

The Grapevine



News for the Churches of the Carlford Benefice

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APRIL 2019

**This
Month:**



**Lent
Groups
1st & 3rd
April**



19th April



**Beginning
Monday
15th April**



GOING GREY?

It's Ash Wednesday. The sky is grey; the streets and buildings of Ipswich look grey; here and there someone has a grey smudge on their forehead; my mood is grey. And that's not all – grey continues steadily to take over on the top of my head, and inside it, the grey cells no longer function with the certainty and confidence they once had.

The glorious white of resurrection awaits us on Easter Day, but first, Lenten grey must darken into the black of Good Friday. How will it be on the Wednesday after Easter? Like every day, it will be a gift from God, unique with newness and possibility. But we will still be burdened with the tasks of the day and I suspect that only half of me will be turned towards God – the other half of me will be elsewhere. Pain, suffering and mortality will still confront us if we care to look. I, for one, will still have doubts and questions about how Easter means victory, salvation, hope, and glory, both for me and for the world.

I used to think in far more black and white terms about my faith and Christian discipleship, as indeed I did about many other subjects. I felt more confident about presenting my views, whether as a reader, parent, solicitor or with friends. I may well have been insensitive to those of another view or who seemed to sit on the fence or not care. I hope I'm not alone this Lent in rethinking things I once took for granted.

Those (of whatever age) who grow grey gracefully seem to have learnt not just to be accepting of themselves (with or without grey hair), but of the world with all its greyness. All around us, many of British society's former certainties (blacks and whites) have either fallen away or been openly challenged – respected institutions, accepted standards of morality, scientific "rules", political and religious convictions. Fortunately, I have met "graceful greys" (some Christian, some not) who seem able to live with this and to impart wisdom at a deeper, broader level. Often it is the same people who, by coming to terms with their personal pain or loss, have developed a deeper empathy for others'. Alongside their example (an outward expression of their "love"), I never cease to be surprised by the new things that familiar Bible passages reveal about the God who is Love. Together, these may be factors why I no longer feel embarrassed or guilty at asking questions about my Christian faith and about what I really "believe".

Lent also asks us to reflect on the word "sin". What do I/you do to cloud or spoil the love of God for the world, which in His view, is good? We bemoan the damage done in the name of political conviction or the convictions of other faiths, but what about the damage done by some Christian convictions that need revisiting? It is a sad fact that many Christians lose their faith because they have been taught an over-narrow view of God, or because their church has isolated them for the realities of secular society. Some have presented them with too many hoops before "membership", and some have treated them harshly or hypocritically.

Of one thing we can all be certain – whoever, however, whatever we are, God loves us. He shares the black, white and grey of our world so that it and we can enjoy the Easter victory.

(With thanks to "Marked by Ashes" by Walter Brueggemann)

James Hall

SERVICES ACROSS THE CARLFORD BENEFICE APRIL 2019

Sunday April 7th Passion Sunday

Isaiah 43.16-21, Psalm 126, Philippians 3.4b-14, John 12.1-8

Grundisburgh	8.00am	Holy Communion
	11.00am	Family Service
Otley	9.30am	APCM Service followed by meeting
Boulge	11.00am	Holy Communion followed by APCM

Monday April 8th

Hasketon	9.30am	Holy Communion
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Wednesday April 10th

Grundisburgh	9.30am	Holy Communion
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Thursday April 11th

Otley	9.30am	Holy Communion followed by coffee morning at Lavender House
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Sunday April 14th Palm Sunday

Luke 19.28-40, Psalm 118.1-2, 19-end [or 118.19-24], Isaiah 50.4-9a, Psalm 31.9-16 [or 31.9-18], Philippians 2.5-11, Luke 22.14-end of 23 or Luke 23.1-49

Grundisburgh	8.00am	Holy Communion
	11.00am	Parish Eucharist
Hasketon	9.30am	Parish Eucharist
Clopton	11.00am	"Worship for All"
Ashbocking	11.00am	APCM Service followed by meeting

