

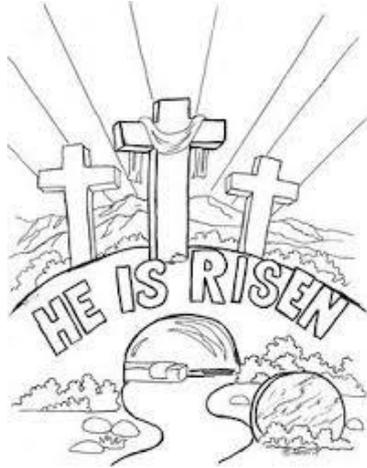
**The Grapevine
News for the parishes of
The Carlford Benefice
April 2017**



Happy Easter



Discovering the Big Picture



When my kids were teenagers one of the most valuable things I ever bought was a video recorder. (You can probably see them in museums today!) This meant that whenever they couldn't watch their favourite TV programmes ("Dad's got ANOTHER MEETING in the vicarage! – if you've ever seen the John Cleese business-training film, "Meetings, Bloody Meetings!" you'll understand how they felt -), we could video their programme. Magic! Well, it was, except when I was watching an exciting film I'd recorded for myself and halfway through the tape broke. I never found out what happened at the end.

Christmas is a bit like that. Who would have made it up 2000 years ago? Angels, shepherds, a star, mysterious visitors from the East – and an unmarried mother giving birth to the "Son of God"!

And then what happened? The ending is far more exciting than the beginning, though it's not as child-friendly (an 18 rather than a PG). It includes betrayal, desertion by friends, fickle

crowds, an unholy alliance between political and religious leaders, torture and death. Sounds true to life?

C.S.Lewis, the author of "The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe" (as well as lots of religious and academic books), was an agnostic as a young man, and like many who'd lived through World War I, pretty dismissive of religion. But one day, undramatically and calmly, he came to believe in God and made a decision to follow Jesus Christ for the rest of his life. He later said that what helped to convince him was discovering the "Big Picture." By that he meant the whole Bible story, from beginning to end, from Creation in Genesis, to the New creation hinted at in the New Testament. For Lewis the Bible's Big Picture was the backdrop which made the most sense of life. It wove together and made sense of his experiences – joy and pain, goodness and evil, his observations and reasoning, his longing for truth, beauty, and for the world – and himself – to be better than they were.

Good Friday (why "Good" ?!) and Easter are not quite as hectic and commercialised as Christmas. Maybe we can find time to read the end of the Jesus story * that millions of people around the world are celebrating on April 16th.

Have a good Easter.

* There are 4 descriptions of Jesus' death and resurrection in the Bible, in the last few chapters of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.

Rev'd Fred Woods

Services across the Carlford Benefice

April 2nd L5 Passiontide

Ezekiel 37.1-14, Psalm 130, Romans 8.6-11, John 11.1-45

8.00am	Holy Communion	Grundisburgh	CS
9.30am	Holy Communion BCP	Burgh	JW
9.30am	Family Service	Hasketon	WG
9.30am	Holy Communion	Swilland	CS
11.00am	Holy Communion	Boulge	JamesH
11.00am	Family Service	Grundisburgh	WG
11.00am	Family Service	Otley	CS
3.00pm	Thanksgiving Service for the life of Joyce Williams	Grundisburgh	CS

April 9th Palm Sunday

Liturgy of the Palms: Matthew 21.1-11, Psalm 118.1-2, 19-29

Liturgy of the Passion: Isaiah 50.4-9a, Psalm 31.9-16*,

Philippians 2.5-11, Matthew 26.14-27.66 or Matthew 27.11-54

8.00am	Holy Communion	Grundisburgh	CS
9.30am	Holy Communion	Clopton	CS
9.30am	Parish Eucharist	Hasketon	JW
11.00am	Morning Prayer	Boulge	Lay Led
11.00am	Parish Eucharist	Grundisburgh	CS

