

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

'In the silence of our hearts . . .'

As I write this letter well in advance of publication, I am also preparing myself, weeks in advance, to say *farewell* once more. In late October-November, Alister and I will be sharing precious time with our elder daughter, son-in-law and four year old granddaughter who emigrated to the U.S.A. six months ago. Whilst we communicate weekly embracing modern technologies, there is nothing quite like face to face encounter. I'm sure we'll have many happy times together, that will forge new memories to be thankful for, yet even before I've said hello, and shared a huge hug of welcome, I'll be steeling myself for the act of parting!

However painful such farewells and transitions are, they are common to life: parents entrust their children to child-minders, teachers and places of higher education. Families entrust their sick relatives to hospital and palliative care, and to surgeons when undergoing operations. Armed forces entrust their trained staff, men and women, to enter places of danger and hostility with a purpose of bringing eventual order, peace and restoration into a situation, both in the short and long term.

We will be returning to *Blighty* just before Remembrance Sunday: a significant day of dignified ceremony and services that communities will be holding up and down the nation. These bring together congregations of people, whether holding Christian faith, other faith traditions or none. It is a time when people's emotions are highly charged, with profound thoughts and personal memories of war and conflict held in the silence of our hearts. In that poignant coordinated two-minute silence however, our thoughts are channelled and directed to God. It is a moment that holds intense energy, when we might sense the mystery of God's presence. For once, humanity's voice is hushed, and in the act of standing still our thoughts can reach out to an-other - Jesus Christ - who is God made fully known to us in human form.

We need Christ's peace to overcome our natural tendencies of squabbles, selfishness, and fear, whether in our relationships at home, in communities or at international level. Significantly, November is a period in the church calendar year, when we focus on Jesus and his God given power, to re-shape all human life for good. These four weeks, at the climax of the Church year, sometimes called the Kingdom Season, are when we learn what it means to live under the kingship of Jesus. We begin with All Saints, remembering God's holy people across the ages; and All Souls, remembering our loved ones recently departed. Remembrance Sunday follows, commemorating all who have died in war and conflict. Then, Jesus' teaching holds particular emphasis on resurrection and life in the kingdom, and the final week discusses the true source of power and authority: Jesus. He is the one who leads us, through and beyond transition. So transitions, with the Advent of Christ, may be charged with hope and joy, whether in this life or the next. November is a season therefore, for thankfulness.

Rev'd Wendy Gourlay

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 1ST

Remembering Services

Remembering Services will be held at Hasketon and Grundisburgh offering an opportunity for all who have lost loved ones to come and remember them at these special services.

Hasketon 9.30am and Grundisburgh 11.00am

"An All Souls Remembering Service"

Otley at 11.00am

to remember departed loved ones

Please contact Jane or Catherine

with the names of those you'd like commemorated at the service

Swilland Churchyard/Church Work Party

7th November 9am - 12 noon

Calling all those hard workers of Swilland who have helped in previous work parties. Please come along this year again. It might not seem it but the jobs are becoming slightly easier than when we first started. We can have a natter as we work and there will be coffee and biscuits to fortify you all as usual. Any queries ring Brian Williams on 01473 785726

Services across the Carlford Benefice

November 1st All Saints

Wisd 3:1-9/Isa 25:6-9, Rev 21:1-6a, Jn 11:32-44

8.00am	Holy Communion	Grundisburgh	CS
9.30am	Holy Communion	Burgh	JaneH
9.30am	Family Service	Hasketon	CS
9.30am	Holy Communion	Swilland	CB
11.00am	Holy Communion	Boulge	CB
11.00am	Family Service	Grundisburgh	CS
11.00am	Family Service	Otley	JaneH

