

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

**Election Day**

On 7<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup>, 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 7<sup>th</sup>, 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 7<sup>th</sup>, pray for those elected and those disappointed. And on the 7<sup>th</sup>, pray for Martin Seeley.

**James Hall**

## Services across the Carlford Benefice

### May 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup>

**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 <sup>th</sup>	Holy Communion BCP	Grundisburgh	9.30am
May 18 <sup>th</sup>	Holy Communion BCP	Hasketon	9.30am
<b>Ascension Day</b>			
May 14 <sup>th</sup>	Holy Communion	Otley	12 noon
	Holy Communion	Grundisburgh	7.00pm



### 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 28<sup>th</sup> 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

## 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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



### *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 11<sup>th</sup> 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**

### **2<sup>ND</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>; June 1<sup>st</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>**

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 4<sup>th</sup>**

**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; 2Kings 2:4; 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 18<sup>th</sup>**

**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 1<sup>st</sup>**

**A Biblical event – Jesus' last week in Jerusalem**

#### **Session 5 – June 15<sup>th</sup>**

**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](mailto:paulwiffen222@btinternet.com)

### **HASKETON PLANT AND BOOK SALE**



Victory Hall, Hasketon  
Bank Holiday Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2.30pm

### **CURRY EVENING**

Burgh Schoolroom Burgh IP13 6QA

FRIDAY 8<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> April***  
***10.00am – 1pm at the Village Hall***

***All Welcome***  
Contact Doris Main 01473 737602

**BURGH QUIZ**

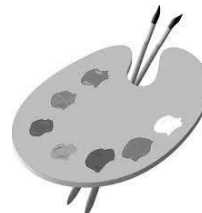
Burgh Quiz to be held in Burgh Schoolroom. 7.00pm cost £2 per person. Bring your own tippie. Soft drinks and tea/coffee and nibbles provided. Teams of 4 or can be made on evening. To book phone [01473 735544](tel:01473735544).

***Coffee and Crafts***  
***(formerly Needles and Natter)***

*Shrubbery Farm, Hasketon*  
***10.00am-12.00 Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May***

***Bring your own project to share or show***

**GRUNDISBURGH ART CLUB**



We will be holding an exhibition in Grundisburgh Church on 29<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> 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 Mugleston**

**Reading the delightful poetic Masterpiece**

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

**Boulge. IP13 6BW**

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> of the month and material should be sent to Clare at [revclaresanders@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:revclaresanders@tiscali.co.uk) & Amy at [bakergirl174@gmail.com](mailto:bakergirl174@gmail.com) please.