

The Grapevine



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News for the Churches of the Carlford Benefice

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August 2019

**This
Month:**

3rd August
Hasketon
VILLAGE
FETE

4th August
Wood
Working
Exhibition
and
Cream teas



Every
Sunday in
August
Unlikely
Hero's
Sermons

Clopton
Festival of
Hobbies,
Crafts and
skills



24th,
25th &
26th
August

"Haunted by Christ"

Jane and I have just read a very thought-provoking book called "Haunted by Christ." It's by Richard Harries, who was my bishop for a number of years when I was in Oxford diocese. (You may have heard him on "Thought for the Day" on Radio 4. He was made a Life Peer and is highly respected in the House of Lords on human rights issues...)

In his book he writes about modern writers - novelists, poets, dramatists - and their struggle for faith. Some, such as T.S. Eliot and C.S. Lewis (author of the Narnia books) would definitely have called themselves Christians (after a number of years as atheists.) Others, like Samuel Becket, probably wouldn't. But it's as if they can't turn their backs on religion. They are "haunted by Christ."

Some religious people give the impression that doubt is the opposite of faith. A true believer, of whatever religion, cannot have doubts. But doubts and questions are sometimes the cradle of deep faith. Dostoevsky, in my view the greatest novelist ever, famously said:

"It is not as a child that I believe in Christ and profess his teaching; my hosanna has burst through a furnace of doubts."

The poet Tennyson similarly wrote: "There lives more faith in honest doubt, Believe me, than in half the creeds."

What do we do with our doubts? In today's secular society it may be much easier to be an agnostic than a believer. And doubts can, sometimes, be a cover-up for lack of knowledge. (When did we spend a couple of hours reading a gospel to discover what Jesus actually said, instead of relying on the views of others, or distant childhood memories?) Or perhaps we see church as a club, like other clubs and societies, for those who like "that sort of thing."

When I've found my view of church becoming too restricted, I've gone to a church very different from my own. And I've reminded myself of what Jesus said in the gospel:

John said, "Master, we saw a man driving out demons in your name, and we told him to stop, because he doesn't belong to our group."

And Jesus replied, "Quite right, John. We can't have any Tom, Dick or Harry using my name to do miracles. After all, we don't know exactly what they believe."

No, Jesus did NOT say that!! He said, "Don't try to stop him, because whoever is not against you is for you. (Luke 9: 49-50)"

"Haunted by Christ." A very good read if you're interested in literature. But does that describe me, or someone I know? And is there anything I want to do about it?

Fred Woods

SERVICES ACROSS THE CARLFORD BENEFICE AUGUST 2019

Friday August 2nd

Otley 2.00pm Wedding of Catherine Soames and James McCallum

Sunday August 4th 7th Sunday after Trinity

Hosea 11.1-11, Psalm 107.1-9, 43 [for 107.1-9], Colossians 3.1-11, Luke 12.13-21

Grundisburgh	8.00am	Holy Communion
	11.00am	Family Service
Otley	9.30am	Holy Communion
Boulge	11.00am	Holy Communion

Sunday August 11th 8th Sunday after Trinity

Isaiah 1.1, 10-20, Psalm 50.1-8, 23-end [for 50.1-7], Hebrews 11.1-3, 8-16, Luke 12.32-40

Grundisburgh	8.00am	Holy Communion
	11.00am	Parish Eucharist
Hasketon	9.30am	Parish Eucharist
Ashbocking	11.00am	Songs of Praise

Monday August 12th

Hasketon 12.30pm Wedding of Brendan Turner and Sophie Leigh Pearson

Sunday August 18th 9th Sunday after Trinity

Isaiah 5.1-7, Psalm 80.1-2, 9-end [80.9-end], Hebrews 11.29-12.2, Luke 12.49-56

Grundisburgh	8.00am	Holy Communion
	11.00am	Morning Prayer
Hasketon	9.30am	Morning Prayer
Swilland	11.00am	Holy Communion
Burgh	9.30am	Family Holy Communion
Boulge	6.30pm	Evensong

