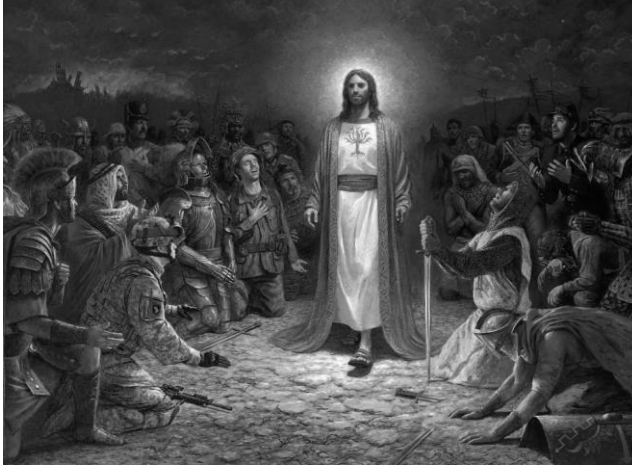


**The Grapevine
News for the parishes of
The Carlford Benefice
May 2017**

God's Kingdom



This year has seen reports of drought and its devastating effects in the lives of people across sub Saharan Africa. Our link diocese of Kagera has not escaped its devastation. Thank you for all who took part in the Kagera Challenge in Lent and for those who shared in our Kagera Service at the end of April (I say "shared" – but as I am writing this in mid-March- it is a statement of faith- that it will happen and it will be good!)

Across the nation, May is Christian Aid month – the United Kingdom may be under threat of being split apart, as a result of the fallout from Brexit – but Christian Aid brings Christians together across the British Isles – Christians of all denominations – united in their effort to serve those in our world who are suffering. Being involved in Christian Aid Week- delivering and collecting envelopes – is a small drop in the ocean, compared to what is happening to people across our world. Thank you to all of you who are involved in whatever way.

Christian Aid unites us in the UK in service of the poor across our world, but there is another kingdom, which unites us all- the kingdom of God. We pray for the coming of that kingdom every time we pray the Lord's Prayer. The Archbishops began an initiative last year called "Thy Kingdom Come" and invite us to participate in a week of prayer for the coming in of God's Kingdom, in the week beginning on Ascension Day – May 25th.

Archbishop Justin writes "We are invited to make a lasting difference in our nations and in our world, by responding to his call to find a deep unity of purpose in prayer"

One of the suggestions that is made is that we engage in prayerful walking in our communities. We can do

this individually or together – stopping and praying for the people who live in that part of the village – silently holding them before God.

We can do this in the quiet and comfort of our homes with an atlas or a newspaper – encompassing the world and its needs in our prayer.

Wherever we pray – the prayer that unites us, is the prayer that Jesus taught us "Thy kingdom come" – when I pray that prayer, I often hear the words of the hymn- "The Kingdom of God is.....", so I leave you with the words of that hymn to shape your prayers for the kingdom in this coming month

1 The kingdom of God is justice and joy;
for Jesus restores
what sin would destroy.
God's power and glory
in Jesus we know
and here and hereafter
the kingdom shall grow.

2 The kingdom of God
is mercy and grace;
the captives are freed,
the sinners find place,
the outcast are welcomed
God's banquet to share;
and hope is awakened
in place of despair.

3 The kingdom of God
is challenge and choice:
believe the good news,
repent and rejoice!
His love for us sinners
brought Christ to his cross:
our crisis of judgement
for gain or for loss.

4 God's kingdom is come,
the gift and the goal;
in Jesus begun,
in heaven made whole.
The heirs of the kingdom
shall answer his call
and all things cry 'Glory!'
to God all in all.

