordinary and taken for granted they may seem.

There are churches where major building projects have been successfully completed or where they are exciting increases in congregations, but behind all the stories there will always be a number of unassuming individuals working patiently at ordinary things like making tea, filling in forms or putting out chairs. They too are both inspired and inspiring.

Tearfund runs a programme that supports "Inspired Individuals". One such is Christophe Mbonyingabo, an orphan of the Rwanda genocide. As he looked around his community, Christophe saw that forgiveness was desperately needed if the people of Rwanda were ever going to move on from the pain of the past. This led him to start Christian Action for Reconciliation and Social Assistance (CARSA) – a programme that brings together survivors and offenders from the genocide in pursuit of forgiveness.

'We provide a cow, which is shared by a perpetrator and a victim. They take care of the cow together, and this becomes a bridge that allows them to meet on a regular basis and continue their journey of forgiveness. When the cow has a calf, victim and perpetrator share the milk. And when the calf has grown, the survivor gives this calf to the offender as a sign of true forgiveness.'

Damien and Leonard attended a CARSA workshop. Before the workshop they hated each other. Leonard had killed members of Damien's family in the massacres. 'It would have been better to flee the country than to meet him eye to eye,' says Damien. Nonetheless, during the workshop Leonard asked for forgiveness and Damien gave it – a genuine and powerful transaction, but only the beginning. They became good friends and their example now inspires others to learn and practise forgiveness.

Yes, it's a long way from here and yes, the need for healing and reconciliation manifests itself differently in Carlford, but that doesn't make us any less able to play our part. God works through cows and people like Christophe in Rwanda; so He does in Carlford, often in the things and through the inspired and inspiring people we take most for granted.

James Hall



Stalls In Grundisburgh Every Month

*Autumn Catalogue now available
in St. Mary's church
Includes Christmas Cards*

*Buy Fairtrade Goods.
Chocolate, Soap, Honey, Socks, Gifts
and much more*

Stalls at.....

Coffee Morning Parish Room
1st Saturday of the month 10.30

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

Orders and information from Pat Fletcher
01473 735 775 p.j.fletcher45@gmail.com

"GOING DEEPER" HOMEGROUP

We meet at Manor Farm to study the Bible, pray and encourage each other to "go deeper" in our faith in Jesus together.

We will be meeting on
Wednesday 6th and 20th September
and thereafter every 1st and 3rd Wednesday
at 10am till 12 noon

For more details call Jan or John Bates
on 01473 892605

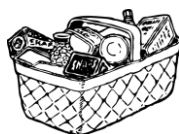
WHY NOT TAKE A LOOK AT OUR NEW WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK PAGES AT

carlfordchurches.org
facebook.com/CarlfordChurches

**Burgh Schoolroom,
Drabbs Lane IP13 6QA**

MACMILLANS SOUP LUNCH

Tuesday 12th September 12.00 – 13.30pm
Homemade soups and rustic bread £3.50
Dessert £1.50 Fee tea or coffee



Win a hamper!

ALL PROCEEDS TO MACMILLANS

NEW FOR 2017

**Fancy Dress Competition
Calling all young Pirates**



Aged 3 to 10

**Win our treasure chest!
Grundisburgh Church Fete
2nd September**

**Register and free entry
By 2-30 pm**

**At the Treasure Island game, on the day
Judging at 3.30pm**

Otley Progressive Supper

There are still places available for the ever-popular Progressive Supper taking place in Otley on **Saturday September 23rd**.

If you have not taken part before, diners eat three courses at three different houses, meeting different people at each course, and then everyone meets up for coffee at the end of the evening. It is always an enjoyable event and a great opportunity to catch up with local friends and meet new people. Tickets cost £10 per person. Most people be asked to host one course for eight diners but there are a few non-cooking spaces.

For more details ring Vanessa 01473 890787
or Ruth 01473 890543 by 7th September

Carlford Groups

Social Groups

Baby Café – 5th September 9.00am Grundisburgh

Craft and Coffee – 5th September 10.00am Hasketon

Hobbies Group – 6th September 10.00am, Clopton

Swapshop – 6th September 10.15am, Grundisburgh

Hasketon Community Lunch – 28th September 12.15pm

Tiddlywinks – 14th and 28th September 2.30pm Grundisburgh

Otley House Group - 25th and 11th September 1.45pm

Prayer and Study Groups

Going Deeper – 6th and 20th September 10.00am Ashbocking

Grundisburgh Prayer Group – 11th September 5.00pm

Monday House Group - 18th September 7.30pm Grundisburgh

Pilgrim – 4th, 11th and 25th September 7.00pm and 8th, 15th and 29th September 10.00am Grundisburgh