Saturday August 24th

Ashbocking 1.00pm Wedding of Sarah Christian and Adam Murphy

Sunday August 25th 10th Sunday after Trinity

Jeremiah 1.4-10, Psalm 71.1-6, Hebrews 12.18-end, Luke 13.10-17

Grundisburgh	8.00am	Holy Communion
	11.00am	Family Holy Communion
Clopton	8.30am	Holy Communion

Saturday August 31st

Ashbocking 2.30pm Memorial Service for David Bendall

★ Other Services in August ★

Please note that there are no mid-week services during August

First Point of Contact:

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

Rev'd Clare Sanders
01473 735183



What's On across the Carlford Benefice – August

2nd 10.30am Ashbocking Coffee Morning at the home of Brenda Forster of Little Chimneys, The Green, Ashbocking

2nd Wedding of Catherine Soames and James McCallum 2.00pm Otley Church

3rd Swilland Coffee Morning 10.00am at the Church hosted by Shirley Coady and Andy Ling

3rd Grundisburgh Coffee Morning 10.30am in the Parish Rooms

3rd Hasketon Fete and Exhibition of Wood Working in the church from 12.00noon

4th Exhibition of Wood Working and Cream Teas in church 2.00-4.00pm.

5th Grundisburgh Bridge Club 7.30pm meets at the Parish Rooms

7th Hobbies Group, Clopton Village Hall 10.00am until 12 noon

7th "Going Deeper" Homegroup, Manor Farm, The Green, Ashbocking 10.00am

12th Wedding of Brendan Turner and Sophie Leigh Pearson Hasketon Church 12.30pm

12th Grundisburgh Bridge Club 7.30pm meets at the Parish Rooms

19th Grundisburgh Bridge Club 7.30pm meets at the Parish Rooms

19th Monday House Group at the home of Malcolm and Sandra Green 7.30pm

21st 10.00am Clopton Coffee morning in village hall

21st "Going Deeper" Homegroup, Manor Farm, The Green, Ashbocking 10.00am

22nd Hasketon Community Lunch 12.15pm

22nd Otley Community Lunch at Otley White Hart 12.30pm £6 per head

24th-26th Clopton Festival of Hobbies, Crafts and Skills 10.00am – 6.00pm each day

24th Wedding of Sarah Christian and Adam Murphy 1.00pm Ashbocking Church

26th Grundisburgh Bridge Club 7.30pm meets at the Parish Rooms

31st Memorial Service for David Bendall 2.30pm Ashbocking Church

Carlford Coffee Mornings



Good days start with coffee and you....



Ashbocking from 10.30am

Friday 2nd August at the home of Brenda Forster of Little Chimneys, The Green, Ashbocking

Burgh

There is no coffee morning this month

Clopton from 10am

Wednesday 21st August at the village hall

Grundisburgh

Saturday 3rd August at 10.30am held at Grundisburgh Parish Rooms

Otley

There is no coffee morning this month

Swilland from 10am

Saturday 3rd August at the church hosted by Shirley Coady and Andy Ling

All welcome



Pub Church

A relaxed informal service

We are planning a one off Pub Church service in the Moon & Mushroom, Swilland, on Sun **6th Oct**. We are hoping for a relaxed informal type of service—a few familiar hymns, some prayers and chance to contribute readings or reflections.

We will have the service late morning with the chance to stay on for Sunday lunch. Please put it in your diary if you'd like to come, details nearer the time.

We are also looking for people who might like to help, and thinking of a short planning meeting one evening, early September.

Please contact Mark Cresswell (mark@cresswell.onl) if you'd like to help with that.

Thanks



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AUGUST
3rd and 4th

Hasketon



and

Exhibition of Woodwork



Saturday 3rd
Fete and Exhibition
from 12 noon



Sunday 4th

Exhibition and Cream Teas
in Hasketon church
2.00-4.00pm

Ss. Peter & Paul, Clare

AUGUST BANK HOLIDAY



OF AROUND

4,000

GOOD QUALITY

BOOKS

ALL SECOND-HAND, BUT MANY IN NEARLY NEW CONDITION,
VERY REASONABLY PRICED AND ON A

WIDE RANGE OF SUBJECTS:

FICTION (OLD AND NEW), POETRY, HISTORY, EAST ANGLIA,
GARDENING, COOKERY, BIOGRAPHY AND MANY OTHERS.