Monday April 15th

Hasketon	9.30am	Holy Communion
Ashbocking	7.00pm	"The Passion Story" in poetry

Tuesday April 16th

Clopton	9.30am	Holy Communion
Swilland	7.00pm	"The Passion Story" in music

Wednesday April 17th

Culpho	9.30am	Holy Communion
Burgh	7.00pm	"The Passion Story" in art

Maundy Thursday April 18th

Otley	7.00pm	Holy Communion
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Good Friday April 19th

Hasketon	10.30am	Messy Church - Village Hall
Grundisburgh	2.00pm	"An Hour at the Cross"

Sunday April 21st Easter Day

Acts 10.34-43 or [Isaiah 65.17-end, Psalm 118.1-2, 14-24 [or 118.14-24], 1 Corinthians 15.19-26 or Acts 10.34-43, John 20.1-18 or Luke 24.1-12]

Grundisburgh	8.00am	Holy Communion
	11.00am	Family Holy Communion
Burgh	9.30am	Easter Holy Communion
Hasketon	9.30am	Holy Communion
Swilland	11.00am	Family Holy Communion
Ashbocking	11.00am	Easter Holy Communion
Clopton	8.45am	Easter Greeting with Prayer - followed by bacon butties leading to Holy Communion at 9.30am
Otley	9.30am	Holy Communion
Boulge	11.00am	Easter Holy Communion

Thursday April 25th

Hasketon	11.30am	Holy Communion followed by Community Lunch in the Village Hall
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Sunday April 28th 2nd Sunday of Easter

[Exodus 14.10-end: 15.20-21], Acts 5.27-32, Psalm 118.14-end or Psalm 150, Revelation 1.4-8, John 20.19-end

Grundisburgh	8.00am	Holy Communion
	11.00am	APCM Service followed by meeting
Clopton	9.30am	Holy Communion

First Point of Contact:

**Ashbocking, Burgh, Boulge,
Clopton, Grundisburgh,
Hasketon, Otley and
Swilland**

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What's On across the Carlford Benefice – April