Baby Cafe

Tuesday 5th September
9.00-10.30am

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



The **PILGRIM** groups begin again in
Grundisburgh

On **Monday 4th, 11th and 25th September**
7.00pm at The Upper Room, Grundisburgh

On **Friday 8th, 15th and 29th September**
10.00am at the home of Sheila Snelling – 54
Gurdon Road, Grundisburgh

Services Across The Carlford Benefice

September 3rd 12th Sunday after Trinity

Exodus 3.1-15, Psalm 105.1-6, 23-26, 45b, Romans 12.9-end, Matthew 16.21-end

8.00am	Holy Communion	Grundisburgh	CS
9.30am	Family Service – Wendy Farewell	Hasketon	CS/WG
9.30am	Extended Holy Communion	Swilland	JamesH
11.00am	Family Service – Wendy Farewell	Grundisburgh	CS/WG
11.00am	Family Service	Otley	JamesH

September 10th 13th Sunday after Trinity

Exodus 12.1-14, Psalm 149, Romans 13.8-end, Matthew 18.15-20

8.00am	Holy Communion	Grundisburgh	CS
9.30am	Holy Communion	Clopton	CS
9.30am	Parish Eucharist	Hasketon	JW
11.00am	Family Service	Ashbocking	CS
11.00am	Extended Holy Communion	Grundisburgh	MC

September 17th 14th Sunday after Trinity

Exodus 14.19-end, Psalm 114, Romans 14.1-12, Matthew 18.21-35

8.00am	Holy Communion	Grundisburgh	JW
9.30am	Family Holy Communion	Burgh	FW/JaneW
9.30am	Morning Prayer	Hasketon	Lay Led
9.30am	Holy Communion	Otley	CS
11.00am	Harvest Festival Communion followed by Harvest lunch	Boulge	CS
11.00am	Morning Prayer	Grundisburgh	BH
11.00am	Harvest Festival	Swilland	FW/JaneW

September 24th 15th Sunday After Trinity

Exodus 16.2-15, Psalm 105.1-6, 37-end, Philippians 1.21-end, Matthew 20.1-16

8.00am	Holy Communion	Grundisburgh	CS
9.30am	Family Holy Communion	Hasketon	CS
11.00am	Harvest Festival	Clopton	FW/JaneW
11.00am	Family Holy Communion	Grundisburgh	CS
6.30pm	Evensong	Otley	FW/JaneW

Key – CS – Clare Sanders, 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 September

September 4 th	Holy Communion BCP	Hasketon	9.30am
September 6 th	Holy Communion BCP	Grundisburgh	9.30am
September 18 th	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 across the Carlford Benefice – September

1st Ashbocking Coffee Morning 10.00am – 12 noon at the home of Brenda and Bernard Mitchell of Knole House, Claydon

1st Grundisburgh 3.30pm Service of Thanksgiving for Scarlet and Tom and their daughter Atyla

2nd Grundisburgh Church Fete 2.00pm on the Village Green

4th PILGRIM in the Upper Room, Grundisburgh 7.00pm

4th Otley and District Gardening Club "The Herbaceous Border" with Lucinder Skinner

5th Baby Café Grundisburgh Parish Room 9.00am – 10.30am

5th Open the Book rehearsal at Baby Café 9.00am
Everyone is welcome

5th Craft and Coffee at Shrubbery Farm, Hasketon 10.00am - 12 noon

6th Hobbies Group, Clopton 10.00am until noon.

6th "Going Deeper" Homegroup, Manor Farm, The Green, Ashbocking 10.00am

6th Grundisburgh SWAPSHOP 10.15am - 11.30am Parish Room

8th PILGRIM at the home of Sheila Snelling, Grundisburgh 10.00am

8th Tour of Britain will pass through Grundisburgh at approximately 2pm, St Mary's will be serving refreshments on the Green.

9th Annual Bike Ride for Suffolk Historic Churches Trust 9.00am to 5.00pm

10th Grundisburgh Sunday Club 10.45am in the Parish Rooms

11th Otley House Group 1.45pm – 3.00pm, Otley

11th FOBS Annual General Meeting 2.30pm Burgh School Room

11th PILGRIM in the Upper Room, Grundisburgh 7.00pm

11th Grundisburgh Prayer Group 5.00pm in the Upper Room

12th Open the Book performs at Grundisburgh School 9.15am

12th Burgh PCC meet in the School Room 9.45am

12th Macmillan Cancer Soup Lunch – Burgh School Room 12 noon to 1.30pm

12th Boulge PCC meet 2.00pm at the home of Shelia Snelling

12th Grundisburgh and Hasketon PCCs meet at Grundisburgh School at 7.30pm

14th Otley Coffee Morning at the home of Brian and Christine Childs of Lime Tree Place, Helmingham Rd, Otley 10.00am