Rev'd Clare Sanders

Services across the Carlford Benefice

May 7th Easter 4

Special readings for Christian Aid Week or Acts 2:42-end; John 10:1-10

8.00am	Holy Communion	Grundisburgh	CS
9.30am	Holy Communion BCP	Burgh	FW/JaneW
9.30am	Family Service	Hasketon	WG
9.30am	Holy Communion	Swilland	CS
11.00am	Holy Communion	Boulge	FW/JaneW
11.00am	Christian Aid Family Service	Grundisburgh	CS
11.00am	Christian Aid Family Service	Otley	JamesH

May 14th Easter 5

Special readings for Christian Aid Week or Acts 7:55-end; John 14:1-14

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	Parish Eucharist	Grundisburgh	WG

May 21st Easter 6

Acts 17:22-31; John 14:15-21

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

May 28th

Acts 1:6-14; John 17:1-11

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
	Baptism of Florence Morton		
6.30pm	Evensong	Otley	FW/JaneW

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 May

May 8 th	Holy Communion BCP	Hasketon	9.30am
May 10 th	Holy Communion BCP	Grundisburgh	9.30am
May 22 nd	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

2nd Baby Café Grundisburgh Parish Room 9.00am – 10.30am

2nd Craft and Coffee at Shrubbery Farm, Hasketon 10.00am – 12 noon

3rd Grundisburgh SWAPSHOP 10.15am – 11.30am Parish Room

3rd Hobbies Group, Clopton 10.00am until noon. Everyone is welcome

3rd "Going Deeper" Homegroup, Manor Farm, The Green, Ashbocking 10.00am

5th Ashbocking Coffee Morning at the home of Catherine Beaumont within Otley Hall, Otley. Please note that it will not be in the conference room.

10.00am – 12 noon

5th Retreat Day at Otley Hall – see details elsewhere

6th Coffee Morning at Grundisburgh Parish Room 10.30-11.45am

8th Beyond Alpha Grundisburgh Parish Room 10.30am – 12 noon – see details elsewhere

8th Grundisburgh Prayer Group 5.00pm in the Upper Room

8th Archdeacon's Visitation at Sutton Church 7.30pm – please support your churchwardens as they are sworn in for the year

8th Monday Housegroup 7.30pm Grundisburgh

8th 7.30pm Otley and District Gardening Club

"Planning and Growing Winter Veg" with Pauline Harper

9th 9.30am Burgh PCC in the schoolroom

9th 2.00pm Boulge PCC at the home of Sheila Snelling 54 Gurdon Rd

9th 7.30pm Hasketon and Grundisburgh PCC at Grundisburgh School

11th Otley Coffee Morning 10.00am at the home of Russell Ling of Grange Farm

11th Grundisburgh Church Tiddlywinks group for toddlers and carers 2.30pm

12th Reader Support Group meet at 9.30am in the Upper Room

13th Burgh Church Mini Fete, Burgh Schoolroom – 2.00pm-4.00pm

14th Special service for Christian Aid Grundisburgh – Guest speaker Rev. Jenny Haggart 11.00am

14th Grundisburgh Sunday Club 10.45am in the Parish Rooms

15th Lunar Ladies 7pm at The Moon and Mushroom, Swilland – see details elsewhere

17th "Going Deeper" Homegroup, Manor Farm, The Green, Ashbocking 10.00am

17th 10.00am – 12 noon Clopton Coffee Morning in the Village Hall

18th 9.30am COSA Pastoral Committee meets at home of Karin Upson

22nd Beyond Alpha Grundisburgh Parish Room 10.30am – 12 noon – see details elsewhere

22nd Men's Group at the Moon and Mushroom 6.30pm – see details elsewhere

23rd Retreat Day at Otley Hall – see details elsewhere

25th 12.15pm Hasketon Community lunch

25th Grundisburgh Church Tiddlywinks group for toddlers and carers 2.30pm

25th 7.00pm COSA PCC meets with communion before the meeting as it is Ascension Day

28th Grundisburgh Sunday Club 10.45am in the Parish Rooms

'Beyond Alpha' – Spring 2017
What do we really know about these Bible topics ...?

The twelfth 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 May 8th & 22nd; June 5th & 19th; July 3rd & 17th. People of faith, agnostic, and atheist are all welcome.

The meetings will be facilitated by Revd Wendy Gourlay. Tea and coffee 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 – May 8th Biblical Topic – 'Covenant' What does 'covenant' mean and what is its nature? Who enters into covenant in the Old Testament? Who enters into covenant today? What is the 'New Covenant'?

