**‘Beyond Belief’ – Spring 2018**

**What do we really know about these Bible topics…?**

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 March 12th & 26th**; April 9th & 23rd; May 7th & 21st. People of faith, agnostic, and atheist 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 1 – March 12th

**Biblical Topic** – ppt. Presentation 1 **‘The Promised Land’** – Where was/is the Promised Land? What do we know about this region? Why does the area have many names?

**References:** Genesis 12:1-3; 15:18-21; 26:3; 28:13; Exodus 23:31

Session 2 – March 26th

**Biblical Topic** – Discussion 1: **‘The Last Supper’** – What do we know about the events surrounding that evening? How does it relate to the Passover?

**References:** Matthew 26:17-30; Mark 14:12-26; Luke 22:7-39 and John 13:1-17:26; 1Corinthians 11:17-34

Session 3 – April 9th

**Biblical Topic** – ppt. Presentation 2 **‘Who wrote the Old Testament?’** How many people wrote the Old Testament? When, where, why? What about the Apocrypha – shouldn’t it be part of the Bible canon?

**References:** Commentaries, footnotes and appendices in your Bible

Session 4 – April 23rd

**Biblical Topic** – Discussion 2: **‘How can we know Jesus existed?’** – What evidence is there - for or against?Does the Bible text help us? Do non-canonical records provide any evidence?

**References:** Matthew 1:1; Luke 1:1-4; Acts 8:1-3; Acts 9:1-5

Session 5 – May 7th

**Biblical Topic** – ppt. Presentation 3 **‘Old Testament Landmarks’** –The Tower of Babel; The Hanging Gardens of Babylon; Sodom and Gomorrah; Did they exist?

**References:** Genesis 11:1-9; Genesis 10:8-12; Genesis 19:1-29

Session 6 – May 21st

**Biblical Topic** – Discussion 3: **‘Pentecost’ – “Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift the Father promised ....”** What happened during those 50 days?

**References:** Exodus 34:22 [Shavuot]; Acts1:11; 2:1-47 [Pentecost]

**Why not come and try our new group? Join us this Spring 2018**

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**Otley & District Gardening Club**

**2018 Season**



Patron: Matthew Tanton-Brown

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

**Monday 9th April AGM Meeting**

**“Propagation – Seeds & Cuttings” with Ann Tweddle**

Compare gardening notes over tea/coffee & biscuits.

All welcome

Join up or just come along

Admission £1:50 (members)

£4:00 (non-members)

Annual membership £10:00

To find out more, contact

Alan Trevelyan (01473 890563)

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**BURGH CHURCH SCHOOLROOM**

Drabbs Lane IP13 6QA

**EASTER COFFEE MORNING**

**Saturday 24th March**

**10.00 – 12.00**

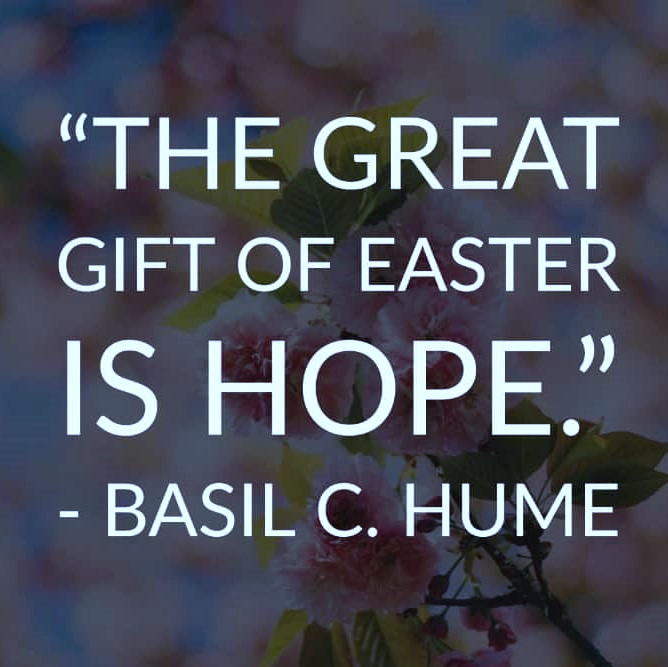
**Easter Raffle, Tea and Coffee,**

**Homemade cakes (GF available)**

**Chat with friends old and new.**

**PROCEEDS TO BURGH CHURCH**

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**Funsters**- a Grundisburgh Church group for youngsters in Years 5-7

