



The Grapevine



THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

News for the Churches of the Carlford Benefice

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December 2019

This Month



6th & 7th
Upbeat Concert

7th
Swilland
Christmas Draw
& Ashbocking
Christmas
Bazaar



11th
Live Nativity
At Otley College



14th
Burgh
Soup Lunch



The meaning is in the waiting

So how are you with presents? And I don't mean do you like them (I think that most people do) but if you were to get one that was intended for a specific date (Birthday/Christmas) what do you do? You see some people are very good, they'll place it somewhere safe and not touch it until the day. Others are more inquisitive and just can't wait for a rattle, shake or general explore through the wrapping paper. I have this theory that in most families there are examples of both kinds of people.

But what's the point of waiting to find out what it is (except its what's expected). Waiting changes our attitude to something. Sometimes our attitudes mature, sometimes not, but they will certainly change. If the receiver is excited about a present, they might live with that excitement for a number of days. And of course, waiting need not be just passive – trying to hold yourself back – but active preparing and anticipating. No wonder the old collect for the end of



Kneeling – RS Thomas

Moments of great calm,
Kneeling before an altar
Of wood in a stone church
In summer, waiting for the God
To speak; the air a staircase
For silence; the sun's light
Ringing me, as though I acted
A great rôle. And the audiences
Still; all that close throng
Of spirits waiting, as I,
For the message.

Prompt me, God;
But not yet. When I speak,
Though it be you who speak
Through me, something is lost.
The meaning is in the waiting.

November prays for God to 'stir up' the Holy Spirit with us. You see Advent both looks ahead and looks back. And unlike many earthly presents we can both prepare and to anticipate while looking back. The Anglican priest and Welsh poet RS Thomas wrote the poem Kneeling and for me it's a great metaphor. That last line 'The meaning is in the waiting' intrigues me. I find myself searching back through the poem looking for how Thomas sees God, then running forward to see how it links up, back and forth I go trying to understand and perhaps that's the point. In waiting not for God but on God we are waiting and searching and in that our ideas mature, we become prepared and receptive. Waiting and preparing, meeting God not in our own hurried moments but God's

timelessness changes the agenda. The meaning is indeed in the waiting.

Mark Cresswell

SERVICES ACROSS THE CARLFORD BENEFICE DECEMBER 2019

Sunday December 1st Advent Sunday

Isaiah 2.1-5, Psalm 122, Romans 13.11-end, Matthew 24.36-44

Grundisburgh	8.00am	Holy Communion
	11.00am	Toy Service
Otley	9.30am	Holy Communion
Boulge	11.00am	Holy Communion
Burgh	3.30pm	Reflective Service for Advent

Sunday December 8th 2nd Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 11.1-10, Psalm 72.1-7, 18-19 [for 72.1-7], Romans 15.4-13, Matthew 3.1-12

Grundisburgh	8.00am	Holy Communion
	10.45am	Discovery and Sunday Club
	11.00am	Parish Eucharist
Hasketon	9.30am	Parish Eucharist
Clopton	11.00am	Morning Prayer

Friday December 13th

Boulge	7.00pm Carol Service
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Sunday December 15th 3rd Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 35.1-10, Psalm 146.4-10, James 5.7-10, Matthew 11.2-11

Grundisburgh	8.00am	Holy Communion
	11.00am	Morning Prayer
	10.45am	Discovery and Sunday Club
Hasketon	9.30am	Christingle
Swilland	11.00am	Carol Service
Burgh	9.30am	Family Holy Communion

Saturday December 21st

Otley	6.00pm Carol Service
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Sunday December 22nd 4th Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 7.10-16, Psalm 80.1-8, 18-20 [for 80.1-8], Romans 1.1-7, Matthew 1.18-end

Grundisburgh	8.00am	Holy Communion
	7.00pm	Carol Service
Hasketon	5.30pm	Carol Service
Burgh	5.30pm	Carol Service
Clopton	9.30am	Holy Communion
Ashbocking	4.00pm	Carol Service

