

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

“Remembering”



November is the month for remembering:

All Saints Day, November 1st
All Souls Day, November 2nd,
(many churches have a service for those
bereaved around this time).
Guy Fawkes, November 5th

And, probably the occasion most people in this country observe, Remembrance Sunday, November 12th some years there is a particular anniversary: the start of World War I, the end of World War II, next year the 100th anniversary of the end of World War I. And this year, Passchendaele. If war were a thing of the past, perhaps we could envisage a time when Remembrance Sunday would no longer be relevant. (Who today marks Empire Day?)

Tragically, war is not something consigned to the history books. It is a present experience for some people in the world, and a real fear for others. The two parishes where I spent most of my time as vicar were both military towns, and I sometimes had to read the list of those killed in action.

For those who try to follow Jesus, including some of the padres I knew, war is a real ethical dilemma. What was Jesus' attitude to war? My wife Jane's final essay for her Reader course was "Evaluate how Christians should relate the teachings and example of Jesus to war and peace."

But there is no clear answer. Jesus lived in an occupied country, where insurrection was ruthlessly put down and its perpetrators crucified. Jesus said "How blest are those who work for peace; God will call them his

children." (Matthew 5:9). On another occasion he said, "Whoever has no sword must sell his coat and buy one." (Luke 22:36) And when he meets an officer of the Roman army of occupation. Jesus doesn't tell him to change his job but praises this foreigner's faith.

In his book, "In defence of War," Nigel Biggar argues that war is sometimes justified, but it exacts a terrible price. But not going to war can have terrible consequences too, as the novels "Fatherland," and "Dominion" show. War is always evil, Biggar maintains, never a first response.

In Wilfred Owen's poem, "So Abram rose" – a reinterpretation of the biblical story of Abraham intending to sacrifice his son we have the chilling words:

"Offer the Ram of Pride instead of him,
But the old man would not so,
but slew his son –
And half the seed of Europe, one by
one."

(Passchendaele)

This poem was set to music by Benjamin Britten in his "War Requiem," which for me is the greatest and most profoundly moving piece of music written in the 20th century.

Fred Kaan's hymn, "Put peace into each other's hands," offers a different approach:

"Put Christ into each other's hands,
He is love's deepest measure;
In love make peace, give peace a
chance,
And share it like a treasure."

Whatever our memories, feelings and beliefs, people come to Remembrance Day services to show gratitude for all those who have given – and still do risk – their lives for others. And to pray for world leaders who have the responsibility for peace and war.

Revd Fred Woods

Services across the Carlford Benefice

November 5th All Saints' Day / 4 Before Advent Micah 3.5-end, Psalm 43, 1 Thessalonians 2.9-13, Matthew 24.1-14

8.00am	Holy Communion	Grundisburgh	CS
9.30am	Holy Communion	Burgh	+J
9.30am	Remembering Service	Hasketon	CS
9.30am	Extended Holy Communion	Swilland	MC
11.00am	Remembering Service	Grundisburgh	CS
11.00am	All Souls Service	Otley	MC

November 12th Remembrance Day / 3 Before Advent Wisdom 6.12-16 or Amos 5.18-24, Cantic: Wisdom 6.17-20 or Psalm 70, 1 Thessalonians 4.13-end, Matthew 25.1-13

8.00am	Holy Communion	Grundisburgh	CS
9.30am	A Service of Remembrance	Boulge	CS
9.30am	A Service of Remembrance	Hasketon	+J
10.50am	A Service of Remembrance	Ashbocking	MC
10.50am	A Service of Remembrance	Clopton	JW
10.50am	A Service of Remembrance	Grundisburgh	CS
10.50am	A Service of Remembrance	Otley	FW
12.15pm	An Act of Remembrance	Swilland	FW

November 19th 2 Before Advent Zephaniah 1.7,12-18, Psalm 90.1-8 [9-11] 12 [or 90.1-8], 1 Thessalonians 5.1-11, Matthew 25.14-30

8.00am	Holy Communion	Grundisburgh	CS
9.30am	Morning Prayer	Hasketon	Lay Led
9.30am	Holy Communion	Otley	CS
11.00am	Holy Communion	Boulge	FW
11.00am	Family Holy Communion followed by PCC meet	Burgh	CS
11.00am	Morning Prayer	Grundisburgh	BH
11.00am	Family Service	Swilland	JW

