

Spring 2013

Tasburgh and Tharston Church Newsletter

Giving up or giving away?

“Lent is really about giving away more than giving up,” writes the Bishop of Norwich. *“It prepares us for Holy Week and Easter and Jesus giving his life away for us.”*

The Norwich Diocesan Lent Project 2013 was formally launched at Granary Court on 14th January. This year the plan is to give away hope through the two chosen projects in Uganda.

The first project is to build a medical centre in the north of Uganda, in Lira, an area torn apart by war over the last couple of decades. This follows the work of Freda, a Norwich teacher, who began The Oasis Of Life charity, working over there. The second project is to build a dormitory in the south west of Uganda, in Rwentobo, where I took a team of 20 intrepid volunteers in the summer. We were there for the opening of the ground, and we are thrilled that the diocesan project will help raise funds to bring this to fruition, meaning that vulnerable children will have safety and refuge, and won't have to spend 20% of their lives walking to and from school, often at risk of attack or disease from walking barefoot.

In the Tas Valley, as we entered this season of Lent, we considered the words of the prophet Isaiah, who berated the people of Israel for having the appearance of devout religion, but in fact serving their own interests and neglecting those less fortunate. Isaiah called for a true fast. That means we not only give up eating chocolate, but we foster a healthy sense of putting others before ourselves. I wonder how your “true fast” is going, as we all prepare for Easter and beyond?

Adrian

Tharston Church News

Tharston Church Wardens

Mrs Pat Read 530325, Mrs Sue Hubbard 530072

Thanks to those who supported our carol service, and especially to Tasburgh choir for helping to make it such a memorable occasion.

Work is progressing towards installing a small WiSpire box on the church roof, which will provide fast broadband to the village and much of Long Stratton.

This year we have to rebuild the electoral roll from scratch. Forms are available at the back of church if you would like to be on the roll.

Tharston Church Services

3rd Mar	11am	JOINT SERVICE <u>AT TASBURGH</u> - Matins
10th Mar	11am	Holy Communion
17th Mar	8am	Holy Communion
24th Mar	8am	Holy Communion
31st Mar	11am	Holy Communion
7th Apr	11am	JOINT SERVICE <u>AT TASBURGH</u> - Matins
14th Apr	11am	Holy Communion
21st Apr	8am	Holy Communion
28th Apr	11am	Holy Communion
5th May	11am	JOINT SERVICE <u>AT TASBURGH</u> - Matins
12th May	11am	Holy Communion
19th May	8am	Holy Communion
26th May	11am	Holy Communion



Ascension Day High Mass - Thu 9th May

Come to Saxlingham Church for a wonderful occasion, replete with incense, choir and much ceremony, as we adopt the traditional style of High Mass to celebrate the Ascension of our Lord.

Tasburgh Church News

Tasburgh Church Wardens

Vivienne Taylor 471790, Julia Orpin 470983

We are thrilled that the diocese is supporting the work in Uganda that many from the village were involved with in the summer, and we hope the Lent Project is well supported.

We are very grateful for all that Vivienne has offered as churchwarden, and we wish her well as she steps down from that office in April.

Please note that this year the electoral roll is culled and rebuilt. Do get your application form to Liz if you would like to be on the roll.

We hope that you will be able to join us for our annual Spring clean on 30th March, and do look out for a special concert coming up soon.

Tasburgh Church Services

3rd Mar	9.30am	BCP Choral Matins & Children's Church
	11am	Morning Light & Sat Nav
10th Mar	9.30am	Mothering Sunday All Age Communion
17th Mar	9.30am	Holy Communion & Children's Church
24th Mar	9.30am	Palm Sunday Donkey Procession - starting at Village Sign
31st Mar	9.30am	Easter Communion, with children activities
7th Apr	9.30am	BCP Choral Matins & Children's Church
	11am	Morning Light & Sat Nav
14th Apr	9.30am	Holy Communion & Children's Church
21st Apr	9:30am	All Age, with shared breakfast
28th Apr	9.30am	Holy Communion & Children's Church
5th May	9.30am	BCP Choral Matins & Children's Church
	11am	Morning Light with Baptism & Sat Nav
12th May	9.30am	Holy Communion & Children's Church
19th May	9.30am	All Age Pentecost Praise - details to follow
26th May	9.30am	Communion & Children's Church

Dates For Your Diary

March

Tasburgh Spring Clean - 10am, Sat 30th March, Tasburgh Church. All welcome! Cleaning equipment and good company provided.

Electoral Roll Deadline - 31st March is the deadline to receive forms.

April

Village Walk - 14th April, Picton Farm, Tharston. Start and end at Picton Farm - followed by Ploughman's Lunch and Pudding. Raffle in aid of the Church. £5 per head. Contact Chris on 530055.

Tharston APCM - 7:30pm, date TBD, Tharston Church.

Tasburgh APCM - 7:30pm, Tue 30th April, Tasburgh Church Room.

May

Prayer 24-7 - 12th-19th May. Contact Sally on 470762 for more.

Lent & Holy Week

Compline: Wednesdays throughout Lent, 7:30pm, Tasburgh Church
Also, Mon 25 Mar @ Newton Flotman Church
and Tue 26 Mar @ Tharston Church

Maundy Thursday (28 Mar): Passover Meal, 7:30pm @ Trinity Hall,
Shotesham (book with Adrian or via your cell - space is limited)

Good Friday (29 Mar): All Age, 11am @ Tasburgh Church
Stations of the Cross, 3pm @ Saxlingham Church
Tenebrae (Service of Shadows), 9pm @ Swainsthorpe Church

Welcome to our new curate!

At the end of June, we shall be welcoming our new curate, Martin Hartley, along with his wife, Rachel, and children Dorrie, Willow, Noah and Honey. His will be a slightly different post, in that he will be serving as a pioneer curate, which means more of his work will be focused on reaching out to those beyond the church walls.

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....

13th May	Mrs Trixie Dye	Talk - Magdalene Group
3rd June	Mr J Mann	A Conversation with John
2nd Sept	Mr Davidson	Who do you think they were?

Coffee Morning - 19A Church Road, Tasburgh

Sat 20th April, 10.30am - 12 Noon £1 Entry

Bring & Buy - Raffle - Cakes

House of Prayer

The Emmanuel Group are celebrating 25 years of prayer and Bible study. We started in 1988 in young mums' homes with creches upstairs. Now we have a Prayer Shawl Ministry at 58, Church Road, Tasburgh, 10 am to 12 noon every Friday (all are very welcome of all denominations) - Ring Shirley Brooks 01508 470369

Regular Events/Groups

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

Emmanuel Group – Meeting weekly, 58 Church Road, 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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