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May 2018

"Thy Kingdom Come"



May is one of my favourite months- it is my birthday which partially explains it- but I think it's also about days being longer and warmer and a sense of renewed energy, as we explore our Easter faith and the call to live the risen life and move into the season of Pentecost.

As it has been for many years now- Christian Aid Week is in May – Christian Aid began as a response to the enormous needs in war torn Germany after the 2WW. It has now grown to an organisation which spans the globe in its care for the most vulnerable. It is a uniting activity bringing people together across the nation and across denominations in service of those in need. Thank you in anticipation for the support you are able to give; thank you to those who deliver envelopes and a particular thank you to those who will knock on doors and collect envelopes. It is a real testimony to our faith. THANK YOU.

This year, Christian Aid Week coincides with "Thy Kingdom Come" which runs from Ascension Day through to Pentecost. This is an initiative which unites the Church across the world, 85 countries are taking part across many denominations. The Archbishop invites us to do something essentially very simple to pray "Thy Kingdom Come". It is a prayer that Jesus taught us and it unites us with our brothers and sisters in Christ across the world...but it carries a warning with it- there is a risk assessment that accompanies it...because to pray it, is to

open ourselves up to being called by God to be part of the will that he has for the world. The kingdom of God, in the words of one of our hymns- is a kingdom of justice and joy...mercy and grace...challenge and choice – our part in Christian Aid Week is a sharing in bringing the kingdom of God into being...but there are many other ways... and as we explore in the benefice the CARLFORD challenge – we need to ask what does this mean for us as we seek to be **"alive and at work in God's world"**. How do we serve our local communities, what do we have to offer?

One of the suggestions for the Thy Kingdom 10 days is for a prayer walk so on May 11th and 14th I am committing myself to walking around our villages and praying as I go for the people and the activities of the village. In some villages, I am delivering Christian Aid envelopes as I walk. If you would like to join me, I'd love the company.

On the 11th **Ashbocking 9.30am** meet at the Suffolk Wildlife Centre; **Swiland 11.30am** meet at the church; **Clopton** meet at the village hall at **2.30pm**; **Otley** meet at the church at **4.00pm**.

On the 14th meet at the **Burgh** phone box at **9.30am**; meet at **Boulge** church at **10.45am**; meet at **Hasketon village hall at 11.45am** and at **Grundisburgh church at 2.30pm**.

"Thy kingdom come" will end for us on Pentecost Sunday (20th) with a Messy Church at Otley Village Hall. I give thanks for the new life which is coming into being through Messy Church and all those who work to welcome people to faith. Most months, our Messy Church congregation is the second largest in the benefice.

May looks like being a busy month...but please find time to pray "Thy Kingdom come" Amen.

Rev'd Clare Sanders

Services across the Carlford Benefice

May 6th 6th Sunday of Easter

Isaiah 55.1-11, Acts 10.44-end, Psalm 98, 1 John 5.1-6, John 15.9-17

8.00am	Holy Communion	Grundisburgh	CS
9.30am	Holy Communion	Burgh	+J
9.30am	Christian Aid Family Service	Hasketon	MC
9.30am	Holy Communion	Swilland	CS
11.00am	Holy Communion with Banns for Robert Scarfe and Christine Gilbert	Boulge	WG
11.00am	Christian Aid Family Service	Grundisburgh	MC
11.00am	Christian Aid Family Service	Otley	CS

May 13th 7th Sunday of Easter

Ezekiel 36.24-28, Acts 1.15-17, 21-end, Psalm 1, 1 John 5.9-13, John 17.6-19

8.00am	Holy Communion	Grundisburgh	CS
9.30am	Holy Communion	Clopton	CS
9.30am	Parish Eucharist	Hasketon	+J
11.00am	Christian Aid Family Service	Ashbocking	FW/JW
11.00am	Holy Communion Parish Eucharist	Grundisburgh	CS
6.30pm	Evensong	Boulge	CS

May 20th Pentecost Sunday

Acts 2.1-21, or Ezekiel 37.1-14, Psalm 104.26-36, 37b or 104.26-end, Romans 8.22-27 or Acts 2.1-21, John 15.26-27, 16.4b-15