14th Grundisburgh Church Tiddlywinks group for toddlers and carers 2.30pm

15th PILGRIM at the home of Sheila Snelling, Grundisburgh 10.00am

17th Otley Church 12.30pm Baptism of Fergus Gomm

17th 3.00pm Messy Welly Walk - See details elsewhere

18th Monday House Group at the home of Malcolm and Sandra Green at 7.30pm

20th 10.00am - 12 noon Clopton Coffee Morning in the Village Hall

20th "Going Deeper" Homegroup, Manor Farm, The Green, Ashbocking 10.00am

23rd Otley Progressive Supper – See details elsewhere

24th Grundisburgh Sunday Club 10.45am in the Parish Rooms

25th Otley House Group 1.45pm – 3pm, Otley

25th PILGRIM in the Upper Room, Grundisburgh 7.00pm

26th Diocesan Clergy Study Day

28th COSA pastoral Committee meet in Otley at 9.30am

28th 12.15pm Hasketon Community Lunch

28th Grundisburgh Church Tiddlywinks group for toddlers and carers 2.30pm

28th 7.30pm COSA PCC meet in Clopton Village Hall

29th PILGRIM at the home of Sheila Snelling, Grundisburgh 10.00am

30th Grundisburgh Harvest Supper 7pm at the Village Hall.

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

Monday 2nd October – “Jane Austen’s Garden” with Jackie Bennett

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

To find out more, contact
Alan Trevelyan (01473 890563),
Emma Coomber (07814785029) or
Isabel Lincoln (01473 890826)



Messy Welly walk?

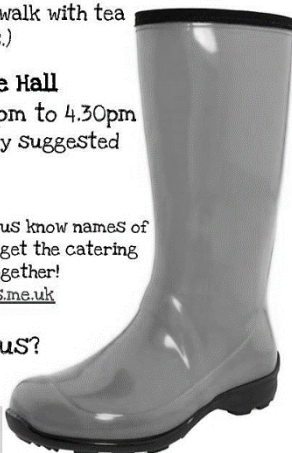
Why not come on our Messy Welly walk, for adults and children together, involving fun, singing, walking, sharing food and possibly some puddle splashing. Wear your wellies for lots of welly fun (and a short walk with tea afterwards.)

Hasketon Village Hall

Sunday 17th Sept 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, Swilland.

Letter from the Rector.....

September is a month for new beginnings – new school year; going off to college and university. For us in the Carlford Benefice, it is a new beginning too, with a newly shaped ministry team – newly shaped, because we will be more lay focussed and more men than women- so we are in for an exciting time!

For some churches, it will mean the introduction of an Extended Communion Service – the bread and wine being consecrated at the 8.00am service and then brought to your church, by one of our Readers, who will lead you in that service and enable you to share in the bread and wine of communion; for some in the benefice this has become familiar practice for others of us, it will be a new experience.

We are richly blessed in those offering themselves in ministry across the benefice- in addition to James, Bill, Mark and Jane -our Readers; we have 6 Elders – Dot and Molly in Hasketon; Linda and Jan in Ashbocking; Jenny Taylor in Grundisburgh and Doris in Clopton. The ministry of Elders is rich and varied for some it will involve visiting people in their homes and on occasion, taking communion to them; for others, their ministry is in leading services on a Sunday morning. Elders and Readers are a local point of contact for you and share with me pastoral care across our 8 villages.

But the team doesn't stop there, we all have a role to play, for all of us are called, we could not manage without Churchwardens, Treasurers, PCC Secretaries, people who clean, prepare for services, look after churchyards, help with Messy Church, and work with children, lunch clubs, coffee mornings, house groups... the list goes on.

We are all members of the Body of Christ- each of uniquely gifted, may we use those God given gifts to serve others, in his name.

Rev'd Clare Sanders

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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 November 7th 2017 at 10.30.

We are discussing 'The Divine Dance' by 'Richard Rohr with Mike Morrell'.

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.



FANCY A COFFEE?



We have opportunities, throughout September,

Ashbocking – Friday 1st at the home of Brenda and Bernard Mitchells of Knole House, Church Lane, Claydon, IP6 0EN 10.00am – 12 noon

If You would like to go we will try to arrange lifts or give directions

Clopton – Wednesday 20th at the Village Hall 10.00am – 12 noon

Grundisburgh – There will be no coffee morning on Saturday 2nd due to the Fete. There is still SwapShop on Wednesday 6th 10.15am – 11.30am at Grundisburgh Parish Rooms

Otley – Thursday 14th at St Mary's Church, Otley 10.00am.