BARGAINS FOR BOOKWORMS!

DEFINITELY WORTH COMING TO!

(venue: the church - in aid of church funds)

Saturday, 24th August 9.30 a.m. to 5.00 p.m.

Sunday, 25th August 1.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m.

Monday, 26th August 9.30 a.m. to 5.00 p.m.

TEA - COFFEE - CAKES



Harvest Supper

**Saturday 14th September
at**

Burgh House Barn

6.15pm for 6.30pm

**Tickets £10 each for 2 course hot supper
and a glass of wine. Free soft drinks.
Welcome to bring your own alcoholic drink.**

Tickets in advance by contacting:-

Sally 01473 738877

sally@martinandsally.co.uk



Come and Say Hello!



**We are kicking off
our new Messy
Church year with a
big Hello!**

**Why not come along and
say Hello with messy ac-
tivities, a story and something
to eat.**

Clopton Village Hall

Sunday 22nd September, 3pm-4.30pm

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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**Next Meeting:
Monday 2nd September
7:30pm at
Otley Village Hall
"A year in the life of a
Cottage Garden"
With Andrew Sankey**



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A Stall In Grundisburgh Every Month
Supporting Justice in World Trade

Tea, Coffee

from Traidcraft & Cafe Direct

Chocolate

from Traidcraft & Divine

Sugar & Honey & Snack bars

Household Essentials

- Soap, Handwash, Cleaners

Bamboo Socks, Greetings Cards

Spring/Summer Catalogue now in St. Mary's

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

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:
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SERMONS FOR AUGUST



Sunday 4th August

Sunday 11th August

Sunday 18th August

Sunday 25th August

Jane and Fred Woods will welcome you to join them in their series of Sermons which will take place on all four Sundays during August

BBC

Bible Book Club

A small group - those of faith, agnostics, & atheists -interested in the historical context of Christian thought.

We meet in Grundisburgh on just four Tuesday mornings each year.

Our next meeting is on September 24th 2019 at 10.30am.

**Discussing: 'SILENCE – A Christian History'
By Diarmaid MacCulloch**

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 will be joining us.**



THE PROPOSED NORTHERN BYPASS

As most of you will be aware of the latest proposals for three potential northern bypass routes which could dramatically change our beautiful countryside forever.

There are consultations being held in various locations and it is really important that you try to get to one of them to hear what is being said but most of all to **“have your say”** and ask any questions you wish to have answered.

The consultation dates and venues are all listed on the website (<https://ipswichnorthernroute.org.uk>), as are plans, the key aims and objectives alongside estimated statistics of the increased traffic flow & what it means for our villages.

Please also visit the www.stopipswichnorthernbypass.co.uk website **where you can register your interest for further details**, find links for a petition to sign online and a fund raising website. Make sure you visit their stands at one of the upcoming consultations to unite and put a stop to the proposals.

We need to stand united and protect our beautiful rural villages

Back in September 2019

Baby Café



First Tuesday Every Month

9.00-10.30am

Parish Room Grundisburgh

Toys – Drinks – Food – Natter

All are welcome

Tiddlywinks

Singing- Stories

Drinks- Snacks



For pre school children
and babies
and their carers

Second and Fourth Thursdays

2.30pm

Look forward to seeing you!

A FESTIVAL OF 'HOBBIES, CRAFT AND SKILLS'



24th, 25th and 26th August
From 10am to 6pm each day

To be held in Clopton Church

We hope to raise funds for the upkeep of the church and churchyard. The festival will showcase local talent in many forms – knitting, painting, sewing, joinery, pottery & photography. Hopefully children will also submit their creations. There will be 'busking' slots available for enthusiastic musicians. Refreshments will be available. Submitted work may be simply displayed or sold (with 10% to fund raising). Entry requirement is only that each exhibitor should provide an article for the tombola!

Please contact Jenny Schurr if you are interested in exhibiting
Telephone: 01473 738357 or cloptonschurrs@gmail.com

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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