December 24/25th Christmas Eve/Christmas Day

2 Samuel 7.1-5, 8-11, 16, Psalm 89.2, 19-27, Acts 13.16-26, Luke 1.67-79

Grundisburgh	Dec 24 th 4.30pm	Crib Service
	Dec 24 th 11.30pm	Midnight Mass
Hasketon	Dec 24 th 3.00pm	Crib Service
	Dec 25 th 9.30am	Holy Communion
Burgh	Dec 25 th 9.30am	Family Holy Communion
Boulge	Dec 25 th 11.00am	Holy Communion
Otley	Dec 24 th 4.30pm	Crib Service
	Dec 25 th 9.30am	Family Holy Communion
Clopton	Dec 24 th 6.00pm	Carol Service
Ashbocking	Dec 25 th 11.00am	Holy Communion
Swilland	Dec 25 th 9.30am	Holy Communion

Sunday December 29th 1st Sunday of Christmas

Isaiah 63.7-9, Psalm 148 [for 148.7-end], Hebrews 2.10-end, Matthew 2.13-end

Grundisburgh	8.00am	Holy Communion
Hasketon	11.00am	Benefice Holy Communion

What's On across the Carlford Benefice – December

- 2nd Knit and Stitch** 10.00am meets at the home of Linda and John Pollard of Hawthorns, The Green, Ashbocking
- 2nd Otley and District Gardening Club**, 7.30pm Christmas Horticultural Quiz with Matthew Tanton Brown (Club Hon. Patron)
- 2nd Grundisburgh Bridge Club** 7.30pm meets at the Parish Rooms
- 3rd Baby Café** 9.00am – 10.30am Grundisburgh Parish Rooms
- 4th SWAPSHOP** 10.00am – 11.00am in Grundisburgh Parish Rooms
- 4th Hobbies Group**, Clopton Village Hall 10.00am until 12 noon
- 4th "Going Deeper" Homegroup**, Manor Farm, The Green, Ashbocking 10.00am
- 6th** 10.30am **Ashbocking Coffee Morning** at the home of Janice Williamson of 10 Nelson Close, The Green, Ashbocking
- 6th Upbeat! Christmas Concert** (featuring saxophonist Jonathan Farnhill), St Mary's Church, Grundisburgh. Tickets £8. 7.30pm
- 7th** 10.30am **Grundisburgh Coffee Morning** – Parish Rooms
- 7th Ashbocking Christmas Bazaar** Ashbocking Church 10am -3.30pm
- 7th Swilland Christmas Draw** at Witnesham Village Hall from 12 Noon
- 7th Upbeat! Christmas Concert** (featuring the Choir from Grundisburgh Primary School), St Mary's Church, Grundisburgh. Tickets £8. 4.00pm
- 8th Grundisburgh Sunday Club and Discovery Club** 10.45am in the Parish Rooms, Grundisburgh
- 9th Beyond Belief** 10.30am – 12 noon Grundisburgh Parish Rooms
- 9th Otley House Group** 1.45pm – 3pm at the home of Penny Clark of Cherry Bank, Otley
- 9th Grundisburgh Bridge Club** 7.30pm meets at the Parish Rooms
- 11th Live Nativity at Otley College** 6pm for 6.30pm
- 11th Ashbocking Bible Study Group** 7.30pm meets at the home of Linda and John Pollard of Hawthorns, The Green, Ashbocking
- 12th** 2.30pm **Tiddlywinks** meet in The Upper Room, Grundisburgh opposite Olde Forge Stores in Grundisburgh
- 14th Burgh Soup Lunch** 12.00noon to 1.30pm in Burgh Schoolroom
- 15th Grundisburgh Sunday Club and Discovery Club** 10.45am in the Parish Rooms, Grundisburgh
- 16th Grundisburgh Bridge Club** 7.30pm meets at the Parish Rooms
- 16th Monday House Group** at the home of Malcolm and Sandra Green 7.30pm
- 16th Knit and Stitch** 10.00am meets at the home of Linda and John Pollard of Hawthorns, The Green, Ashbocking
- 18th** 10.00-12.00noon **Clopton Coffee Morning** at the Village Hall
- 18th "Going Deeper" Homegroup**, Manor Farm, The Green, Ashbocking 10.00am
- 23rd Otley House Group** 1.45pm – 3pm at the home of Penny Clark of Cherry Bank, Otley
- 23rd Grundisburgh Bridge Club** 7.30pm meets at the Parish Rooms
- 30th 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 6th December at the home of Janice Williamson of No. 10 Nelson Close, The Green, Ashbocking

