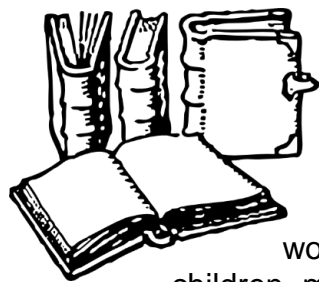


The Grapevine August 2017
News for the parishes of the
Carlford Benefice
"Times of Life....."



'Life must be lived forwards, but it can only be understood backwards'. I believe there's a lot of truth in these words of the Danish theologian, Soren Kierkegaard.

One year ago, my husband and I began discussing retirement from our respective posts this summer - many factors entering into our discernment. The year, however, seems to have flown by and now, on the brink of major transition we wonder what lies ahead. Like anyone approaching a new phase of life, (consider our

children moving from primary to secondary school) I have feelings of excitement and anticipation whilst simultaneously fearing the actual moment of departure – leaving that which is known, meaningful and valued.

When recalling my six years amongst these communities of the Carlford benefice, I have SO much to be thankful for. Firstly, Clare, as friend, colleague and Priest-in-Charge second-to-none – fully giving and forgiving - has supported me totally, every step of the way. So too, the ministry team, who at our Thursday morning prayer-times have shared wisdom, tears and laughter. THANK YOU. And yourselves, who encapsulate a VAST array of special relationships through my ministry of pastoral care, particularly in Hasketon and Grundisburgh, of the Occasional Offices (weddings, baptisms and funerals) of teaching, preaching, school assemblies and Open-the-Book, of lunch clubs, swap-shops and sharing my passion of creativity in music and art. Truly, I have loved serving God in this place.

Retirement, however, is an act of withdrawal from a place or situation for the purpose of moving on, turning to a new phase, a new chapter in life. It is *not* loss understood in the same way as physical death. As a Priest, I remain a Priest, with my vocation and calling to God, continually being re-shaped and moulded for future purposes.

Many of you know that I love reading and take considerable time researching material when preparing sermons, services and bible studies such as the Beyond Alpha Group. On particularly challenging occasions (yes, I have had some!) I take comfort from two special bookmarks, kept close at hand. One I received 34 years ago, when church organist at Creetingham - a time well before any inkling of becoming an Elder, then Reader, then ordained Priest. It reads 'God is going with you. He will not fail you. Be strong.' The other, given six years ago, on the occasion of my ordination reads 'YOU are to be taken, blessed, broken, distributed, that the work of the incarnation may go forward' (St Augustine).

Why do I place such importance on these sayings? Well, both succinctly point me back to God, reminding me to stay grounded in God's promise of care, at all times and in all places. These profound words, when taken into my mind and actions, have given confidence and courage when the going has been tough; have brought a returned sense of humility when the ego/self has grown too big for its own boots; have helped me reflect on the rich blessings I've been privileged to enjoy; and call me onwards to live out my life for God wherever that might lead, even, as now, beyond the immediate life of the Carlford Benefice.

From the bottom of my heart, I thank you all for being part of this recent, very happy chapter in my life. Also, I pray that in a year's time, when the new chapter has evolved, you and I will reflect further upon special occasions of relationship together. THANKS be to God.

Rev'd Wendy Gourlay



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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 2nd and 16th July

and thereafter every 1st and 3rd Wednesday
at 10am till 12 noon

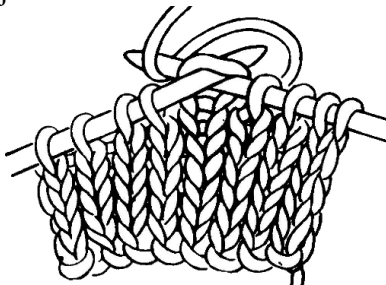
For more details call Jan or John Bates on 01473
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HOBBIES GROUP

2nd August

Clopton Village Hall from 10.00am until noon

Everyone is welcome, even if you don't have a hobby,
just come for a coffee and chat



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

At

<https://carlfordchurches.org/>

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

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

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

Services Across The Carlford Benefice

August 6th 8th Sunday after Trinity

Genesis 32:22-31, Psalm 17:1-7,15, Romans 9:1-5, Matthew 14:13-21

8.00am	Holy Communion	Grundisburgh	CS
9.30am	Holy Communion BCP	Burgh	WG
9.30am	Family Service	Hasketon	JaneW
9.30am	Holy Communion	Swilland	CS
11.00am	Holy Communion	Boulge	WG
11.00am	Family Service	Grundisburgh	CS

August 13th 9th Sunday after Trinity

Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28, Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22,45, Romans 10:5-15, Matthew 14:22-33

8.00am	Holy Communion	Grundisburgh	WG
9.30am	Parish Eucharist	Hasketon	JW
11.00am	Holy Communion	Ashbocking	FW/JaneW
11.00am	Parish Eucharist	Grundisburgh	WG
6.30pm	Evensong	Boulge	FW/JaneW

August 20th 10th Sunday after Trinity

Genesis 45:1-15, Psalm 133, Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32, Matthew 15:(10-20) 21-28

8.00am	Holy Communion	Grundisburgh	WG
9.30am	Extended Holy Communion	Burgh	MC
9.30am	Morning Prayer	Hasketon	Lay Led
9.30am	Holy Communion	Otley	WG
11.00am	Extended Holy Communion	Boulge	MC
11.00am	Morning Prayer	Grundisburgh	BH

August 27th 11th Sunday After Trinity

Exodus 1:8-2:10, Psalm 124, Romans 12:1-8, Matthew 16:13-20

8.00am	Holy Communion	Grundisburgh	JW
9.30am	Family Holy Communion	Hasketon	WG
11.00am	Extended Holy Communion	Clopton	JaneW/JamesH
11.00am	Family Holy Communion	Grundisburgh	WG
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, 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,

Other Services in August

There are no other services this month.