November 26th Christ the King / Sunday next before Advent Ezekiel 34.11-16, 20-24, Psalm 95.1-7, Ephesians 1.15-end, Matthew 25.31-end

8.00am	Holy Communion	Grundisburgh	CS
9.30am	Family Holy Communion	Hasketon	CS
11.00am	Family Service	Clopton	MC
11.00am	Family Holy Communion	Grundisburgh	CS
3.00pm	Messy Church	Grundisburgh	CS
4.30pm	Evening Prayers and Praise at The Papworths	Otley	Jan

Key – CS – Clare Sanders, FW – Fred Woods, +J – Bishop John Waine, BH – Bill Herbert, MS – Mark Sanders, JamesH – James Hall, RP – Richard Pepper, RF – Robert Fletcher, JW – 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 November

November 6 th	Holy Communion BCP	Hasketon	9.30am
November 8 th	Holy Communion BCP	Grundisburgh	9.30am
November 20 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

1st Hobbies Group, Clopton Village Hall 10.00am until 12 noon.

1st "Going Deeper" Homegroup, Manor Farm, The Green, Ashbocking 10.00am

2nd Messy Church planning meeting at 15 Gurdon Road, Grundisburgh

3rd Ashbocking Coffee Morning 10.00am – 12 noon at the home of Linda and John Pollard of Hawthorns, The Green, Ashbocking

What's On

4th Grundisburgh Coffee Morning 10.30am Parish Room, Grundisburgh

4th Diocesan Synod meets in Ipswich from 9.30am

6th Elders meet together – TBC

6th Beyond Belief 10.30am – 12 noon Grundisburgh Parish Rooms

6th Otley and District Gardening Club, Otley Village Hall 7.30pm

7th 9.00am Open The Book rehearsal in the Parish Rooms, Grundisburgh

7th Baby Café Grundisburgh Parish Room 9.00am – 10.30am

7th Craft and Coffee at Shrubbery Farm, Hasketon 10.00am – 12 noon

7th BBC (Bible Book Club) 10.30am Grundisburgh

8th Grundisburgh SWAPSHOP 10.15am - 11.30am Parish Room, Grundisburgh

8th 5.30pm Funsters Bonfire Night at Sharon's - Gibraltar Road, Otley

8th Ashbocking House Group 7.30pm at the home of John and Linda Pollard of Hawthorns, Ashbocking

9th 10.00am Otley Coffee Morning at the home of Fred and Jane Woods of Windmill, 36 Church Road, Otley

9th Grundisburgh Church Tiddlywinks group for toddlers and carers 2.30pm

11th Swilland Church and Churchyard Clean Up 9.00am

12th Grundisburgh Sunday Club 10.45am in the Parish Rooms, Grundisburgh

13th Boulge PCC meet at 54 Gurdon Road, Grundisburgh 2.00pm

13th Grundisburgh Prayer Group 5.00pm in the Upper Room, Grundisburgh

13th 7.30pm Ministry Team meet with Sally Gaze- Rural Mission Consultant

13th Lunar Ladies 7.30pm at the Moon and Mushroom, Swilland

14th Clare on Rural Dean's day with the Bishop's Staff

14th 7.30pm Grundisburgh & Hasketon PCCs meet at Grundisburgh School

15th "Going Deeper" Homegroup, Manor Farm, The Green, Ashbocking 10.00am

15th 10.00am - 12 noon Clopton Coffee Morning in the Village Hall

15th 7.30pm Deanery Synod meets

16th Tabletalk 12 noon - venue TBC

18th Grundisburgh 11.30am Baptism of Claire Kosorin

18th Just42 Dinner & Jazz at The Abbey School Hall, Woodbridge 7.30pm

19th Burgh PCC meet after the 11.00am service

20th Monday House Group at the home of Malcolm and Sandra Green at 7.30pm

20th Beyond Belief 10.30am – 12 noon Grundisburgh Parish Rooms

21st Open The Book perform at Grundisburgh School at 8.45am

22nd Ashbocking House Group 7.30pm at the home of John and Linda Pollard of Hawthorns, Ashbocking

