

# The Grapevine February 2017

## News for the parishes of the Carlford Benefice

### Reform – A Gideon's Perspective



The Archbishops of Canterbury and York have committed the Church of England to reform and renewal and on 31<sup>st</sup> October this year will mark the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Martin Luther nailing his 95 Theses to the door of the Castle Church at Wittenberg, thus setting in train what we know as the Reformation. We shall doubtless hear more of that word this year.

Jane and I have been members of the Gideons for around 20 years and it is my job to organise the annual visits to schools in our area to offer every Year 7 student a personal Gideon Bible. Like the seed in the parable, some do fall by the wayside and go in the bin, but we regularly receive letters telling how someone has read their little red Bible and thereby come to faith and commitment to Christ. Started in the U.S.A in 1898, the Gideons were established in the U.K. in 1949. Now the British

Gideons are also in the throes of reform, initiated partly by disquiet from members about some of the more rigid rules of the parent body and partly by Charity Commission concerns that those rules might infringe the Equality Act.

Vested interests, unthinking prejudices, sincerely-held convictions, inertia, tradition and legal red tape (to name just a few) make reform difficult in any age – think of Jesus, think of Luther. In the case of the Gideons, the main obstacle is the attitude of the governing body of The Gideons International (still dominated by the U.S.A.), which is currently unwilling to permit the reforms proposed by the U.K. Gideons that will put men (Gideons) and women (Auxiliaries) on an equal footing in the rule book, reflecting the way things already happen on the ground.

Difficult and delicate negotiations lie ahead, just as they do for the Archbishops' agenda and any programme of reform. What is so reassuring and encouraging in our local Gideon branch is what attracted us to join in the first place – members with huge potential for division (we come from different denominations and often disagree markedly on how we interpret the Word in the Bibles we distribute) work, pray and share with sincerity, respect, grace and love. We may need to remember that when we discuss change and reform in our PCCs and churches.

I encourage everyone reading this to have an agenda for reform, starting with ourselves, but at the same time to recognise that what is necessary reform to one may be misguided and cause hurt to another. The work of the East Suffolk Gideons goes on – the specific, placing Bibles in schools, hotels, hospitals, colleges, nursing-homes etc., and the general, making God's love known by personal witness. The fellowship, example and encouragement of the branch will continue whatever the outcome of the reform process. Equally, the branch values the support and prayers of friends and churches. Do let me know if you would like to find out more.

Whether you are frustrated by reform or the lack of it, encourage one another in doing our work of making God's love known.

**James Hall**



**FANCY A COFFEE?**



We have opportunities, throughout February, at

**Ashbocking** – Friday 3rd at the home of Linda Ellis of  
Dormers, The Green, Ashbocking  
10.00am – 12 noon

**Clopton** – Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> at the Village Hall  
10.00am – 12 noon

**Grundisburgh** – Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> 10.15am – 11.30am and then  
Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> 10.30am – 11.45am both at Grundisburgh Parish Rooms

**Otley** – Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> at the home of Peter and Rose Rogerson of Church House, Otley.  
Do come along and join us. 10.00am

**Swiland** – Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> at the home of Gill Reidy of 1 Church Lane, Swiland at 10.00am



## **Fairtrade Fortnight** Monday 27 February - Sunday 12 March



### **Fairtrade Coffee Morning** **4<sup>th</sup> March 10.30am**

In aid of Traidcraft & St.Mary's  
Fairtrade goods and cake to buy  
Enjoy Fairtrade coffee,  
tea & homemade biscuits,  
in the company of friends



Supporting the Let it Grow campaign  
**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> March St. Mary's Grundisburgh**  
Coffee & cake from 10.15am  
before & after the 11.00am service

### **Christmas Flowers at St. Mary's Grundisburgh**

Thank you for your donations given to help with the cost of flowers and the time  
given by the flower arrangers to make our church look so beautiful again.  
Pat Fletcher

# **BBC**

## **Bible Book Club**

**A small group - those of faith, agnostics, & atheists -interested in the historical context of Christian literature.**

**We meet in Grundisburgh on the third Tuesday of just four months each year, our next meeting is**

**on**

**April 18<sup>th</sup> 2017 at 10.30am**

**We'll be discussing 'Who Moved the Stone' by Frank Morison.**

**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 would like to join us.**



### **Grundisburgh Sunday Club**

**2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday 10.45am In Grundisburgh Parish Rooms**

**for pre-school and primary school age children**

**Stories, activities, fun and games**

**More information from Jenny Sewell – 01473 735329**

## Services Across The Carlford Benefice

### **February 5<sup>th</sup> Candlemas**

#### **Mal 3:1-6; Heb 2:14-end; Lk 2:22-40**

8.00am	Holy Communion	Grundisburgh	CS
9.30am	Holy Communion BCP	Burgh	CS
9.30am	Family Service	Hasketon	FW/JaneW
9.30am	Holy Communion	Swilland	CB
11.00am	Holy Communion	Boulge	FW/JaneW
11.00am	Christingle Family Service	Grundisburgh	MC
11.00am	Christingle Family Service	Otley	CB

