

# The Grapevine



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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 11<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup> **Ashbocking 9.30am** meet at the Suffolk Wildlife Centre; **Swilland 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 14<sup>th</sup> 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 (20<sup>th</sup>) 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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 27<sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> /9 <sup>th</sup>	No services – Clare in Amsterdam!		
May 10 <sup>th</sup>	Ascension Day Service at Burgh 7.00pm – the highest of our churches above sea level		
May 21 <sup>st</sup>	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

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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 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:paulwiffen222@btinternet.com) or 01473738474.  
Please let us know if you will be joining us.



### 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 14<sup>th</sup> July, and we  
urgently need items to sell, for our church  
funds. We are happy to collect

Please call Ken Petherbridge

07974 748 887

### **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 7<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>**.  
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 7<sup>th</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup> June



"Now Book Your Place"

Vanessa Ling 01473 890787 or email [vanessa@papermaze.co.uk](mailto: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 5<sup>th</sup> May – 10.30am Open Plant Sale**

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May "Dazzling Dahlias" with Nick Dobson**

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> 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

1<sup>st</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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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