23rd 12.15pm Hasketon Community Lunch

23rd Grundisburgh Church Tiddlywinks group for toddlers and carers 2.30pm

23rd 7.30pm "Upbeat" rehearse in Grundisburgh Church

25th Ashbocking Christmas Bazaar 11.00 – 3.30pm at Ashbocking Church

25th 12.30pm Burial of ashes of Tom Pasteur at Grundisburgh

26th Grundisburgh Sunday Club 10.45am in the Parish Rooms, Grundisburgh

26th Messy Church – do Stir Up Sunday – Grundisburgh Village Hall 3.00pm-4.30pm

27th Men's Group 6.00pm meet at The Moon and Mushroom – details from Brian

30th COSA PCCs meet at Clopton Village Hall 7.30pm

30th 7.30pm "Upbeat" rehearse in Grundisburgh Church

30th Tabletalk, Hasketon 12 noon at the home of Molly and Gordon Smith



Hosting with HOSTUK 2017

Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares. Hebrews 13:2

How true such advice can be. Hospitality is an equal partnership, the feel-good factor of offering it and the delight in receiving it.

HOST UK is a charity whose mission is to give a welcome to international students in British homes for friendship and cultural exchange. Whilst not a faith-based charity, it values the offers of hospitality that result from awareness-raising in Churches through parish news and word of mouth.

If you are unable to travel abroad, have "abroad" come to you! Our students are both curious and fascinated by our traditions and happy to fully participate in everyday life. If you have a curiosity about exotic places, or desire to improve a second language, or want your children to encounter those of other cultures and countries, we can offer *all* of this. Our international students bring something really special to such a visit and experiences become treasured memories for all and forever.

Whilst we operate all year round Christmas or New Year is an especially valuable time to enjoy welcoming guests into your home.

Consider what faces the international student *this* Christmas; a lonely hall of residence compounded with the uncertainty of their welcome from a Brexiting Britain. They may also be from a country experiencing conflict or natural disaster and if none of this applies, then they are invariably far from home, family and loved ones.

Hospitality can be offered for one day (daytime only), three days and two nights at the weekend, or at New Year, or four days and three nights during the Christmas festive period.

The choice is yours. **And remember...your offer can be made at *any* time of the year.**

If you should like to know more please look at our website: www.hostuk.org

Or email us on: info@hostuk.org Or telephone us on: 020 7739 6292

SWILLAND CHRISTMAS DRAW



The Christmas Draw is on **Saturday 2nd December** at 1pm at **Witnesham Village Hall**. A light lunch of homemade soup, filled rolls and mince pies will be available from 12 noon. There will be a cake and preserves stall, a book stall and gift stall. Tickets are now on sale. Please contact Ann Kent Tel. 07765666523 or email davidandannkent@hotmail.co.uk if you can help to sell some. We shall be pleased to receive gifts towards the prize list.

DINNER & JAZZ AT THE ABBEY

Saturday 18th November at 7:30pm

The evening will feature a four course meal, entertainment, a raffle and silent auction.

At The Abbey School Hall in Woodbridge

Phoenix have been entertaining the people of Ipswich and Suffolk for nearly ten years now with a unique blend of jazz, soul and blues.

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Messy Stir-Up?

It's a busy time of year in the kitchen. So why not make it fun for adults and children together, involving, singing, stories, the inevitable cooking and sharing food.

Grundisburgh Village Hall
Sunday 26th Nov 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



The Carlford Churches
Ashbocking, Boulge, Burgh,
Clifton Grundisburgh, Hoxkerton,
Orey, Swilland.
www.CarlfordChurches.org



Christmas Carol Evening, Swilland

We are going to have a Christmas Carol Evening along the Swilland Street on **Friday 15th December** starting at Gina Wilden's house, 7 High Road (the last house on the right hand side of the road before the water tower) at 5.30pm when we get warmed up with mince pies etc. tuning our voices so to speak. We will be visiting all the houses as we did last year and collecting for a worthy charity or two. We plan to end up at the Moon and Mushroom to provide further harmony for pub revellers joining with the Ashbocking singers to jointly raise the roof.