Burgh from 12 noon

There is no coffee morning this month, but we have our Soup Lunch on Saturday 14th December at Burgh Church Schoolroom

Clopton from 10am

Wednesday 18th December at the village hall

Grundisburgh

Wednesday 4th December SWAPSHOP 10am – 11am and then Saturday 7th December at 10.30am both held at Grundisburgh Parish Rooms

Otley

There is no coffee morning this month.

Swiland from 12 noon

Our Christmas Draw will take place on Saturday 7th December at Winesham Village Hall, instead of our usual coffee morning – all welcome

All welcome

Saturday 14th December
Burgh Church Schoolroom

Soup Lunch
12 noon – 1.30pm



Soup and bread £4.00
Seasonal Dessert £2.00

Raffle prize of a
Christmas Themed Hamper

In aid of the
Ipswich Night Shelter

live nativity

AT OTLEY COLLEGE

Charity Ln, Ipswich IP6 9EY

Celebrate Christmas at Otley – experience the sights, sounds and story of Christmas complete with live nativity, music, refreshments and family-friendly fun.

Dress-up warm and bring yourselves and your wellies for an outdoor celebration of Christmas – see the sheep and other animals, and smell the straw of the stable as we re-tell the Christmas Story with a difference.

Hot chocolate and marshmallows for all! Suitable for all ages, but limited seating and it may well be cold!

11th DECEMBER
6PM for 6:30PM until 7:30PM

Free entry, free parking and free refreshments.

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The Star

For more information visit-
www.light-wave.org/events





Stop! Campaign seeks positive solutions

The public consultation on proposals to build a bypass north of Ipswich has closed, having garnered an impressive 4,000 responses. The 500 people who attended the march through town to oppose the road have packed their placards and drums away. But the Stop! Campaign has certainly not stopped!

The petition against the road, which would devastate precious countryside and hasten climate change, continues to grow. The first 5,000 signatures were presented to Parliament by MP Dr Dan Poulter in October, but many thousand more are needed. If you have their permission, you can add your friends' and family's names to the online petition (even if they don't live locally) – why not send them an email today?

The Stop! Campaign has taken out full-page adverts in both the *East Anglian Daily Times* and the *Ipswich Star* making the case for alternatives to the road. Meanwhile Birketts Solicitors in Ipswich have agreed to represent the campaign in the legal fight against the bypass: there is an enormous amount to challenge.

Several events have been held, most recently a Grand Jumble Sale in Hasketon where a wonderful turnout helped to raise £1,800 in campaign funds. Regular drinks evenings are planned too: keep an eye on the website.

The next phase of the campaign aims to Start! Ipswich Moving by finding real, sustainable solutions to the traffic issues in and around the town. Our villages hold such a wealth of talent and energy that a 20-strong research team is now investigating these solutions in detail. They would love to hear your thoughts: email research.stopbypass@gmail.com.

To all of the volunteers, researchers, marchers, petition-signers and jumble-rummagers who make the campaign possible, thank you – together we can Stop! this road and protect our precious environment, both local and global.