As a Ministry Team we share the responsibility for pastoral care. First point of contact is:
Ashbocking, Burgh, Boulge, Clopton, Grundisburgh, Otley & Swilland Clare Sanders 01473 735183
Hasketon Wendy Gourlay 01728 685335

What's On across the Carlford Benefice – August

1st Baby Café Grundisburgh Parish Room 9.00am – 10.30am

1st Craft and Coffee at Shrubbery Farm, Hasketon 10.00am - 12 noon

2nd Hobbies Group, Clopton 10.00am until noon. Everyone is welcome

2nd “Going Deeper” Homegroup, Manor Farm, The Green, Ashbocking 10.00am

2nd Grundisburgh SWAPSHOP 10.15am - 11.30am Parish Room

4th Ashbocking Coffee Morning 10.00am – 12 noon at the home of Jan and Jon Bates at 4 Ashley Grange Ip6 9JH

5th Grundisburgh Coffee Morning Parish Room 10.30am-11.45am

5th Swilland Coffee Morning hosted by Shirley and Andy in the Church 10.00am

5th Hasketon Fete on the Green and in the Hall – 12 noon- 3.00pm, plus exhibition of Teddies in the church

6th Exhibition of Teddies in Hasketon Church from 2.00pm – 4.00pm where cream teas will also be available

10th Otley Coffee and Open Church Morning 10.00am – 12 noon at St Mary's Church, Otley

13th Grundisburgh Sunday Club 10.45am in the Parish Rooms

14th Grundisburgh Prayer Group 5.00pm in the Upper Room

16th “Going Deeper” Homegroup, Manor Farm, The Green, Ashbocking 10.00am

16th 10.00am - 12 noon **Clopton Coffee Morning** in the Village Hall

23rd Visiting bell ringers at Grundisburgh 3.30pm

24th 12.15pm **Hasketon Community lunch**

27th Grundisburgh Sunday Club 10.45am in the Parish Rooms

Flower Festival of Hidden Gardens, Grundisburgh.

Thank you – to all the visitors.

Thank you – for the hard work of the arrangers.

Thank you – to our sponsors without whom the festival could not have been put on.

The flowers and the visit to the church
were enjoyed by so many.

Carlford Groups



Social Groups

Baby Café – 1st August 9am Grundisburgh

Craft and Coffee – 1st August 10am Hasketon

Hobbies group – 2nd August 10am, Clopton

Swapshop – 2nd August 10.15am, Grundisburgh

Hasketon Community Lunch – 24th August 12.15pm

Tiddlywinks – Resumes again in September

Prayer and Study Groups

Going Deeper – 2nd and 16th August 10am Ashbocking

Grundisburgh Prayer Group – 14th August 5pm



Baby Cafe

Tuesday 1st August 2017 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



FANCY A COFFEE?



We have opportunities, throughout August,

Ashbocking – Friday 4th at the home of Jan and John Bates at
4 Ashley Grange, Ashbocking 10.00am – 12 noon

Clopton – Wednesday 16th at the Village Hall 10.00am – 12 noon

Grundisburgh – Wednesday 2nd 10.15am – 11.30am and then Saturday 5th 10.30am – 11.45am both
at Grundisburgh Parish Rooms

Otley – Thursday 10th at St Mary's Church, Otley 10.00am.

Swilland – Saturday 5th at St Mary's Church, Swilland hosted
by Shirley and Andy at 10.00am

Do come along and join us

Otley Open Church Morning

The coffee morning in Otley will be held on the

10th August
in St. Mary's church,
at the normal time of
10.00am-12.00 noon.

As well as the usual conviviality over a cuppa there will be added items of interest this month. The vestry will be open & the full immersion baptistry will be on display. This unique feature is rarely seen by the public so this is an ideal opportunity to come & view it. Church members will also be on hand to exhibit & explain other items of the church 'regalia' which often remain a mystery to many people.



HASKETON FETE



Saturday 5th August

12 noon – 3.00pm

On the Green and in the Hall

Plus, an exhibition in the Church of Teddies



The Teddies' Exhibition is also on
Sunday 6th August at the Church from 2.00pm –
4.00pm
with cream teas available

Grundisburgh Church Fete

SATURDAY 2ND SEPTEMBER
2.00pm Village Green

Will your Teddy Bear
Ride The Tower Zip Wire
for the Bravery Badge??



And People Can.....

PLAY GAMES GRAND DRAW
WIN PRIZES BUY BARGAINS
REFRESH WITH TEA AND CAKE

THANK YOU.....

Thank you to all who delivered envelopes and collected for Christian Aid in May and to all who supported the collection in Burgh, Grundisburgh and Hasketon – a total of £1,768.64 was raised. *Nicky Seabrook*

Grundisburgh Millennium Meadow (the Driftway off Lower Rd)

Assistance in maintaining this area of damp meadow habitat is welcome. There is a small work party meeting every first Saturday of the month – throughout the year. Tasks vary from season to season – path cutting- hedging- and coppicing- maintenance of information boards, benches, boxes, fences, gates and bridges.

The sessions are from 10.00-12.30, tools, protective clothing, coffee and biscuits are provided.

Call John Dunnett [01473 735515](tel:01473735515) or just turn up

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.