

The Grapevine
News for the parishes of
the Carlford Benefice
May 2015

Election Day

On 7th May, election day, I will also confirm the election of Martin Seeley as our new diocesan bishop at a St. Mary-le-Bow Church in London before the Archbishop and his Vicar-General. In February the Queen directed the canons at the cathedral at Bury St Edmunds to hold an election and offered Martin as her candidate. Using words dating back to Henry VIII, it was implicit that there was no alternative and that the canons' participation was compulsory. On the 7th, Martin Seeley will receive from Archbishop Justin his charge - targets and challenges that take account of the particular needs of Suffolk and the mission of the church nationally. Legally, he becomes our bishop at that moment.

A week later, Martin (currently the Reverend Canon) will be consecrated a bishop (the Right Reverend) at Westminster Abbey, later pay homage to Her Majesty, and in June be enthroned in his episcopal seat in the cathedral that elected him. By then we will also have a new government and possibly a new prime minister.

We take elections for granted. Turnout in recent years has been shamefully poor, when compared to the statistics and scenes of those voting in the first election in South Africa after the end of apartheid; remember the T.V. pictures of long queues waiting patiently, many having travelled long distances to cast their votes. Discerning and selecting candidates and organising free and fair elections both involve long hours of hard work by many people, whether they be the officials from Melton manning our polling-stations and counting our votes, or the those who interviewed and collated the views of many people across the county and then drew up the diocesan job description for the new bishop. They deserve our thanks and our participation in the electoral process.

The courage and commitment of the candidates deserve better than the media's often disrespectful and ungrateful portrayal of both bishops and politicians. Whatever their party or their policy, they have huge workloads and carry responsibilities that most of us shrink from, but which they try to fulfil for our good. If you see this before the 7th, do read the letter from the Church of England bishops about the general election. Pray for wisdom and discernment as we consider how to vote. Does it matter? Yes, just as much as the rest of our life choices. We may not see our vote make a difference any more than we can see our Christian Aid donation this month end world poverty, or our word of peace to a stranger end world conflict, but each is part of our living the new life of the risen Christ. If you read this after the 7th, pray for those elected and those disappointed. And on the 7th, pray for Martin Seeley.

James Hall

Services across the Carlford Benefice

May 3rd Easter 5

Acts 8:26-40, Jn 15:1-8

8.00am	Holy Communion	Grundisburgh	CS
9.30am	Holy Communion	Burgh	CS
9.30am	Family Service & Baptism of Bobby	Hasketon	WG
9.30am	Holy Communion	Swilland	CB
11.00am	Holy Communion	Boulge	JamesH
11.00am	Christian Aid Family Service	Grundisburgh	WG
11.00am	Family Service	Otley	CS

May 10th Easter 6

Acts 10:44-48, Jn 15:9-17, Ps 98

8.00am	Holy Communion	Grundisburgh	CS
9.30am	Holy Communion	Clopton	FW
9.30am	Parish Eucharist	Hasketon	JW
11.00am	Family Service	Ashbocking	CB/CS
11.00am	Morning Prayer	Burgh	Lay Led
11.00am	Parish Eucharist	Grundisburgh	WG
6.30pm	Evensong	Boulge	WG

May 17th Easter 7

Acts 1:15-17; 21-26, Jn 17:6-19, Ps 1

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

May 24th Pentecost

Acts 2:1-21, Jn 15:26-27; 16:4b-15, Ps 104:26-36, 37b

8.00am	Holy Communion	Grundisburgh	CS
9.30am	Morning Prayer	Burgh	JamesH
9.30am	Family Holy Communion	Hasketon	CS
11.00am	Family Service	Clopton	JamesH
11.00am	Family Holy Communion and Baptism of Alice	Grundisburgh	CS
1.30pm	Wedding of Samuel Fox and Victoria Mathie	Grundisburgh	CS
6.30pm	Evening Prayers	Otley	Fred/JaneH

May 31st

Is 6:1-8, Rom 8:12-17, Jn 3:1-17, Ps 29

8.00am	Holy Communion	Grundisburgh	CS
11.00am	Benefice Communion	Boulge	JW
Key - CS - Clare Sanders, CB - Catherine Beaumont, WG - Wendy Gourlay, FW - Fred Woods, JW - John Waine, BH - Bill Herbert, MS - Mark Sanders, JaneH (Jane Hall), JamesH (James Hall), RP - (Richard Pepper) RF - (Robert Fletcher) JaneW (Jane Woods)			

Other Services in May

May 6 th	Holy Communion BCP	Grundisburgh	9.30am
May 18 th	Holy Communion BCP	Hasketon	9.30am
Ascension Day			
May 14 th	Holy Communion	Otley	12 noon
	Holy Communion	Grundisburgh	7.00pm

What's On across the Carlford Benefice

1st Ashbocking Coffee Morning at Otley Hall, Otley 10.00am - 12 noon.