1st 2.00pm and again at 7.30pm **Lent Group** meets in the Upper Room, Grundisburgh
1st Knit and Stitch 10.00am meets at the home of Linda and John Pollard of Hawthorns, The Green, Ashbocking
1st Grundisburgh Bridge Club 7.30pm meets at the Parish Rooms
1st Otley Gardening Club 7.30pm (AGM) "Ornamental Grasses" with Lucinda Skinner
2nd Baby Café 9.00am – 10.30am Grundisburgh Parish Rooms
3rd SWAPSHOP 10.00am – 11.00am Grundisburgh Parish Room
3rd Hobbies Group, Clopton Village Hall 10.00am until 12 noon
3rd "Going Deeper" Homegroup, Manor Farm, The Green, Ashbocking 10.00am
3rd 12.30pm **Lent Group** meets in Burgh Schoolroom for lunch
5th 10.30am **Ashbocking Coffee Morning** at the home of Linda and John Pollard of Hawthorns, The Green, Ashbocking
6th 10.30am **Grundisburgh Coffee Morning** in the Parish Rooms
6th Swilland Coffee Morning 10.00am at the home of Gina Wilden of 7 High Road, Swilland
7th 9.30am **APCM** Otley
7th 11.00am **APCM** Boulge
8th Midweek Communion at 9.30am at Hasketon
8th Grundisburgh Bridge Club 7.30pm meets at the Parish Rooms
8th Beyond Belief 10.30am – 12 noon Grundisburgh Parish Rooms – see details elsewhere
8th Otley House Group 1.45pm – 3pm at the home of Penny Clark of Cherry Bank, Otley
10th 9.30am **Midweek Communion** Grundisburgh
10th Ashbocking House Group 7.30pm meets at the home of Linda and John Pollard of Hawthorns, The Green, Ashbocking
11th Midweek Communion at 9.30am followed by **Otley Coffee Morning** at Lavender House - home of David and Tess Papworth
11th 2.30pm **Tiddlywinks** meet in the Upper Room, Grundisburgh
13th 10.00am **FOBS Coffee Morning** in Burgh School Room
Arrangements for Holy Week – please see box ad.
14th Grundisburgh Sunday Club and Discovery Club 10.45am in the Parish Rooms, Grundisburgh
14th 11.00am **APCM** Ashbocking
15th Monday House Group at the home of Malcolm and Sandra Green at 7.30pm
15th Holy Communion 9.30am Hasketon
15th "The Passion Story" in poetry 7.00pm Ashbocking
15th Grundisburgh Bridge Club 7.30pm meets at the Parish Rooms
16th Holy Communion 9.30am Clopton
16th "The Passion Story" in music 7.00pm Swilland
17th Holy Communion 9.30am Culpho
17th 10.00am-12.00 noon **Clopton Coffee Morning** in the Village Hall
17th "Going Deeper" Homegroup, Manor Farm, The Green, Ashbocking 10.00am
17th "The Passion Story" in art 7.00pm Burgh
18th Maundy Thursday 7.00pm Otley
19th Messy Church 10.30am-12 noon Hasketon Village Hall
19th "An Hour at the Cross" 2.00-3.00pm Grundisburgh
21st Grundisburgh Sunday Club and Discovery Club 10.45am in the Parish Rooms, Grundisburgh
22nd Otley House Group 1.45pm – 3pm at the home of Penny Clark of Cherry Bank, Otley
22nd Grundisburgh Bridge Club 7.30pm meets at the Parish Rooms
24th Ashbocking House Group 7.30pm meets at the home of Linda and John Pollard of Hawthorns, The Green, Ashbocking
25th Midweek Communion at 11.30am followed by the **Hasketon Community Lunch** at 12.15pm - contact Claire Harrington -01394 380644
25th Otley Community Lunch at Otley White Hart 12.30pm £6 per head
27th 11.30am **Wedding in Grundisburgh** of Lucy Taylor and Jo Peat
28th 11.00am **APCM** Grundisburgh
28th 1.00pm **Wedding** in Clopton of Jennifer Duggins and James Macdonald
29th Beyond Belief 10.30am – 12 noon Grundisburgh Parish Rooms – see details elsewhere
29th 7.00pm **Hasketon APCM** in Hasketon Church
29th Grundisburgh Bridge Club 7.30pm meets at the Parish Rooms

Carlford Coffee Mornings



Good days start with coffee and you....



Ashbocking from 10.30am

Friday 5th April at the home of Linda and John Pollard of Hawthorn, The Green, Ashbocking

Burgh from 10am

Saturday 13th April at Burgh Schoolroom

Clopton from 10am

Wednesday 17th April at the village hall

Grundisburgh

Wednesday 3rd April SWAPSHOP from 10am and then Saturday 6th April from 10.30am both at Grundisburgh Parish Rooms

Otley from 10am

Thursday 11th April at the home of David and Tess Papworth – Lavender House, Otley

Swilland from 10am

Saturday 6th April at the home of Gina Wilden of 7 High Road, Swilland

All welcome



Coffee Mornings

Ashbocking - 1st Friday of the month

Burgh - Occasional throughout the year

Clopton - 3rd Wednesday of the month

Grundisburgh - 1st Saturday and 1st Wednesday of the month

Otley - 2nd Thursday of the month

Swilland - 1st Saturday of the month

Hobbies

Knit and Stitch - 1st Monday of the month

Hobbies Group - 1st Wednesday of the month

Gardening Club - 1st Monday of the month

Bridge Club - Every Monday

Lunches

Hasketon Community Lunch - 4th Thursday of the month

Otley Community Lunch - 4th Thursday of the month

Burgh Soup Lunch - Occasional throughout the year

Prayer and Study Groups

Ashbocking House Group - 2nd & 4th Wednesday of the month

Going Deeper - 1st & 3rd Wednesday of the month

Monday House Group - 3rd Monday of the month

Otley House Group - 2nd and 4th Monday of the month

Beyond Belief - Spring and Autumn Groups

Children—All ages

Baby Café - 1st Tuesday of the month

Tiddlywinks - 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month

Sunday Club - 2nd & 3rd Sundays

Discovery Club - 2nd & 3rd Sundays

Messy Church - Once a month on Sundays

Quarterly Events

BBC - Four Tuesday Mornings, throughout the year

Men's Group - Occasional Mondays throughout the year

The dates, times and full details of venues can be found elsewhere in this magazine