### **February 12<sup>th</sup> 3rd Sunday before Lent**

#### **Deut 30:15-end or Eccles 15:15-end; 1 Cor 3:1-8; Matt 5:21-37**

8.00am	Holy Communion	Grundisburgh	CS
9.30am	Holy Communion	Clopton	CS
9.30am	Parish Eucharist	Hasketon	JW
11.00am	Holy Communion	Ashbocking	CB
11.00am	Morning Prayer	Boulge	Lay Led
11.00am	Parish Eucharist	Grundisburgh	CS

### **February 19<sup>th</sup> 2nd Sunday before Lent**

#### **Gen 1:1-2:3; Rom 8:18-25; Matt 6:25-end**

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

### **February 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday before Lent**

#### **Exodus 24:12-end; 2 Pet 1:16-end; Matt 17:1-9**

8.00am	Holy Communion	Grundisburgh	CS
9.30am	Family Holy Communion	Hasketon	WG
11.00am	Family Service	Clopton	JaneH
11.00am	Family Holy Communion	Grundisburgh	CS

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, MC – Mark Cresswell, GH – Graham Hedger, Jan – Jan Bates, Linda – Linda Pollard, TBC – To be Confirmed

### **Other Services in February**

February 6th	Holy Communion BCP	Hasketon	9.30am
February 8th	Holy Communion BCP	Grundisburgh	9.30am
February 20th	Holy Communion BCP	Hasketon	9.30am

## What's On across the Carlford Benefice – February

**1st Hobbies Group**, Clopton 10.00am until noon. Everyone is welcome

**1st Grundisburgh SWAPSHOP** 10.15am - 11.30am Parish Room

**1st “Going Deeper” Homegroup**, Manor Farm, The Green, Ashbocking 10.00am

**3rd Ashbocking Coffee Morning** 10.00am - 12 noon at the home of Linda Ellis at Dormers, The Green, Ashbocking.

**4th Swilland Coffee Morning** 10.00am at the home of Gill Reidy at 1 Church Lane, Swilland

**4th Grundisburgh Coffee Morning** 10.30am - 11.45am Parish Room

**7th Baby Cafe** at Grundisburgh Parish Room 9.00am - 10.30am

**7th Craft and Coffee** at Shrubbery Farm, Hasketon 10.00am - 12 noon

**9th 10.00am Otley Coffee Morning** at the home of Peter and Rose Rogerson of Church House, Otley

**9th Grundisburgh Upper Room Tiddlywinks** group for toddlers and carers 2.30pm

**10th Reader Support Group** meet at 9.30am in the Upper Room

**12th Grundisburgh Sunday Club** 10.45am in the Parish Rooms

**13th Knit and Stitch**, Burgh Schoolroom 10.30am to 12 noon. All welcome. For further details 01473 735544

**13th 5.00pm Prayer Group** in the Upper Room

**15th “Going Deeper” Homegroup**, Manor Farm, The Green, Ashbocking 10.00am

**15th 10.00am - 12 noon Clopton Coffee Morning** in the Village Hall

**23rd Hasketon Community Lunch** 12.15pm

**23rd Grundisburgh Upper Room Tiddlywinks** group for toddlers and carers 2.30pm

**25th Soup Lunch** at Burgh 12 noon - 1.30pm

**26th Grundisburgh Sunday Club** 10.45am in the Parish Rooms

**27th Men's Group** 6.30pm The Moon and Mushroom, Swilland

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

**Ashbocking & Swilland**

Catherine Beaumont- 01473 890264

**Clopton & Otley**

Jane Hall 01473 785251

**Burgh, Boulge & Grundisburgh**

Clare Sanders 01473 735183

**Hasketon**

Wendy Gourlay 01728 685335

## LOOKING AHEAD....

Recently we have been praying and speaking about discernment, journeys and change. Well, I have a personal notice to share, which has been the result of much prayer, discernment and discussion with Bishop Martin.

In early September, of this year, I shall be retiring from my current post here in the Carlford benefice – and take up what is called ‘permission to officiate.’

This means I shall continue to serve God in other parts of the Diocese, looking forward to new challenges and further developing a ministry of creative art.

I look forward to, perhaps, being invited back on occasions as Guest Speaker, or to conduct weddings, baptism and funerals to those who particularly ask, or give some musical entertainment for the Lunch clubs? I have made deep relationships with many of you. I hugely appreciate the support, wisdom and grace evident in these churches, and within a fantastic team of colleagues, second to none.

This autumn will therefore bring change - and I can assure you it will be a wrench for me to leave you and move on – yet, please remember I am still a priest AND your friend.

As a husband and wife team, this decision is made jointly with Alister.