April 16th Easter Day

Acts 10.34-43 or Jeremiah 31.1-6, Psalm 118.1-2, 14-24,

Colossians 3.1-4 or Acts 10.34-43, John 20.1-18 or Matthew 28.1-10

8.00am	Sunrise	Clopton	JaneH
8.00am	Holy Communion	Grundisburgh	CS
9.30am	Family Holy Communion	Burgh	JaneH
9.30am	Family Holy Communion	Hasketon	WG
9.30am	Holy Communion	Otley	CS
9.30am	Family Holy Communion	Swilland	CB
11.00am	Holy Communion	Ashbocking	CB
11.00am	Holy Communion	Boulge	FW/JaneW
11.00am	Family Holy Communion and Baptism of Logan	Grundisburgh	CS

April 23rd Low Sunday Easter 2

Acts 2.14a, 22-32, Psalm 16, 1 Peter 1.3-9, John 20.19-31

8.00am	Holy Communion	Grundisburgh	CS
9.30am	Annual Thanksgiving followed by APCM	Hasketon	CS
11.00am	Annual Thanksgiving followed by APCM	Clopton	JaneH
11.00am	Annual Thanksgiving followed by APCM	Grundisburgh	CS

April 30th Easter 3

Acts 2.14a, 36-41, Psalm 116.1-3, 10-17*, 1 Peter 1.17-23, Luke 24.13-35

8.00am	Holy Communion	Grundisburgh	CS
9.30am	Benefice Kagera Service	Burgh	CS
6.00pm	Annual Thanksgiving followed by APCM	Otley	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 April

April 3 rd	Holy Communion BCP	Hasketon	9.30am
April 5 th	Holy Communion BCP	Grundisburgh	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 Swilland Coffee Morning at The Moon and Mushroom hosted by Nikki Gavin 10am onwards

1st Coffee Morning at Grundisburgh Parish Room 10.30-11.45am

3rd 7.00pm PILGRIM at the home of Valerie MacCuish

3rd 7.30pm Otley and District Gardening Club AGM "Growing from Seed, and in Containers" with Bob Booker

4th Baby Café Grundisburgh Parish Room 9.00am-10.30am

4th Craft and Coffee at Shrubbery Farm, Hasketon 10.00am - 12 noon

5th Hobbies Group, Clopton 10.00am until noon. Everyone is welcome

5th Grundisburgh SWAPSHOP 10.15am - 11.30am Parish Room

5th "Going Deeper" Homegroup, Manor Farm, The Green, Ashbocking 10.00am

7th Ashbocking Coffee Morning at the home of Steve and Sarah Wilson of Eastbrook House, Ashbocking 10.00am - 12 noon

7th 10.00am PILGRIM at the home of Beryl Hatelie

7th Hasketon 2.00pm Wedding of Ewan Graham and Charlotte Gedny

8th Burgh Easter Coffee Morning 10.30-12.00noon

9th Grundisburgh Sunday Club 10.45am in the Parish Rooms

10th Knit and Stitch Due to unforeseen circumstances this will be cancelled until further notice for all future dates.

10th Grundisburgh Prayer Group 5.00pm in the Upper Room

10th Monday Housegroup, Grundisburgh 7.30pm

13th Otley Coffee Morning 10.00am at the home of Ruth Farnhill, 9 Spring Park

14th Otley Village Hall 10.am to 11.30am Messy Church. All Welcome. £1 per family suggested donation.

14th Reader Support Group meet at 9.30am in the Upper Room

18th BBC Bible Book Club Grundisburgh 10.30am

19th "Going Deeper" Homegroup, Manor Farm, The Green, Ashbocking 10.00am

19th 10.00am - 12 noon Clopton Coffee Morning in the Village Hall

23rd Grundisburgh Sunday Club 10.45am in the Parish Rooms

27th 12.15pm Hasketon Community Lunch

27th Grundisburgh Church Tiddlywinks group for toddlers and carers 2.30pm

29th Grundisburgh 2.30pm Wedding of Vicky Hart and Oliver Foscett

30th 9.30am Kagera Benefice Service at Burgh



Holy Week

Holy Communions

Monday in **Hasketon**, Tuesday in **Burgh**, Wednesday in **Grundisburgh** at 9.30am
A quiet reflective service enabling us to travel through the story of the Passion

Maundy Thursday

Join us on Thursday 13th 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

An informal style of Christian worship for all the family, adults and children, to participate together involving fun, singing, creative activities and sharing food. Otley Village Hall, April 14th 10am to 11.30am. All welcome, £1 per family suggested donation.