Ashbocking Christmas Bazaar

is on Saturday 25th November 11:00am until 3:30pm at Ashbocking Church. Handmade gifts, nearly new items, bric a brac, tombola, cakes, and more. Refreshments available throughout. Proceeds are going to the development fund, mainly for the toilet and tea point.

BBC

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.

TABLETALK



Enjoy homemade soup and a hunk of bread, with conversation around current topics of interest- using Tabletalk – a conversation starter – questions to get you thinking and talking

What's your favourite Christmas carol?



What is your definition of success?

If you could have any superpower, what would it be?

November 16th – 12 Noon

Venue to be confirmed

November 30th – 12 Noon

At Shrubbery Farm- the home of Molly and Gordon Smith

December 7th – 12 Noon

At 'Little Red House' – the home of Debbie and Richard Verrill

Carlford Groups

Social Groups

Baby Café – 7th November 9am Grundisburgh

Craft and Coffee – 7th November 10am Hasketon

Hasketon Community Lunch – 23rd November 12.15pm, Hasketon

Hobbies Group – 1st November 10am, Clopton

Swapshop – 8th November 10.15am, Grundisburgh

Tiddlywinks – 9th and 23rd November 2.30pm, Grundisburgh

Prayer and Study Groups

Ashbocking House Group – 8th and 22nd November 7.30pm, Ashbocking

Going Deeper – 1st and 15th November 10am Ashbocking

Grundisburgh Prayer Group – 13th November 5pm, Grundisburgh

Monday House Group – 20th November 7.30pm, Grundisburgh



FANCY A COFFEE?

We have opportunities, throughout November,

Ashbocking – Friday 3rd at the home of Linda and John Pollard of Hawthorns, The Green, Ashbocking 10.00am – 12 noon

Clopton – Wednesday 15th 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 Fred and Jane Woods, Windmill, 36 Church Road, Otley 10.00am.

Swiland – There is no coffee morning this month but instead we invite you to our Church Christmas Draw on Saturday 2nd December from 12 noon

Do come along and join us

Lunar Ladies

The next Lunar Ladies evening is

13th November at The Moon and Mushroom, Swiland 7pm for 7.30pm start

Our guest speaker will be Mary Blake who will be speaking about her experiences of being the mayor of Ipswich. Followed by a meal.

New Ladies always welcome, please email Gina Wilden gina.wilden@btinternet.com or tel 01473 785577 to book your place

Swiland Church and Churchyard Clean Up

We are having a church and churchyard clean up on **Saturday November 11th** between **9-12.30pm**. All you good people that turn up every year for this labour of love and for the gossip, chat and Ann Kent's famous biscuits. Please come armed with your favourite garden tool, best power tool and assortment of other implements that facilitate this arduous task made easier by the ongoing banter between parishioners.



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

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

A small 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 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 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

Why not come and try our new group?

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

Men's Group

There will be a meeting of the Men's Group at the Moon and Mushroom at 6pm for 6.30pm on **Monday 27th November 2017** when we will be having by popular request a return of our own local submariner **John Peacock** who this time is going to entertain us with an account of his life after leaving the Navy.

His Title: "A Brief History of Broadband – one of the greatest engineering feats of our age"

Biography: Tonight's guest speaker is John Peacock who, before retiring in 2015, had a long and fruitful career working in Telecommunications and IT. He holds some of the patents for today's superfast fibre network and was one of the founding fathers of broadband in the 1980s & 90s. John will give us his first hand perspective on how today's broadband, internet and worldwide web was built. This includes giving us an insight into some of the world leading research and engineering that was (and still is being) undertaken at BT laboratories (Martlesham Heath), and how the many challenges were overcome along the way. He'll give us a glimpse into the future and I'm sure will take any questions you may have about your own broadband service and explain why it doesn't always work as expected!!!

Supper as per usual after the talk; for this meeting Nikki is going to provide a gastronomic repast of an early Christmas dinner.

Numbers for dinner please to Brian Williams on bfwdent@btinternet.com or [07768285670](tel:07768285670) as soon as possible.



Tuesday 7th November

9.00am-10.30am

Baby Cafe

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

Food Bank



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"We Will Remember Them"

On November 5th

Remembering loved ones

Hasketon at 9.30am

Otley at 11.00am

Grundisburgh at 11.00am