References: Joshua 9:15; Ezekiel 16:8; Numbers 30:2; Genesis 26:30; Matthew 26:26-29; Jeremiah 31:31; Malachi 3:1; Hebrews 8:11-13; Ezekiel 37:26-27.

Session 2 – May 22nd Biblical Topic – ppt. Presentation 1 'A Brief History of Resurrection'

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

Session 3 – June 5th Biblical Topic – 'The Infancy Gospels' When and where did these events take place? What does the expression 'Virgin Mary' mean? The Census - 6 CE?

References: Read Matthew 1:18-2:23; 16:16; 28:20; Luke 1:26-2:52; Apocryphal tales of Mary and Jesus.

Session 4 – June 19th Biblical Topic - 'Grace and Mercy' What is their meaning? Are these qualities alive and flourishing today? How?

References: Nehemiah 9:28-31; Ephesians 1:7-8; Psalm 86:15; John 1:14, 16-17; 2 Corinthians 12:8-9; Hebrews 4:16; 1 Corinthians 15:10; 2 Corinthians 13:12-13; Luke 4:16-21; 6:36; 23:34; 2 Corinthians 8:1; Micah 6:8.

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



Open gardens at Berghersh Place,
Berghersh Drive, Witnesham
on Sunday afternoon,
25th June (2 - 5.30pm),
for the first time for the National
Garden Scheme, to raise money
for various popular charities.
Tea and cake will also be
available.
Adults £3.50 Children Free

**Why Not Take A Look At Our New
Website And Facebook pages**

at

<https://carlfordchurches.org/>

<https://www.facebook.com/CarlfordChurches/>

www.





Christian Aid Week (May 14th – 20th)

To challenge me during Lent I have pinned Christian aid's 'Count your blessings' chart up in the kitchen. It has daily reflections on the lives of individual families around the world who are struggling; and shows how Christian Aid is offering them hope. On the front cover is a picture of a smiling man from South Sudan. After fleeing his home because military forces had ravaged his village, he was found hiding in the swamps by neighbours. When he returned home, one of Christian aid's partners were there and were able to provide him with fishing nets and hooks. He is now teaching his family how to fish so that they have some security for the future.

Christian Aid has over 50 years of experience and is a time-tested model of love in action. Christian Aid's mission is to 'Follow in Jesus' footsteps, and love every neighbour. To help people in poverty out of poverty.'

Donation envelopes will be delivered to each home prior to this period, and collected by volunteers a few days later. It will greatly benefit the total collected if donors also complete the Gift Aid form attached to the envelope.

If you are able to help with the door to door collection in Grundisburgh this year, please ring Nicky Seabrook on 735131. We have a very committed band of regular collectors in the village who I am very grateful to but additional help to spread the load is always welcome.

Please give generously, thank you.

Retreat Days at Otley Hall in May

Friday 5th May

Sue Monckton-Rickett
'Loving God with mind, body,
soul and spirit'

Tuesday 23rd May

Eilish Heath
'The meaning is in the waiting'
Reflecting on the absence and presence
of God with the poems of R S Thomas.

A day of deep silence where the
majority of the day including lunch will
be silent.

Both days cost just £25 to include all
refreshments and a two course buffet
lunch.

The days are guided and suitable for
anyone who needs space, time and
peace to relax and reflect.

The days run from 10am – 4pm

Contact Karen [01473 890264](tel:01473890264)
or email events@otleyhall.co.uk
Website www.otleyhall.co.uk

Carlford Groups

Social Groups

Baby Café – 2nd May 9am, Grundisburgh

Craft and Coffee – 2nd May 10am, Hasketon

Hobbies group – 3rd May 10am, Clopton

Swapshop – 3rd May 10.15am, Grundisburgh

Hasketon Community Lunch – 25th May 12.15pm

Tiddlywinks – 11th and 25th May 2.30pm,
Grundisburgh

Men's Group – 22nd May 6.30pm, Swilland

Lunar Ladies – 15th May 7pm, Swilland

Prayer and Study Groups

Going Deeper – 3rd and 17th May 10am, Ashbocking

Grundisburgh Prayer Group – 8th May 5pm

Monday Housegroup – 8th May 7.30pm, Grundisburgh

MEN'S GROUP

The next Men's Group meeting is to be held at the Moon & Mushroom on Monday May 22nd at 6.30pm is entitled