November 8th Remembrance Sunday

As set

8.00am	Holy Communion	Grundisburgh	CS
9.30am	Act of Remembrance and laying of wreath	Burgh	CS
9.30am	Holy Communion	Hasketon	WG
11.00am	Remembrance Service	Ashbocking	CB
11.00am	Remembrance Service	Boulge	RP
11.00am	Remembrance Service	Clopton	JamesH
11.00am	Remembrance Service	Grundisburgh	WG
11.00am	Remembrance Service	Otley	CS
11.00am	Remembrance Service	Swilland	JaneH

November 15th 2nd bA

Dan 12:1-3, Heb 10:11-14, 19-25, Mk 13:1-8

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

November 22nd Christ the King

Dan 7:9-10, 13-14, Rev 1:4b-8, Jn 18:33-37, Ps 93

8.00am	Holy Communion	Grundisburgh	CS
9.30am	Morning Prayer	Burgh	RP
9.30am	Family Holy Communion	Hasketon	CS
11.00am	Family Service	Clopton	JaneH/FW
11.00am	Family Holy Communion	Grundisburgh	CS
6.30pm	Evensong	Otley	JaneH/FW

November 29th Advent Sunday

Jer 33:14-16, 1 Thess 3:9-end, Lk 21:25-36

8.00am	Holy Communion	Grundisburgh	CS
9.30am	Benefice Service	Clopton	Keith Jones
9.30am	Patronal Service	Hasketon	WG

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 IW- Ian Wilson, PI - Philip Ind, TBC - To be Confirmed

Other Services in November

November 2 nd	Holy Communion BCP	Hasketon	9.30am
November 4 th	Holy Communion BCP	Grundisburgh	9.30am
November 16 th	Holy Communion BCP	Hasketon	9.30am

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 -Wendv Gourlay 01728 685335



FANCY A COFFEE?



We have opportunities, throughout November, at

Grundisburgh - Wednesday 4th at 10.15am-11.30am and then Saturday 7th 10.30am - 12 noon at Grundisburgh Parish Rooms

Ashbocking -Friday 6th at the home of Linda and John Pollard of Hawthorns, The Green, Ashbocking 10.30am - 12 noon

Otley -Thursday 26th at the home of Karin Upson of 16 Spring Park, Otley 10am - 12 noon

Clopton -Wednesday 18th at the Village Hall 10am - 12 noon

What's On across the Carlford Benefice

2nd 10.30am **Beyond Alpha** in Burgh School Room

2nd Otley and District Gardening Club 7.30pm

3rd Coffee and Crafts 10.00am -12 noon Shrubbery Farm, Hasketon. Bring your own project or share.

4th Bible Study Group 4 The Cottages, Ashley Grange, Ashbocking 10.00am - 12.00 noon

4th Clopton Craft and Chat Morning 10.00am-1pm at village hall

4th Grundisburgh SWAPSHOP Parish Room 10.15am - 11.30am

6th Ashbocking Coffee Morning 10.30am - 12 noon at the home of John and Linda Pollard of Hawthorns, The Green, Ashbocking

7th Swilland Churchyard/Church Work Party 9am - 12 noon at Swilland Church

7th Coffee Morning Grundisburgh Parish Room 10.30am - 12 noon

9th Knit and Stitch 10.30am - 12.30pm. Burgh Schoolroom. All welcome. Help/tuition available

9th 5.00pm Grundisburgh Upper Room - **Benefice Prayer Group**

10th 2.00pm **Boulge PCC**

10th 7.30pm **Grundisburgh, Burgh and Hasketon PCC's** meet at Grundisburgh School

12th Tiddlywinks - 2.30pm. A group for pre-school children and their carers in Grundisburgh Church

13th Operation Christmas Child Workshop in Grundisburgh Parish Room 2pm

13th Reader Support Group 9.00am The Upper Room

13th Hasketon 2nd Friday Meeting Victory Hall 7.15pm

14th Burgh Soup Lunch at the School room 12.00-1.30pm

15th Hasketon Charity Fair in the Victory Hall

16th 10.30am **Beyond Alpha** in Burgh School Room

17th Deanery Synod- St Felix Rendlesham 7.30pm

18th Clopton Community Coffee Morning 10.00am - 12.00 noon

18th Bible Study Group 4 The Cottages, Ashley Grange, Ashbocking 10.00am - 12.00 noon