If you would 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?

An Hour at the Cross

14th April from 2.00- 3.00pm

Grundisburgh Church

With readings, hymns and meditations accompanied by music.



The Carlford Churches
Grundisburgh, Otley, Ashbocking, Burgh
Swiland, Clopton, Hasketon, Boulge.

'Beyond Alpha' – Spring 2017

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

Held at GRUNDISBURGH PARISH ROOMS, 10.30 – 12.00 on Monday May 8th & 22nd; June 5th & 19th; July 3rd & 17th.

The meetings will be facilitated by Revd Wendy Gourlay. Tea and coffee will be available and a warm welcome to those of faith, agnostic, or atheist.

A small charge of £1 per person, per session, covers costs.

We will consider:

- Session 1 – May 8th Group discussion: 'Covenant'
- Session 2 – May 22nd ppt. Presentation: 'A Brief History of Resurrection'
- Session 3 – June 5th Group discussion: 'The Infancy Gospels'
- Session 4 – June 19th Group discussion: 'Grace and Mercy'
- Session 5 – July 3rd ppt. Presentation: 'Moses & Exodus'
- Session 6 – July 17th Group discussion: 'Trinity'

Haven't been along yet, why ever not? Join us this Spring 2017

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

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

Hobbies group – 5th April 10am, Clopton

Craft and Coffee – 4th April 10am Hasketon

Baby Café – 4th April 9am Grundisburgh

Swapshop – 5th April 10.15am, Grundisburgh

Hasketon Community Lunch – 27th April 12.15pm

Tiddlywinks – 27th April 2.30pm Grundisburgh

Prayer and Study Groups

Going Deeper – 5th and 19th April 10am Ashbocking

Monday Housegroup – 10th April 7.30pm

Grundisburgh Prayer Group – 10th April 5pm

Bible Book Club – 18th April 10.30am Grundisburgh

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 April 18th 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.

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Please let us know if you would

"Knickers for the Vicar"

The response to the request to collect underwear for Christian refugees in Jordan has been fantastic.

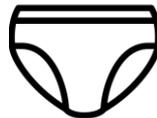
THANK YOU

My godmother writes:

"A very big thank you. Your parishioners have been very very generous, I know their contribution will greatly appreciated by the children."

In addition to underwear, donations of over £500 were made to buy medicines for children in the camps.

THANK YOU



FANCY A COFFEE?



We have opportunities, throughout April,

Ashbocking – Friday 7th at the home of Steve and Sarah Wilson of Eastbrook House, The Green, Ashbocking 10.00am – 12 noon

Burgh – Monday 10th at the Burgh School Room 10.30am- 12 noon

Clopton – Wednesday 19th at the Village Hall 10.00am – 12 noon

Grundisburgh – Saturday 1st 10.30am - 11.45am and then Wednesday 5th 10.15am – 11.30am both at Grundisburgh Parish Rooms

Otley – Thursday 13th at the home of Ruth Farnhill of 9 Spring Park, Otley 10.00am.

Do come along and join us.

Swilland – Saturday 1st April hosted by Nikki Gavin at The Moon and Mushroom, Swilland from 10.00am

HOBBIES GROUP

5th April at Clopton Village Hall 10.00am until noon

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



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**Burgh Schoolroom
Drabbs Lane IP13 6QA**

EASTER COFFEE MORNING

Saturday 8th April 10.30 – 12.00 noon

**Tea/coffee, cakes and Grand Raffle
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Clopton and Burgh
Easter Celebration

As part of the growing partnership between Clopton and Burgh – on Easter Day there will be a shared service with an

Easter celebration at 8.00am in Clopton followed by bacon butties

and that service leading into

Easter Communion at 9.30am at Burgh

Grundisburgh Sunday Club

2nd & 4th 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 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*

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

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 4th April 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

Kagera
Benefice Service

April 30th

9.30am at Burgh



We meet together
to celebrate what
has been achieved
through taking part
in the Kagera
Challenge during
Lent.

Please bring your
Kagera Challenge
money with you.



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"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 5th and 19th April
and thereafter every 1st and 3rd
Wednesday at 10am till 12 noon

For more details call Jan or John Bates
on 01473 892605