

**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 13<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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 26<sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>st</sup>	Ash Wednesday	Otley	10.00am
		Grundisburgh	7.30pm
March 6 <sup>th</sup>	Holy Communion BCP	Hasketon	9.30am
March 8 <sup>th</sup>	Holy Communion BCP	Grundisburgh	9.30am
March 20 <sup>th</sup>	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](http://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](mailto: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 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> Grundisburgh Parish Room 2.00-3.00pm

Details from Wendy [rev.gourlay@gmail.com](mailto: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 **8<sup>th</sup> March**, Shrubbery Farm, Molly & Gordon Smith with Dot Warner 01394 382208, **15<sup>th</sup> March**, Allen's Cross House, Shirley & Ron Daws with Wendy, 01473 735138, **22<sup>nd</sup> March**, Oak House, Anne Craggs, with Wendy 01473 738945, **29<sup>th</sup> March**, Victoria House, Ann & Keith Green, 01394 389433. Further details from Wendy [rev.gourlay@gmail.com](mailto:rev.gourlay@gmail.com)



## House Groups

Join one of our House Groups:

- **Otley 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>** 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](mailto:Mark@thecresswells.me.uk))
- **Ashbocking 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>** Wednesday 10.00-12.00 at the home of Andrew Gaught (Manor Farm, The Green)  
2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.40acts.org.uk) and take the daily challenge.



## Holy Week

## Maundy Thursday

Join us on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> 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  
Swiland, Clopton, Hasketon, Boulge.

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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 April 18<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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 18<sup>th</sup> at the Burgh School Room 10.00am

**Clopton** – Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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 26<sup>th</sup>

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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We look forward to seeing you.

Revd Wendy Gourlay

## Grundisburgh Sunday Club

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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,  
1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month  
Otley Village Hall,  
Chapel Road, Otley

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> March 2017

9.00-10.30am

Baby Cafe  
1<sup>st</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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

4<sup>th</sup> 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

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Supporting the Let it Grow campaign

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> March St. Mary's Grundisburgh**

Coffee & cake from 10.15am

before & after the 11.00am service