

Autumn 2012

Tasburgh and Tharston Church Newsletter

Mission Possible

As I write, our team of 18 locals will be heading off to Uganda tomorrow, and a mixture of excitement and trepidation is brewing. Altogether we have collected about 500kg of charitable supplies! That is half a ton! Thanks to people who contributed. We are quite full up now. Add to that over £4000 for charitable work, and our various expertises, medicines, muscle, compassion and prayers, we are ready to go and bless our brothers and sisters in Uganda - just as I am sure they will be a blessing to us.

You can find out how the trip went by visiting our website: www.worldshine.org. We'll also be reporting back when we wave goodbye to Hannah after her year of service with us on Sunday 9th Sep at Saxlingham Village Hall, 12:30pm. Bring a plate of food to put on the table and that way we'll all have enough and there's no need to book.

As we prepare for the 9 hour flight to new territory, a word from Rev Medad Birungi, our Ugandan link:

The truth is, your dream isn't worthy of your life if it doesn't bless others. President Woodrow Wilson stated: 'You are not here merely to make a living. You are here in order to enable the world to live more amply, with greater vision, with a finer spirit of hope and achievement. You are here to enrich the world, and you impoverish yourself if you forget the errand.' There's an old Middle Eastern blessing that says, 'When you were born, you cried and the world rejoiced. May you live your life so that when you die, the world will cry and you will rejoice.' And that will surely happen if you live by the scriptural truth, 'I desire to do your will, O my God.'

Wishing you every blessing and much enriching, Adrian

Tharston Church News

Tharston Church Wardens

Mrs Pat Read 530325, Mrs Sue Hubbard 530072

What a fabulous time at our Open Churches Week! Thanks to all who helped to put it together and to those who came along to the various events. So many people commented on what a lovely atmosphere it was.

We will miss Chris Martin and his family very much. Chris has been a gracious and friendly presence with us for these last 3 years, and we have appreciated not only all that he has done in Tharston, but the way he has gone about doing it and the love and care that he has shown. We do wish him well in pastures new.

We continue to make the church available for visitors during the day. If you can offer any volunteer help with the church locking/unlocking or general churchyard maintenance, please be in touch.

Tharston Church Services

2nd Sep	11am	Holy Communion
16th Sep	8am	Holy Communion
30th Sep	11am	Harvest Worship
7th Oct	11am	Holy Communion
21st Oct	8am	Holy Communion
28th Oct	11am	Village Praise
4th Nov	11am	Holy Communion
11th Nov	8am	Holy Communion, with Act of Remembrance



Tasburgh Open Day - Sat 8th Sep, 10am-1pm

Please join us for tea, cakes, live music, bellringing, have-a-go-at-the-organ, puppets, displays, children's games, treasure hunt, and more. No charge - just a chance to see what really happens in your church.

Tasburgh Church News

Tasburgh Church Wardens

Vivienne Taylor 471790, Julia Orpin 470983

We are sorry to say goodbye to the Martin family, but what a wonderful send off! The church was packed on Sunday 29th at Chris's last service, and there were not a few tears shed as we presented Chris and the family with parting gifts and as we all said our goodbyes. We shall miss them, but we do wish them well in Whimble. Chris is being licensed on Tue 4th September, and some will be travelling down from here to witness the occasion.

The church building continues to be well used, and the church family continues to show its welcome and loving support. There have been some sadnesses to bear of late and some goodbyes to pray, but so encouraging to be able to walk with others in all the seasons of life.

Some of our number have been travelling to Uganda over the summer - look out for news at the Guild or at the benefice social in the autumn term. We are expecting great things.

Tasburgh Church Services

2nd Sep	9.30am	Morning Service, Children's Church, Sat Nav
9th Sep	9.30am	Holy Communion & Children's Church
16th Sep	9.30am	All Age Service
23rd Sep	9.30am	Baptism Service, Children's Church, Sat Nav
30th Sep	9:30am	Holy Communion & Children's Church
7th Oct	9:30am	Harvest Service
14th Oct	9.30am	Holy Communion & Children's Church
21st Oct	9.30am	All Age, with shared breakfast
28th Oct	9.30am	Communion, Children's Church & Sat Nav
4th Nov	10.30am	Morning Service, Children's Church, Sat Nav
11th Nov	10:45am	Remembrance Service
18th Nov	9.30am	All Age Service

Dates For Your Diary

September

Tasburgh PCC - Mon 3rd Sep, 7:30pm, Tasburgh Church Room

Tasburgh Church Open Day - Sat 8th Sep, 10am-1pm - tea, cakes, live music, bellringing, organ, puppets, displays, games & more - no charge!