Swilland – No coffee morning this month

Do come along and join us



Visit unique historic buildings, see beautiful countryside, get some exercise and have fun with the family!

Saturday 9th September 9.00am to 5.00pm

Ride+Stride is a sponsored bike ride or walk in which people all over England walk or cycle between churches, exploring and enjoying the countryside. The money they raise helps to save historic churches, chapels and meeting houses for future generations by helping to fund urgent repairs and the installation of modern facilities. The idea is to visit as many places of worship as possible open near you and also get sponsored for visiting them. In 2015 Ride+Stride raised almost £1.5 million for churches.

The sponsorship money you raise is shared 50/50 between a county church trust that helps historic churches and the individual church of your choice.

Contact your local church taking part in Ride+Stride or your county church trust and they'll provide you with a form to collect pledges from sponsors on which you can indicate the church that you'd like to receive half of the money you raise.

On the day of the event all the participating churches are open from morning to late afternoon. Cycling is the most popular way of travelling from church to church, but you can walk, run or use public transport or even go by car – whatever you feel most comfortable doing.

Please see below a list of all of our local Coordinators :

Ashbocking:- John Pollard 01473 890836

Boulge:- Susan Parr 01394 382643

Burgh:- Clare Sanders 01473 735183

Clopton:- Doris Main 01473 737602

Grundisburgh:- Sheila Caryer 01473 738108

Hasketon:- Julia Longe 01394 382518

Otley:- James Hall 01473 785251

Swilland:- Ann Kent 01473 785262

GRUNDISBURGH HARVEST SUPPER

Saturday September 30th 7.00pm at
Grundisburgh Village Hall

Please bring crockery and cutlery

There are 30 tickets available – tickets are free – each ticket admits 2 people- please bring with you someone who lives on their own; or who has recently moved to the village. If your ticket is green you will be asked to bring a salad for 6 with you; if pink a pudding for 6.



[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 September 25th**; October 9th & 23rd; November 6th & 20th; December 4th. 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 1 – September 25th Biblical Topic – ppt.

Presentation 1 'Noah & the Great Flood' – Fact or Fiction?

References: Genesis 6:5-8:22; Matt. 24:37-38; 1 Peter 3:20; 2 Peter 2:5

Session 2 – October 9th Biblical Topic – Discussion: 'Some sayings of Jesus' – What did he mean?

References: Matthew Chapters 5-7 [Especially 5:39, 40, 41]

Session 3 – October 23rd Biblical Topic – ppt. Presentation 2 'Hallowed be thy name' – Which One?

References: Matthew 6:9 & Exodus 3:13-15

Session 4 – November 6th Biblical Topic – Discussion: '7 Jewish Festivals' What meaning for Christians?

References: Leviticus Chapter 23

Session 5 – November 20th Biblical Topic – ppt. Presentation 3 'Jesus Life' – A Roman Perspective

References: The Four Gospels

Session 6 – December 4th Biblical Topic – Discussion: 'The Bible's Timeline' – When did it happen?

References: The Bible

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

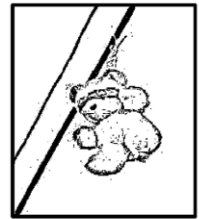
**Enquiries: Paul on: 01473 738474 or
paulwiffen222@btinternet.com**

GRUNDISBURGH CHURCH FETE

2PM TO 4PM ON THE VILLAGE GREEN

SATURDAY 2ND OF SEPTEMBER

- GRAND DRAW
- PLAY GAMES
- WIN PRIZES
- BARGAIN HUNT
- TEDDY OR DOLL
- ZIP WIRE RIDE



REFRESHMENTS AND HOME BAKED CAKES

DONATIONS TO THE STALLS ARE MOST WELCOME
PLEASE CONTACT FOR MORE INFO

JENNY AND MIKE TAYLOR 01473 738066
OR
ANNE AND JOHN LEDGLEY 01473 735953

CAKES (LARGE OR SMALL) ON SATURDAY 2ND SEPTEMBER AM.

BOTTLES (FOR BOTTLE STALL) CLOTHES/ BOOKS/ HOMEWARES
(NO ELECTRICAL ITEMS PLEASE)

DELIVER TO CHURCH FROM BANK HOLIDAY
MONDAY 28TH OR SAT 2ND SEPTEMBER

Otley House Group

The Otley House Group meets
on the 2nd and 4th Monday of the
month during term time.

Our meetings for this month are
11th and 25th September at
1.45pm - 3.00pm

All our welcome to join us



From The Editor The cut off date for material to be included is the 8th of the month and material should be sent to Clare at revclaresanders@tiscali.co.uk & Amy at bakergirl174@gmail.com please.