2nd Grundisburgh Coffee Morning Parish Room 10.30am- 12 noon

3rd Reading of The Ruba'iyat of Omar Khayya'm
See details elsewhere

4th Hasketon Plant and Book Sale Victory Hall, Hasketon 2.30pm

5th Coffee and Crafts (formerly Needles & Natter) 10.00-12 noon Shrubbery Farm, **Hasketon**

6th Clopton Craft and Chat Morning 10.00-1.00pm at Village Hall

6th SWAPSHOP 10.15am Grundisburgh Parish Room

8th Visiting group "**Church Crawlers**" visits Grundisburgh

8th Burgh Curry Evening 7.30pm See details elsewhere

8th Hasketon 2nd Friday Meeting Victory Hall 7.15pm Andrew Sankey - History of the Cottage Garden

9th Marriage Blessing of Lizzie Talbot and Jonathan Jolly 2.00pm Grundisburgh

10th -16th Christian Aid Week See details elsewhere

11th Knit and Stitch Burgh Schoolroom 10.30am-12.30pm. All Welcome. Details 01473 735 544

11th Archdeacons Visitation @ Orford 7.30pm - at which Churchwardens are sworn in for the coming year.

11th Monday House Group 7.30pm

13th Clopton Coffee Morning at Clopton Village Hall 10.00am - 12 noon.

14th Grundisburgh Church Tiddlywinks - Toddler group for children and carers 2.30pm - 3.15pm

16th Marriage of Hannah Roberts and Jamie Christensen Grundisburgh 12.30pm

18th Beyond Alpha The Group's eighth run. See details elsewhere

20th Silver Inspections at each of the benefice churches

21st Burgh Soup Lunch Burgh Schoolroom 12.00 noon-1.30pm Homemade soups served with rustic bread £3.00 and Desserts £1.50. Free tea or coffee.

21st Social Bridge Burgh Schoolroom 7.15pm All levels, tuition available 01473 735 544

22nd Burgh Quiz - see details elsewhere

24th Marriage of Vicky Mathie and Samuel Fox Grundisburgh 1.30pm

28th Otley Coffee Morning at home of Peter and Gerry Senior Field View, Helmingham Road, Otley 10.00-12.00 noon

28th Hasketon Lunch Club 12.15pm Hasketon Victory Hall

29th- 31st Grundisburgh Art Club Exhibition in Grundisburgh Church



FANCY A COFFEE?



We have opportunities, throughout May, at
Grundisburgh -Saturday 2nd at 10.15am-11.30am
and Wednesday 6th 10.30am - 12 noon at
Grundisburgh Parish Rooms

Ashbocking -Friday 1st at the home of
Catherine Beaumont At Otley Hall, Otley
10.30am - 12 noon

Otley -Thursday 28th at the home of,
Peter and Gerry Senior at Field View, Helmingham
Road, Otley 10am - 12 noon

Clopton -Wednesday 13th at the
Village Hall 10am - 12 noon

As a Ministry Team we share the responsibility for pastoral care.
First point of contact is:

Ashbocking & Swilland-Catherine Beaumont- 01473 890264
Burgh, Boulge & Grundisburgh-Clare Sanders 01473 735183
Clopton & Otley -Jane Hall 01473 785251
Hasketon -Wendy Gourlay 01728 685335



Fairtrade Stalls In Grundisburgh

1st Sat Coffee Morning 10.30 Parish Room

1st & 2nd Sunday at 12.00 in St. Mary's

Chocolate Cleaning Materials Grocery

Greetings Cards Socks Gifts

Catalogues in St. Mary's

For info contact Pat Fletcher 01473 735 775

Thank you for supporting Fairtrade

Monday House Group 11th May

We shall meet at 7.30pm and consider the significance of Priscilla. New members would be most welcome, so come along.

Contact Robert Fletcher **01473 735 775**

2ND FRIDAYS AT

HASKETON VICTORY HALL IN 2015

You are very welcome to join us on the second Friday of most months for Ploughman's Supper followed by a talk, or some other entertainment.

We start at 7.15pm and entrance is £5 each.

Please let **Katherine Smith – 01473 735579** know by the previous Wednesday if you wish to come, but pay on the door.

May 8th Andrew Sankey will talk about the **History of the Cottage Garden**



LADIES UNLIMITED

We are going to have a meal at the **Tuddenham Fountain** on **30th April 2015** at **7pm**.

There will be a poster up on the Grundisburgh Church porch noticeboard for people to sign if they would like to come.

All are welcome!

'Beyond Alpha' – Spring 2015 What does the Bible really say about . . . ?