19th Social Bridge Burgh Schoolroom 7.15pm - 9.30pm. All levels, beginners welcome

23rd Monday House Group Grundisburgh 7.30pm. Contact Robert for more information 01473 735775

26th 10.00am - 12.00 noon **Otley Coffee Morning** at the home of Karin Upson of 16 Spring Park, Otley

26th Hasketon 12.15pm **Community Lunch**

26th Tiddlywinks - 2.30pm. A group for pre-school children and their carers in Grundisburgh Church

26th COSA PCCs meet at Clopton Village hall 7.30pm

SOUP LUNCH

Burgh Schoolroom
Burgh IP13 6QA

SATURDAY 14th NOVEMBER

12.00 - 13.30

Homemade soups, rustic bread £3.50

Seasonal dessert £1.50

Tea/ coffee FREE

Come and have lunch and chat with friends.



With just a little effort, we can make a tremendous amount of difference to a lot of children this Christmas, who otherwise will have nothing at all.

All you need to do is decide if your gift is for a boy or girl and which age group. Then fill an empty shoe box with new gifts that would delight a child. I have instruction leaflets that will give you all the information that you need to take part.

You may choose to fill your shoe box or boxes yourself which is fine. The other alternative is that there will be a work-shop in the Grundisburgh Parish Rooms on the 13th November at 2pm where those who would like to take part in filling shoe boxes together can bring new gifts along with a shoe box, if you have one – if not, don't worry as there will be lots of shoe boxes available to fill and wrap. Any extra gifts you may have can then be put on a table where we all sit to fill boxes together. If there are any knitters out there who would like to knit hats and mitts read for the 13th that would be very much appreciated.

It is just a fun way to share this process of giving.

Contact: Jenny Taylor 01473 738066

ADVENT SUNDAY **NOVEMBER 29TH**

We welcome the Very Revd Keith Jones as our preacher at our Benefice Service at 11.00am in Clopton.

Keith has recently retired as Dean of York, previously Dean of Exeter and before that Rector of St Mary le Tower in Ipswich.

It is a real pleasure and delight to welcome him to preach at our Advent Sunday Benefice Service

Monday House Group Grundisburgh

We will meet on

23rd November at 7.30pm

Our first look at the Nooma course of reflections.

Contact Robert
01473 735 775



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Room at the inn? Small charity HOST is seeking friendly people who would like to learn more about other countries and cultures and share their home life with adult international students at UK universities. Young adults from many countries would love to have a short homely break and discover the real life of this country.

Host Kit Millington-Hore wrote "Meeting students from around the world is hugely fulfilling and satisfying. Watching their pleasure as you introduce them to our ways of living, particularly over Christmas, is extremely rewarding."

Visits can be for a day, weekend, or four days at Christmas. Offering a Christmas invitation to someone who would otherwise be alone on a University campus can make a big difference. Invitations are urgently needed from volunteer hosts, no matter their age, or how far they live from a university.

To find out more, or to be put in touch with your local organiser, please visit www.hostuk.org or call [020 7739 6292](tel:02077396292).



Celebrate Saint Andrew with us,
the namesake of Hasketon Church

3pm on November 29th

at St Andrew's Church Hasketon

A Patronal Festival fitting for the occasion with short celebratory service and 'bring and share' TEA

"the catch of the day might include salmon sandwiches!"

Just let one of your PCC members know if you hope to attend, and can contribute to the feast. We look forward to seeing everyone.



Beyond Alpha – Autumn 2015

What does the Bible really say about . . . ?

The ninth 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**. Please note venue for Dec 14th.