Children's Sunday Clubs

@ St Mary's Church Grundisburgh

Sunday Club

An active session with stories and crafts of about 45 mins starting at 10.45am in the Parish rooms for ages 2 to 7. Contact Jenny: jonje@talktalk.net

Second and third Sundays of the month



Discovery Club

On the same Sundays, for children from 7 upwards. Discovery club gives us space to reach out and explore.

Contact Sandra: Sandra@thecresswells.me.uk



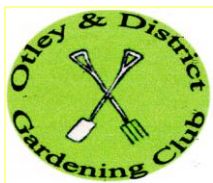
For all ages. On the fourth Sunday, 3-4.30pm in village halls. Contact Mark@cresswell.onl

For details please see our newsletter, *Grapevine* on our website: CarlfordChurches.org



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Otley & District Gardening Club



START OF THE NEW SEASON

We meet at 7:30 pm, 1st Monday of the month at Otley Village Hall, Chapel Road, Otley

Monday 1st April (AGM)

**“Ornamental Grasses”
with Lucinda Skinner**



All welcome
Join up or just come along.

Admission £1.50 (members)
£4 (non-members)
Annual membership £10

To find out more, contact either

Alan Trevelyan (01473 890563)
Isabel Lincoln (01473 890826)



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Easter Cards

Sugar & Honey

Greetings Cards



Where?..When?

At the Coffee Morning, Grundisburgh Parish Room
1st Saturday of the month 10.30am
In St. Mary's 1st & 2nd Sunday
at 12.00 after morning service

Orders and information from Pat Fletcher

01473 735 775 p.j.fletcher45@gmail.com



Easter activities!

A fun event style of Church worship for adults and children together, involving, singing, stories, and sharing food.

Hasketon Village Hall

Good Friday 19th April, 10:30am to Noon

All Welcome,

If you'd like to come, please let us know names of adults and children so we can get the catering right.
Email: mark@cresswell.onl
£1 per family, suggested donation.



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Grundisburgh Millennium Meadow **The First 20 Years**

In 1997 the Parish Council was examining the possibility of celebrating the forthcoming millennium in the village. It decided on an environmental statement and with the generous assistance of Lord Cranworth, a suitable site was identified. It was in Autumn 1997 that the first cutting of the wilderness at the end of The Driftway from Lower Road was carried out, with the help of The Suffolk Wildlife Trust – leading to an official opening in July 2000. By then the area had been fenced, hedges and saplings planted and a log circle, information boards, basic benches and a circular walkway provided.

However, nature does not stay still, and regular maintenance was essential; a small group of volunteers, at present just three parish councilors, together with the annual cutting effort by the Greenways Countryside Project (led by James Baker) kept the meadow attractive and accessible. The regular work party takes place on the second Saturday of the month from 10 to 12.30pm. It would be so good to have a little more help – surely not impossible from a village of 1600+.

The 'permanent residents are fully catered for with owl, bird and bat boxes, hedgehog homes and the small stream with its two ponds providing a valuable habitat for frogs and toads which can be seen in huge numbers in the spring. Besides which the display of snowdrops must not be missed.

One could say 'what a difference does this small area make to the health of the plant?' not a lot when we set it against surging car use, foreign holidays and avoidable waste of resources. But it is sustainable, with minimal material input. Would you be willing to lend a hand? In this busy world we need such areas for reflection and quiet enjoyment.

John Dunnett Vol' Warden.



The **BIG** photo

We would like to take a group photograph in each church on Easter Day as part of a celebration of our life together as a benefice.