are taking part in “40 Acts of Kindness” during Lent

with a Sponsored Silence(7th)-a Pop up Café(14th) and a Car Wash (21st)

all from 5.30pm- 6.30pm at the Parish Room

Donations to a charity of their choice – yet tbc.

Please support them!

You might like to take part in 40 Acts of Kindness too!

**“** [https://40acts.org.uk/signup/#](https://40acts.org.uk/signup/)**”**

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Bible Book Club

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

**We meet in Grundisburgh on just four**

**Tuesday mornings each year.**

**Our next meeting is on May 1st 2018 at 10.30am.**

**Discussing ‘Why There Almost Certainly is a God’**

* **[Doubting Dawkins] by ‘Keith Ward’**

**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 will be joining us.**

APCMs – it is the season for

**Annual Parochial Church Meetings**

All meetings will take place in the context of worship followed by the business agenda

**March 4th** 11.00am Boulge

**March 11th**   11.00am Ashbocking

**March 18th** 11.00am Burgh and Swilland

**March 25th** 11.00am Clopton

**April 15th** 9.30am Otley

           11.00am Grundisburgh

**April 22nd** 9.30am Hasketon

Please support your church by attending and giving thanks for all that has happened over the past year and with commitment to the year that lies ahead

**Safeguarding Introductory Course – what is it about?**

**“C Zero” / “C0”**

Churchwardens, PCC members, leaders and members of choirs, clubs, helpers in various capacities, bellringers, cleaners are all being invited and asked to complete some safeguarding training.

·   This is not about being checked, monitored or anything like that. There is no DBS form or check to do as part of it

·   This is about taking an important issue in our times seriously and being helped to be good citizens to children or vulnerable adults. It is about caring for people on the edges – the very people Jesus often spotted and helped through his teaching and healing

·   It is not about being expected to become an expert

·   It is about having a basic awareness of issues which are harming people’s lives and knowing who can help if you have concerns.

·   It is not about you being under suspicion but helping you to be aware

·   ***It is about being a friend, a citizen a practical Christian to someone who may need help***

**Why is the Church doing this?** To help us with the positive points above and to help the Church demonstrate its care and concern when in the past it has not always supported those who needed help or protection

**How do we become involved?** The Introductory Course is known as C0 and it is hoped it will be done by as many people as possible and certainly those who might find themselves in Church alone with other people.

1. **This can be done online on your own:** It is as simple as going to this site and following the

instructions: <http://www.cofesuffolk.org/uploads/safeguarding/C0_Training_Introduction.pdf>

Please note we belong to the Diocese of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich when that question is asked.

Go through the slides, you can turn the voice off, have a go at the quizzes (I didn’t get all the answers right so try and do better!), it takes about an hour and can be done in chunks if you have something happen. Then send the certificate off at the end – to Hilary Hill if resident in Grundisburgh, Hasketon, Burgh or Boulge [**hilary@talk21.com**](mailto:hilary@talk21.com) “ ; if in Clopton or Otley to **“**[**karinupson@btinternet.com**](mailto:karinupson@btinternet.com)**”**  or if in Ashbocking or Swilland to **“**[**janbates81@gmail.com**](mailto:janbates81@gmail.com)**”** .

**2.     We have already run 2 training sessions for those unable to access online and will do more if needed – please let Hilary, Karin or Jan know.**

**3.    Thank you for taking part in this piece of work**