Sessions are fortnightly on **Monday Oct 19th, Nov 2nd, 16th, 30th, and Dec 14th**

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

Session 1 – October 19th

Biblical characters – PowerPoint Presentation: Gospel Writers – What do we know about each of these men? What language were the Gospels written in? When were they written? How do they differ? Who were/are they intended to reach?

References: Gospel Introductions and Overviews NIV Study Bible / The Message

Session 2 – November 2nd

A 'SMALL' book of the Bible – **Esther** – Who was Esther? What role did King Xerxes, Queen Vashti, Mordecai, and Haman play in the book of Esther? – And God? Are qualities of truth, honesty and integrity universally respected in today's world?

References: The Book of Esther / the Street Bible

Session 3 – November 16th

A Biblical event(s) – Forty Days: Resurrection to Ascension – What were the events during those forty days? What is Ascension Thursday? **Ten days later: Pentecost** – What does Pentecost signify? We consider metaphorical meanings; time; Christ's Lordship, Emmanuel, babble and re-unification of humanity?

References: Luke 24:1-53; Matthew 28:18-20; Mark 16:19-20; John 20:10-22, 26-30; John 21:1-14; Acts 1:1-11; 2:1-12; and 2 Corinthians 3: 17-18;

Session 2 – November 30th

A Biblical Location – PowerPoint Presentation: **The 7 Churches of Revelation** – What do we know about these Churches? How does the message of the Revelation apply to the Church and Christians today? What warnings, encouragements and promises of Jesus Christ for humanity and all creation are stated here?

References: Revelation 1:1-8; Chapters 2 and 3; Rev 20:2-3; 21:1-9, 26,27; 22:1-5, 16

Session 1 – December 14th VENUE The Upper Room, Grundisburgh

A Biblical Belief – **The Changing Faces of Jesus - Images of Jesus**

References: Please bring any pictures and images of Jesus to the session to discuss.

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

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

FROM THE RECTOR.....

Thank you to everyone who has taken part in filling in the Carlford Benefice Questionnaire and for encouraging others to do so too. It is the first time we have done such an exercise across our 8 parishes. Each of our 8 is different and unique- so the results will be analysed and considered at a parish level; but we are one benefice and we work co-operatively across the 8. The word "benefice" means working for the good of all"

Our questionnaire was in response to a Diocesan initiative called Growing in God- our call is to grow in God in influence in our local communities, in depth of relationship with God; in number and a strange term, but to grow younger- something which is important in our church nationally, asking us to look at how we work with the generations not represented in our church communities.

Our church councils will be looking at the results at their meetings this month and planning for the year that lies ahead. Please remember them in your prayers and talk to your PCC reps, as together parish by parish and as a benefice we seek to grow in God.

2ND FRIDAYS AT HASKETON VICTORY HALL

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.

November 13th

Steve Marriott will tell us about the legacy of WW1 on Modern France and Belgium in his talk

"The Western Front, walking in my Grandfather's footsteps"

Otley and District Gardening Club

7.30pm on the first Monday of each month



Otley Village Hall, Chapel Road, Otley
Invited speakers on a wide range of subjects

Monday 2nd Nov - Gardening for Wildlife, with Sally Helper
All welcome

Admission £1.50 (members) £4.00 (non members)
(Includes refreshments) Annual Membership £10.00

For more information contact Alan Trevelyan (07706054630)
Jenny Vince (01473 738244) or Issy Lincoln (01473 890826)

LADIES UNLIMITED



We are planning a trip to Wolsey theatre to see *Absent Friends* by Alan Ayckbourn on 11th November 2015 meeting at the theatre for around 7.15pm. The cost will be approximately £20 and lifts can be arranged if necessary.

All are welcome and a notice to sign is in Grundisburgh porch.

Contact details are Sandra Green [01473 738779](tel:01473738779) and Vanessa Barker [01473 735818](tel:01473735818)

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.