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KAGERA CHALLENGE

We hope you have enjoyed taking part in the Kagera Challenge

Please bring your Kagera offering to church on **Easter Day** in an envelope marked **Kagera**



Burgh Schoolroom



Coffee Morning

Saturday 13th April

10.30am - 12.00 noon

All proceeds go towards
Burgh Church Fabric Fund



**LENT
GROUPS**

Monday April 1st

2.00pm and again at **7.30pm**, both, in
the Upper Room Grundisburgh

Wednesday April 3rd

12 noon in Burgh School Room – with a
simple lunch

***Please just come along to any of these,
you'd be very welcome, and we look
forward to seeing you***



Holy Week SERVICES

Monday 15th

9.30am Holy Communion Hasketon
7.00pm Ashbocking "The Passion Story" in poetry

Tuesday 16th

9.30am Holy Communion Clopton
7.00pm Swilland "The Passion Story" in music

Wednesday 17th

9.30am Holy Communion Culpho
7.00pm Burgh "The Passion Story" in art

Maundy Thursday 18th

7.00pm Otley

Good Friday

10.30-12.00noon Messy Church in Hasketon

2.00-3.00pm "An Hour at the Cross" in
Grundisburgh



*Easter
Sunday*

COMMUNIONS

8.00am Grundisburgh

8.45am Clopton with bacon butties leading into a
9.30am service

9.30am Burgh, Hasketon, and Otley

11.00am Ashbocking, Boulge, Grundisburgh
and Swilland

From early times to the mid-20th century livestock farmers knew February to be the Hungry Gap. A time when the stocks of winter fodder to feed their animals were running out and there was not enough new spring grass to feed them.

On August 1st in churches throughout the land people celebrated Lammas Day. The 'Loaf Mass' when they gave thanks to God for the bread made from the first grain of the harvest. It staved off the famine they had suffered in the weeks before.



In the 21st century the Hungry Gap has a new name, it is called Universal Credit. The transfer from the established benefits system to Universal Credit is a mess that defies description and it is driving **working** people into debt to pay their rent and to the food bank to avoid starvation.

Please do not forget to donate to the Food Bank through the collection boxes in your church.



Beyond Belief

Spring 2019

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

We are a small group which gives us the opportunity to discuss areas of Christian Faith at six meetings held at GRUNDISBURGH PARISH ROOMS, 10.30-12.00

Sessions are fortnightly on **Monday April 8th & 29th**, May 13th. People of faith, agnostics, and atheists are all very 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 – April 8th

Biblical Topic - Discussion 2: 'What do you know about Easter? Fun Quiz

References: The New Testament

..... Break for Holy Week

Session 5 – April 29th

Biblical Topic - ppt. Presentation 3: 'May your GOD go with you' – How many times does the word GOD appear in the Bible? What do you mean by GOD? Titles before GOD such as El? Where does the word GOD originate?

References: The whole Bible!

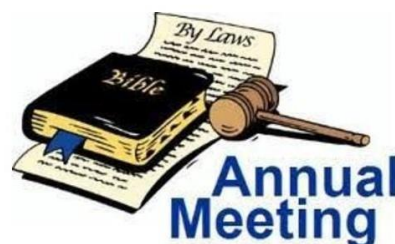
Session 6 – May 13th

Biblical Topic - Discussion 3: 'Martyrs and Church Leaders' – What is a martyr? Is a martyr a saint? Who was the first Christian martyr? Which of the Apostles were martyred? Who led the early Church? What role did Peter, James, and Paul play?

References: Acts 7:54-8:1; Acts 22:20; Revelation 2:13; 17:6; Acts of Paul

Why not come and try our group? Join us this Spring 2019

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



Annual Parochial Church Meetings

This is the season of Annual Meetings, a chance to review the year of 2018 and look forward to 2019.

It is an opportunity for all of us to ask the questions "What is God asking me to do?"

"What can I offer to the life of the Church?"

Meetings will happen on a Sunday morning with a short act of worship, followed by the official business

April 7th

9.30am Otley

11.00am Boulge

April 14th

11.00am Ashbocking

April 28th

11.00am Grundisburgh

April 29th

7.00pm Hasketon

From The Editor The cutoff date for material to be included is the 8th of the month and material should be sent to Clare at revclaresanders@tiscali.co.uk and Amy at bakergirl174@gmail.com please.



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