Norfolk Churches Trust Sponsored Bike Ride - Sat 8th Sep, all day, across the county - churches open for riders 9am-5pm

Benefice Social /Farewell /Report Back - Sun 9th Sep, Saxlingham Village Hall, 1pm - Bring and Share lunch - Farewell to Hannah Pye after her year here and a report back from the 18-strong Uganda Team

Tharston PCC - Mon 17th Sep, 7:30pm, Tharston Church

Cell Church Annual Meeting - Thu 20th Sep, 7:30pm, Trinity Hall, Shotesham - An historic occasion, as we become the first in Norfolk to achieve charitable status under the new Bishop's Mission Order - also an occasion to share news and enjoy yummy cake!

National Day of Prayer - Sat 29th Sep - Coaches from Norwich going to Wembley for afternoon event (depart 10am, return 10pm) - ask Adrian for details - or look out for local events.

October

'Prospects' Ministry Skills Development Day - Sat 6th Oct, 10am-4:30pm, Newton Flotman School - Contact Wayne to book - 471933

Thank you from the Martin Family

Chris, Tina, Em, Anna and Katie would just like to say how grateful we are for all the kind gifts, messages, cards, good wishes and prayers we received in our last few days here before moving to Devon. We have been overwhelmed by the love and support shown to us.

Thank you so much. God bless you all.

If you'd like to stay in touch, please note our new contact details:

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Tas Valley Cell Church

Cells are vital units of the body - and cells in church life are small groups, which contain the DNA of what it means to be church. We meet to grow in faith, to pray and support each other, to learn from the bible and to join in actively sharing our faith and serving the wider community.

If you'd like to join a cell, contact Jo Luxton (daytime, Newton) 473030; Andrew Gibson (Tues eves, Saxlingham) 499004; Sally Gaze (Wed eves, Tasburgh) 470762; Richard Bond (Wed eves, Saxlingham) 578093; William & Vicky Ball (Weds & Thurs eves, Newton) 471506; Andy Cox (Friday eves, Newton) 471334; Chris Gaze (Sunday eves youth & Wed eves, Newton) 470762

Youth Cells (JAM) We meet on Monday evenings 7-8.30 to explore our faith and have fun together. Once a month, we have a social event – cinema, bowling, circus skills, lazer quest etc. Other nights, there's a fast moving programme, with bible bits, drama, games, praying about stuff that means a lot to us and crazy stunts all mixed up. Contact Chris Gaze, e-mail: chris@tasvalley.org; telephone 01508 470762.

St. Mary's Guild – Tasburgh

We meet on the first Monday of each month in the Church Room at 2.30pm. Please come and join us, everyone is welcome.

Coming up....

1st Oct	Mr P Binny	Poetry & Pictures
5th Nov	Mrs Davison & Mrs L Taylor	'Mission Possible' Uganda
3rd Dec	Christmas Tea Party	

The Guild Coffee Morning held on 4th August raised £355.50.

Thank you for your support and help.

1st Dec: CHRISTMAS FAYRE IN THE CHURCH AND CHURCH ROOM

Regular Events/Groups

Bible Study Group – New members are always welcome. Please contact Philip Simmons 499041.

Emmanuel Group – Meeting weekly in Tasburgh. Ask Renee Hollinger for more details or phone Shirley Brookes on 470369.

Fairtrade – Fairly traded products catalogues are available on request from Val Cook on 470298.

Music in Worship – If you'd like to sing in Tasburgh Church Choir or explore learning the organ, phone Sarah Norman on 471505.

Prayer for the parishes takes place every day. Please give prayer requests to a churchwarden, clergy person or prayer box or board in church. On Tuesdays we meet to pray at Tasburgh Church at 9:30am.

Children's Church – Tasburgh has a Children's Church for children aged from three years. This runs on the first, second and fourth Sunday of each month. All welcome. Contact Jane Rae on 470692.

Tasburgh Crafts Club – Come and try new skills in a relaxed atmosphere. We meet on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month, 10am – 12noon in the Church Room, Tasburgh.

Tasburgh Coffee Pot – Come and make new friends at the Coffee Pot. We meet every Wednesday from 2 – 4pm for a chat with coffee & cake. Church Room, Tasburgh. All ages welcome.

Making Contact

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All contributions for the next edition to Adrian by Thu 8th November 2012.