8.00am	Holy Communion	Grundisburgh	CS
9.30am	Morning Prayer	Hasketon	Lay Led
9.30am	Holy Communion	Otley	CS
11.00am	Holy Communion	Boulge	+J
11.00am	Family Holy Communion	Burgh	CS
11.00am	Morning Prayer	Grundisburgh	BH
11.00am	Family Service	Swilland	MC

May 27th Trinity Sunday

Isaiah 6.1-8, Psalm 29, Romans 8.12-17, John 3.1-17

8.00am	Holy Communion	Grundisburgh	CS
9.30pm	Family Holy Communion and Baptism of Thomas Nunn	Hasketon	CS
11.00am	Family Service	Clopton	FW/JW
11.00am	Family Holy Communion	Grundisburgh	CS
6.30pm	Evensong	Otley	FW/JW

Key – CS – Clare Sanders, FW – Fred Woods, +J – Bishop John Waine, BH – Bill Herbert, RP – Richard Pepper, JW – Jane Woods, MC – Mark Cresswell, Linda – Linda Pollard, JB – John Berg, WG – Wendy Gourlay

Other Services in May

May 7 th /9 th	No services – Clare in Amsterdam!		
May 10 th	Ascension Day Service at Burgh 7.00pm – the highest of our churches above sea level		
May 21 st	Holy Communion BCP	Hasketon	9.30am

First point of contact is:

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

Clare Sanders 01473 735183

What's On

1st Baby Café Grundisburgh Parish Room 9.00am – 10.30am

1st Bible Book Club 10.30am, contact Paul 01473 738474

2nd Hobbies Group, Clopton Village Hall 10.00am until 12 noon

2nd "Going Deeper" Homegroup, Manor Farm, The Green, Ashbocking 10.00am

2nd SWAPSHOP 10.15am-11.30am Parish Room, Grundisburgh

4th Ashbocking Coffee Morning 10.30am – 12 noon at the home of Jan and John Bates of 4 Ashley Grange, The Green, Ashbocking

5th Swilland Coffee Morning at the home of Gill Reidy of 1 Church Lane, Swilland. From 10.00am

5th Grundisburgh Coffee Morning 10.30am Parish Room, Grundisburgh

5th Open Plant Sale, Otley Village Hall 10.30am

7th Beyond Belief Grundisburgh Parish Rooms 10.30 – 12 noon – see details elsewhere

9th Ashbocking House Group 7.30pm at the home of Steve and Sarah Wilson of Eastbrook House, The Green, Ashbocking

10th Otley Coffee Morning 10.00-12.00noon at the home of Russell Ling of Grange House, Otley

10th Grundisburgh Church Tiddlywinks group for toddlers and carers 2.30pm

10th-20th Thy Kingdom Come

11th Prayer Walk 9.30am full details on the front page

12th – 19th Christian Aid Week

13th Grundisburgh Sunday Club 10.45am in the Parish Rooms, Grundisburgh

14th Prayer Walk 9.30am full details on the front page

14th Otley House Group 1.45pm – 3pm at the home of Penny Clark of Cherry Bank, Otley

14th Otley and District Gardening Club 7.30pm – "Dazzling Dahlias" With Nick Dobson

15th Ministry Team meet at 6.30pm

16th "Going Deeper" Homegroup, Manor Farm, The Green, Ashbocking 10.00am

16th 10.00am - 12 noon **Clopton Coffee Morning** in the Village Hall

17th Archdeacon's Visitation at Grundisburgh

20th Burgh PCC meet after the 11.00am service

20th 3.00pm to 4.30pm **Messy Church** in Otley Village Hall

21st Beyond Belief Grundisburgh Parish Rooms 10.30am -12 noon – see details elsewhere

21st Monday House Group at the home of Malcolm and Sandra Green at 7.30pm

23rd Ashbocking House Group 7.30pm at the home of Steve and Sarah Wilson of Eastbrook House, The Green, Ashbocking