Together, both in our ‘third age’, we look forward to being a Christian witness and having more flexible time to share with our families, both in the States and here.

My personal thanks to Clare and very many people will be voiced on another day in September.

*Rev'd Wendy Gourlay*

## **Support for Christian refugees in Jordan**

Clare’s Godmother Pam has a long-established connection with Jordan, where she worked for many years. The churches in Jordan have a huge responsibility of care for Christian refugees from both Syria and Iraq.

Pam is going out to Jordan at the end of March and hopes to take with her a large collection of children and ladies underwear. If you would like to contribute to this, donations of new underwear can be left in our churches and the clergy and Churchwardens will ensure that it gets to Clare, who will take it to her godmother. Thank you for your support.



## Otley Hall Retreat Day

### Programme 2017

Our programme of Retreat days and Workshops is now available to book, and includes some inspirational leaders and wonderfully thoughtful titles.

We begin the programme on **1<sup>st</sup> April** with a day lead by Carl Melville & Emma Hagggar titled 'A Taize Music Workshop'.

To view the full list of leaders and dates please visit our website where you will find all the information you need.

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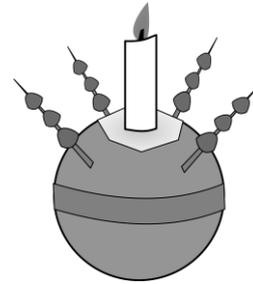
[01473 890264](tel:01473890264)

Otley and Grundisburgh

**February 5<sup>th</sup>**

**at 11.00am**

Come and Celebrate Christingle



and support the work of the  
Children's Society

Burgh Schoolroom, Drabbs Lane IP13 6QA

### **SOUP LUNCH**

**Saturday 25th February**

12.00noon – 1.30pm

Homemade soup, rustic bread £3.50 Seasonal  
dessert £1.50 Tea/coffee free

### Hasketon Lent Lunches

During Lent, Hasketon will host four occasions on

**Wednesdays**

**March 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, and 29<sup>th</sup>**

for a simple soup lunch, beginning at 12.30pm over which we will discuss Christian issues, prompted by "Table Talk".

We hope you will come.

Please see the March magazine for venues and other details.



*Revd Wendy Gourlay*

### **Otley & District Gardening Club**



Patron: Matthew Tanton-Brown

#### **2017 Season**

We meet at 7:30 pm, 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month at  
Otley Village Hall, Chapel Road, Otley

**Monday 6th March**  
**"A Clematis for Every Season"**  
**with Peter Gooch**

Compare gardening notes over tea/coffee &  
biscuits. All welcome - Join up or just come along

Admission £1:50 (members)

£4:00 (non-members)

(includes refreshments)

Annual membership £10:00

To find out more, contact  
Alan Trevelyan (01473 890563)  
Jenny Vince (01473 738244) or  
Isabel Lincoln (01473 890826)

## HOBBIES GROUP

1<sup>st</sup> February

Clopton village hall

10.00am until noon

Everyone is welcome – even if you don't have a hobby, just come for a coffee and chat

## TIDDLYWINKS

Grundisburgh Upper Room

A group for toddlers and their carers

9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> February at 2.30pm



## KNIT AND STITCH

Burgh Schoolroom

13<sup>th</sup> February 10.30am to 12 noon

All welcome

For further details 01473 735544

## “GOING DEEPER” HOMEGROUP

We meet at Manor Farm to study the Bible, pray, and encourage each other to “go deeper” in our faith in Jesus together.

We will be meeting on **Wednesday 1st and 15<sup>th</sup> February** and thereafter every **1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday** at **10.00am till 12.00**

For more details, call Jan or Jon Bates on 01473 892605



## Baby Cafe

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2017 9.00-10.30am

1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month

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

## Men's Group

The next meeting is on

Monday 27th February 2017

at the Moon and Mushroom, Swiland starting at 6.30pm

Please email or telephone Brian Williams for numbers wanting Supper.

Tel [01473 785726](tel:01473785726) or [bfwdent@btinternet.com](mailto:bfwdent@btinternet.com)

The speaker is **John Peacock** - Title: “Tales from The Deep”

**Biography:** Our next guest speaker John Peacock has had a long and fruitful career working in Telecommunications and IT. He holds some of the patents for today's superfast fibre network and was one of the founding fathers of broadband in 1990s. However, in the early part of his career he was a member of the **Royal Navy's submarine service**. The year is 1975 and the **cold war** is in full swing and due to obvious sensitivity, its story has largely gone untold until recent times. John will tell us about **life aboard one of our nuclear “hunter” killer submarines**, who's role was to **hunt and stalk the USSR's Red Northern Banner fleet** from its home ports in Northern Russia out into the north Atlantic. He'll retell some of the adventures along the way and hopefully give us a small inkling of what was taking place in the deep depths of the cold northern seas.

**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.