

# Tas Valley Team News

The parish churches of Newton Flotman, Swainsthorpe, Tasburgh, Tharston, Saxlingham Nethergate, Shotesham All Saints and Shotesham St Mary and the Tas Valley Cell Church

## The Gift of Easter



Two friends went through university together but separated after graduation, eventually losing touch with each other. One of them went on to become a judge, the other took a very different path and ended up a criminal. One day the criminal was brought before the judge. He had committed a crime to which he pleaded guilty. The judge recognised his old friend and now faced a dilemma. He was a judge, so he had to be just, he couldn't let the man off. Yet he didn't want to punish him because their friendship had meant so much. So he told his friend that he would fine him the correct penalty for the offence. That is justice. Then he took off his wig and robe, came down from the bench and wrote a personal cheque for the amount of the fine. He gave it to his friend, saying he would pay the penalty for him. That is mercy. This story, used by Nicky Gumbel on the Alpha course, illustrates something of what Jesus did for us on the cross. The crucifixion brought both justice and mercy as Jesus paid the penalty for all our sin. In so doing he gave us a fresh start and opened the way to friendship with God. As we celebrate not only his death but his resurrection this Easter, why not renew your faith at one of our services – or perhaps come along for the first time and discover the good news of God's love, forgiveness and freedom – the gift he offers to all who recognise their need of it.

May you know God's blessing this Easter! Sally, Dawn, Martin, Jenny and David

### COMPLINE

Wednesdays in Lent at Tasburgh 7pm & then.

Mon 21st- Tharston Church - 7.30pm

Tue 22nd -Shotesham St Mary - 7.30pm

Wed 23rd Newton Flotman Church

### MAUNDY THURSDAY

7.30-pm

Swainsthorpe Church

A moving Celtic style remembrance of the last supper of Christ.

### EASTER COMMUNION SERVICES

9.30am @

Swainsthorpe, Shotesham All Saints and Tasburgh Churches

11am @ Newton Flotman, Saxlingham and Tharston Churches



### Good Friday All Ages

25th March 11am  
St. Mary's, Tasburgh



### Seven Words from the Cross

25th March 3-4pm  
a Benefice Service with Choir at St Mary's, Saxlingham Nethergate



### Tenebrae

25th March, 8pm at Shotesham St Mary Shadows and waiting on Good Friday Night

## Under 5s Easter Garden Making

Thursday 17th March 10-11.30am  
St Mary's Church Newton Flotman

Easter activity for toddlers including songs, story and making an Easter garden with moss, twigs and flowers. Lots of messy fun.

## Messy Easter Cafe

Sunday 20th March  
from 10.45-12.

At Newton Flotman Primary School

A fun time for children to come with parents or grandparents to explore the Easter story with craft, stories, singing and-food. Quiet space for reflective prayer for adults. All welcome. Contact Sally Gaze 470762

## Easter Coffee Morning

Saturday 26th March 10.30-12  
St Peter's Church Swainsthorpe Cakes

- Hot Cross Buns
- Children's Crafts & Easter Garden Making
- Egg Hunt on the Green
- Funds raised to the Church building



Well done to members of the Thursday cells who did a magnificent job of litter picking around Newton Flotman as part of their commitment to doing Lent Generously



### MORE INFORMATION/ GETTING IN TOUCH

To contact a minister ring Sally Gaze 470762, Dawn Davidson 498924, Martin Hartley 471474, Jenny Cooper 470141, David Lancaster - 493159, Andy Cox

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