The eighth run of this highly successful group which gives us the opportunity to discuss more areas of Christian Faith at five meetings held at BURGH SCHOOLROOM, 10.30 – 12.00

Sessions are fortnightly on Monday May 4th & 18th; June 1st & 15th

The meetings will be facilitated by Revd Wendy Gourlay. Tea and coffee will be available and a warm welcome to all. A small charge of £1 per session covers costs.

The 'Beyond Alpha Group' will consider What does the Bible really say about

Session 2 – May 4th

A Biblical Location – Jericho - Where was it? When was it built? What did it look like? Who lived there? Why was it destroyed? Was God involved in an act of destruction?

References: Numbers 22:1; Joshua 2:2; 5:10; Ch 6; 7:2; 13:32; 15:7; 16:1&7;18:17; 21; 18:21; 24:11; 1Kings 16:34; 2Kings2:4; 25:5; Ezra 2:34; 7:14; Nehemiah 3:2; 7:14; 7:36; Maccabees 16:15; Matthew 20:29; Mark 10:46; Luke 10:30; 18:35; 19:1; Hebrews 11:30.

Session 3 – May 18th

A 'SMALL' book of the Bible – Joel - Who was Joel? Where did he come from? When was this book written? Why was it written? What is the account recording? What does the account mean for those of faith today? Joel is mentioned elsewhere in the Old Testament. Is he the same person as the prophet Joel?

References: The Book of Joel; Acts 2:16;

Session 4 – June 1st

A Biblical event – Jesus' last week in Jerusalem

Session 5 – June 15th

Biblical characters – Godly Women of influence and role model

Haven't been along yet, then why not join us this Spring 2015?

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

HASKETON PLANT AND BOOK SALE



Victory Hall, Hasketon
Bank Holiday Monday 4th May 2.30pm

CURRY EVENING

Burgh Schoolroom Burgh IP13 6QA

FRIDAY 8th MAY 7.30PM

Curry and beer/cider or wine

Booking essential Phone Sally 01473 738877



Help the poor help themselves

For most of us, dealing with the sad stories that arrive daily through the media can be hard and frustrating; particularly those about people who lack the basic facilities that we take for granted. We are left with a deep sense of powerlessness and inertia.

Christian Aid week is a time when we can redress this. It provides us with an opportunity to support programmes which include providing people with access to clean water, challenging child marriage, funding education and supporting the production of nourishing food.

Christian Aid week is 10 – 16th May. If you would like to help with the distribution and collection of envelopes please Call: Grundisburgh Nicky Seabrook 01473 735 131 Otley Nigel Crowley 01473 890 546

A Celebration of Framlingham in Flowers Art and Music

St Michael's Church, Framlingham IP13 9BJ

Friday 3rd – Sunday 5th July 2015
10am-6pm

admission free refreshments

St Michael's Church, Framlingham is organising a summer celebration of creativity in and around the Church, which will showcase the artistic and musical talents of local school children and young people.

All funds raised will go towards the upkeep of this beautiful and important historic building.

Craft and Chat in Clopton

Wednesday 6th April
10.00am – 1pm at the Village Hall

All Welcome
Contact Doris Main 01473 737602

BURGH QUIZ

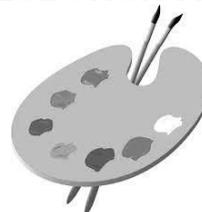
Burgh Quiz to be held in Burgh Schoolroom. 7.00pm cost £2 per person. Bring your own tittle. Soft drinks and tea/coffee and nibbles provided. Teams of 4 or can be made on evening. To book phone [01473 735544](tel:01473735544).

Coffee and Crafts
(formerly Needles and Natter)

Shrubbery Farm, Hasketon
10.00am-12.00 Tuesday 5th May

Bring your own project to share or show

GRUNDISBURGH ART CLUB



We will be holding an exhibition in Grundisburgh Church on 29th, 30th and 31st May. 10 AM until 5 PM on the three days.

We will be showing works in various mediums and a vast array of subject matter. Grundisburgh Primary School has also been invited to exhibit alongside the art groups' works. Cakes and refreshments will be served. All proceeds will be donated to the Church including a raffle of a painting by well-known artist, Theronda Hoffman of Kesgrave Galleries.

Suffolk Inter-Faith Resource
Present the

Rt Revd Charles Muggleston

Reading the delightful poetic Masterpiece

The Ruba'iyat of Omar Khayya'm
St Michael and All Angels Church

Boulge. IP13 6BW

Sunday 3rd May 3:00 PM

Free Entry and Refreshments
Donations To Church Funds Gratefully Received

FOODBANK

Toiletries (adult, child and baby) as well as, Packets and Tins, Tea and Coffee, Longlife Milk, Cereals and Jam, welcomed by FIND via the Food Bank.



From the Editor The cut off date for material to be included is the 8th of the month and material should be sent to Clare at revclaresanders@tiscali.co.uk & Amy at bakergirl174@gmail.com please.