The Stop! Team

Grundisburgh Toy Service



1st December

Grundisburgh Church

at

11.00am

All welcome

Children's Sunday Clubs

@ St Mary's Church Grundisburgh

Sunday Club

Second and third Sundays of the month

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



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



Please note that there is NO Messy Church in December, but it will be back in January 2020



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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Hasketon, Otley, Swilland.
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Carol and Christmas Services



Carol Services

Ashbocking 22nd, 4pm
Boulge 13th, 7pm
Burgh 22nd, 5.30pm
Clopton 24th, 6pm
Grundisburgh 22nd, 7pm
Hasketon, 22nd, 5.30pm
Otley 21st, 6pm
Swilland 15th, 11am

Christmas Eve

Grundisburgh Midnight Mass, 11.30pm

Christmas Day

Ashbocking 11am
Boulge 11am
Burgh 9.30am
Hasketon 9.30am
Otley 9.30am
Swilland 9.30am

Children's Crib services

Grundisburgh Crib Service, 24th 4.30pm
Hasketon Christingle, 15th, 9.30am
Hasketon Crib service, 24th, 3pm
Otley Crib Service (at the Barn) 24th, 4.30pm



Otley & District Gardening Club



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

Monday 2nd December

Christmas Horticultural Quiz With Matthew Tanton Brown (Club Hon. Patron)



All welcome - Join up or just come along.

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

To find out more, contact either

Phil Pollard, Chairman (07880627984)
Jill Hempstead, Secretary (07967012636)

Swilland Christmas Draw

Saturday 7th December

Witnesham Village Hall



From 12 noon

The draw will commence at 1pm

We will be serving a light lunch of soup and filled rolls, mince pies.

There will also be a cake, book and gift stalls

Advent Service



An informal reflective service for Advent followed by Tea.

Burgh Schoolroom, Burgh
3.30pm Sun **1st December**

ALL WELCOME





Christmas Concert



St Marys Church Grundisburgh

Friday 6th December 2019

@ 7.30pm

Ticket only event £8.00
(primary school aged children £5.00)
01473 735853
07834 984591



Christmas Concert



St Marys Church Grundisburgh

Saturday 7th December 2019

@ 4pm

Nominated charities for 2019



TRAIDCRAFT
Fighting poverty through trade

Buy Fairtrade & Ethical Goods

Charity Christmas Cards are now in

Buy from the Stall

Coffee Morning

Saturday

Dec 7th

St. Mary's Sunday

December 8th 12pm

and on Sunday

December 15th 12pm



Orders and information from Pat Fletcher
01473 735 775 p.j.fletcher45@gmail.com

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 January 7th2020 at 10.30am.

Discussing: 'Surprised by Hope' By Tom Wright

We hope you've enjoyed the reader over this holiday period, and we'd be very pleased to have you come along for the chat.

Please let us know if you will be joining us.

paulwiffen222@btinternet.com

or 01473738474

Crib Services

If you would like to take part in one or our crib services – in Hasketon, Otley or Grundisburgh on Christmas Eve then please let Clare know on 01473 735183 or revclaresanders@tiscali.co.uk

We need Mary, Joseph, Innkeeper, Kings, Star bearers and lots of angels and shepherds

Some costumes are available – but we may not manage to clothe all the angels and shepherds!



ASHBOCKING CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Ashbocking Church

Saturday 7th December

10am until 3:30pm



Refreshments –available all day, including soup and rolls, cake with tea, coffee and soft drinks.

There will be stalls with books, nearly new condition goods, clothing, toys, bric-a-brac, hand-made gifts and jewellery.

Come and find the treasure on the map or draw a winning ticket on the Tom Bola, try your hand at guessing the weight of the cake, and buy some gifts for Christmas.



*We would like to
wish you all*

*A Merry Christmas
&
a very Happy,
Healthy New Year*

Beyond Belief Autumn 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**

Session 6 is on **Monday December 9th**. People of faith, agnostics, and atheists, all are 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 6 – December 9th

Biblical Topic – Discussion 3: 'What do you know about Christian Faith?' A general knowledge Fun Quiz

References: The Bible

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

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

From The Editor The cutoff date for material to be included in the January magazine is the **1st of December** and material should be sent to Clare at revclaresanders@tiscali.co.uk and Amy at bakergirl174@gmail.com please.



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