Tales, Traumas and titillations from the Tooth Face. Speaker: Brian LeDont

The speaker on this occasion will be a lowly Men's Group facilitator (performing under his pseudonym) who will be recounting different aspects of 50 years as a dental surgeon, encompassing time working in not only University, hospital and practice locations but also in the highlands of New Guinea and the tropical rain forest of Malaysia where he encountered the true basics of life and was asked to treat infinitely worse conditions than encountered in rural Suffolk. He might also have the occasional story to relate of the funnier side of dentistry as well, i.e. if you have a similar sense of humour as the speaker. As an aside I wish to report that at our last meeting we creamed past the attendance numbers of the Lunar Ladies, so let's see if we can manage to easily emulate our erstwhile efforts. Well done chaps!

Numbers please as usual for supper either to the Moon to Donna [donnamariewishart@gmail.com] when they email you or to Brian at [07768 285670](tel:07768285670); email, bfwdent@btinternet.com.

BURGH CHURCH MINI FETE



Saturday 13th May

2.00pm to 4.00pm

Burgh Church Schoolroom
Drabbs Lane
Burgh

Cream Teas

Range of stalls -books, cakes & preserves,
bric a brac, plants,
Treasure Hunt, Tombola, Raffle (hamper)

In aid of Burgh Church Fabric Fund



FANCY A COFFEE?

We have opportunities,
throughout May,



Ashbocking – Friday 5th at the home of Catherine Beaumont within Otley Hall, Otley - please note it will not be in the conference room
10.00am – 12 noon

Clopton – Wednesday 17th at the Village Hall 10.00am – 12 noon

Grundisburgh – Wednesday 3rd 10.15am – 11.30am and then Saturday 6th 10.30am - 11.45am both at Grundisburgh Parish Rooms

Otley – Thursday 11th at the home of Russell Ling of Grange Farm, Otley 10.00am. Do come along and join us.

Swilland – There is no coffee morning this month. The next one is Saturday 3rd June at the home of Ann Kent, Red Court, Swilland from 10am to 11.30am

Join us at

All Saint's Church, Ashbocking on May 14th 11am

For our special service with Guest Speaker Rev. Jenny Haggard. Rev. Haggard has recently come out of church ministry and is now much involved with ecumenical Christian activities, one of which is her passion for the work of Christian Aid.



Every one is welcome!

"Get on your bike"



Suffolk Refugee Support are looking for bikes- adults and children's which can be re-furbished and given to refugees to help them get around – contact them at www.suffolkrefugee.org.uk/what-you-can-do/volunteer



LUNAR LADIES

The next meeting is at 7pm on **Monday 15th May** at The Moon and Mushroom, Swilland.

The speaker is Betty Trinder Who's subject is "from policing Luton to ministering in Norfolk -Hatch, Match and dispatch!".

I have been told that Betty is very very funny, so will be a great evening.

As usual a lovely meal afterwards.

We are always looking for new members of our jolly group, so if you have those Monday evening blues please do join us and meet new people.

Contact Gina Wilden on [01473 785577](tel:01473785577) or email Gina.wilden@btinternet.com

MID SUMMER MUSIC 2017 Saturday 1st July

Grundisburgh House

Ret urns again t his 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*



Tuesday 2nd May 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 & 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 8th May

"Planning and Growing Winter Veg" with Pauline Harper

Monday 5th June

"Spring Plant Sale 7-9pm – free entry"

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)

Grundisburgh Sunday Club

2nd & 4th Sunday
of the month

at

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*
Fighting poverty through trade

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

Come & Buy to Support the Farmers & Artisans

For info contact Pat Fletcher 01473 735 775
Thank you for your support.

"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 3rd and 17th May
and thereafter every 1st and 3rd
Wednesday at 10am till 12 noon

For more details call Jan or John Bates
on 01473 892605