24th 12.15pm **Hasketon Community Lunch**

24th Grundisburgh Church Tiddlywinks group for toddlers and carers 2.30pm

27th Grundisburgh Sunday Club 10.45am in the Parish Rooms, Grundisburgh

28th Otley House Group 1.45pm -3pm at the home of Penny Clark of Cherry Bank, Otley

Carlford Groups

Social Groups

Baby Café – 1st May 9am Grundisburgh

Hobbies Group – 2nd May 10am, Clopton

Swapshop – 2nd May 10.15am, Grundisburgh

Tiddlywinks – 10th and 24th May 2.30pm,
Grundisburgh

Prayer and Study Groups

Ashbocking House Group – 9th and 23rd May
7.30pm, Ashbocking

Going Deeper – 2nd and 16th May 10am Ashbocking

Grundisburgh Sunday Club – 13th and 27th May
10.45am, Grundisburgh

Monday House Group – 21st May 7.30pm,
Grundisburgh

Otley House Group – 14th and 28th May 1.45pm,
Otley

Beyond Belief – 7th and 21st May 10.30-12 noon,
Grundisburgh



FANCY A COFFEE?

We have opportunities,
throughout May,

Ashbocking – Friday 4th at the home of
Jan and John Bates of 4 Ashley Grange, The
Green, Ashbocking 10.30am – 12 noon

Clopton – Wednesday 16th at the
Village Hall 10.00am – 12 noon

Grundisburgh – Wednesday 2nd 10.15am –
11.30am and then Saturday 5th 10.30am –
11.45am at Grundisburgh Parish Rooms

Otley – Thursday 10th at the home of Russell
Ling of Grange House, Otley 10.00am.

Swilland – Saturday 5th at the home of Gill
Reidy of 1 Church Lane, Swilland from 10.00am

Do come along and join us

STOCK URGENTLY REQUIRED

Boulge church will be having a Car Boot sale at
the Grundisburgh Fete on 14th July, and we
urgently need items to sell, for our church
funds. We are happy to collect

Please call Ken Petherbridge

07974 748 887

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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.

paulwiffen222@btinternet.com or 01473738474.

Please let us know if you will be joining us.

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 held at
GRUNDISBURGH PARISH ROOMS, 10.30–12.00

The last two sessions are on **Monday 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 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?

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?

**Why not come and try our new group? Join us
this Spring 2018 Enquiries: Paul on: 01473
738474 or paulwiffen222@btinternet.com**

Progressive Dinner Otley – Saturday 30th June



“Now Book Your Place”

Vanessa Ling 01473 890787 or email vanessa@papermaze.co.uk

Tickets: £10 per person

Otley and District Gardening Club



2017/18 Season

We meet at 7:30 pm, at Otley Village Hall, Chapel Road, Otley

Saturday 5th May – 10.30am Open Plant Sale

Monday 14th May “Dazzling Dahlias” with Nick Dobson

Saturday 9th June Summer Coach Outing to Pensthorpe Natural Park, Norfolk

Compare gardening notes over tea/coffee & biscuits.

Admission £1:50 (members) £4:00 (non-members)

To find out more, contact either Alan Trevelyan

(01473 890563) or Isabel Lincoln (01473 890826)



Tuesday 1st May 2018

9.00am-10.30am

Baby Cafe

1st Tuesday of each month in
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



A Stall In Grundisburgh Every Month

Buy Fairtrade Goods

Bamboo Socks

Tea & Coffee

Sugar & Honey

Soap & Handwash

Chocolate & Geobars

Greetings Cards & Gifts

Where?..When?

at the Coffee Morning in Parish Room

1st Saturday of the month 10.30am

In St. Mary's 1st Sunday & 2nd Sunday

at 12.00 after morning service

Catalogues are available in St. Mary's church

Orders and information from Pat Fletcher

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The Spirit of God - often unSeen yet felt by many - a key to Christian faith. Come and hear about God's Spirit.

A fun event for adults and children together, involving, singing, stories and sharing food.

Otley Village Hall

Sunday 20th May, 3pm to 4.30pm

All welcome,
£1 per family
Suggested donation.

If you'd like to come, please let us know names of adults and children so we can get the catering right and have fun together.

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