

## Regular Events

**Baby Mice** – Every other Wednesday 10-12 in Newton Flotman Church Room. A group for parents and babies led by Geraldine from Children's Services. This month's meeting is on 12th December. Chat and get to know other parents. Young parents especially welcome. Contact Geraldine Preston on 07827 896281

**Bible Study Groups** New members are always welcome. Please contact Philip Simmons 499041, David Lancaster 493159 or June Gibson 499004

**Church Mice** – A parent and toddler group, meeting fortnightly on Thursdays from 9.30am in Newton Flotman Church room. This month's meetings are on 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> December. Contact Dawn (470956) or Vicky (471506) for more details.

**Coffee Stop** – for coffee, tea and cakes Saturday Mornings 10-12 at Newton Flotman's Church Room. Contact Amy Ferguson on 470925

**Communion at home** - Contact Rev. David Sochon on 558495

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

**Monday Mardle** – get together in Saxlingham Church Room every Monday – see December dates for more information. Tel Corinne 01508 499064

**Prayer** for the parishes takes place every day. Please give any special prayer requests to a churchwarden, member of the clergy or prayer box or board in church.

**Sat Nav/FROG** – Groups for 11s to teenage meeting during part of some Sunday Services at Tasburgh and Newton Flotman. Contact the clergy for details.

**Special Agents** – are children aged up to 11 with a special assignment to find out all about the Christian life. We meet on Sundays in Newton Flotman at 10.45-12 to investigate bible stories, play games, sing, pray and do all sorts of crafts. New members are always welcome. If you want to know more, Tel: Kirsten 471580

**Tasburgh Coffee Pot** – meets every Wednesday afternoon 2pm – 3.45pm in Tasburgh Church Room for coffee and a chat – all are welcome.

**Tasburgh Children's Church** meets on Sundays at 9.30 in Tasburgh's Church Room. Contact Jane Rae for more details 470692

### How to Contact the Staff Team

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## Notices and News – December 2012 Tas Valley Team

*St Mary, Newton Flotman; St Peter, Swainsthorpe; St Mary, Tasburgh;  
St Mary, Tharston; St Mary Saxlingham; All Saints Shotesham,  
St Mary Shotesham, Tas Valley Cell Church*



### A very Happy Christmas to everyone

You will find a warm welcome at all our Christmas services - see inside for details of what is happening in your church plus lots of other events taking place across the Benefice throughout December.

We also extend a special welcome to people attending Swainsthorpe Church in December. After months of work and the church not being open, they will be celebrating the completion of the reordering of the nave to provide a flexible space for all the community – see inside for their Thank You service with Bishop Alan on 9<sup>th</sup>, a special Christmas Coffee morning on 15<sup>th</sup> and Carol Service with Newton Flotman choir on 23<sup>rd</sup> December.



### Operation Christmas Child – Shoebox Appeal 2012

The final total of shoeboxes collected from all the churches of our Benefice for Christmas 2012 was 296 plus separate cash donations of £85. Many thanks to all who contributed to this very generous result.

David Lancaster.

### *Celebrating Confirmation*

**Confirmation Service** on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> January at 10am, Newton Flotman with Bishop Alan. This coincides with Bishop Alan's Visitation and we will follow the service with a celebratory Bring & Share lunch at Newton Flotman School at 12noon. Bishop Alan looks forward to meeting you all there.

This news sheet is circulated every month to all the Tas Valley churches and can also be found on our website [www.tasvalley.org](http://www.tasvalley.org). Please send copy for the January Newsletter by **December 14th** to [vicky@tasvalley.org](mailto:vicky@tasvalley.org)

## Worship Events in December

2nd	<b>Sunday Worship</b>		
	Newton Flotman	8.00am	Holy Communion
		4.00pm	Christingle at Newton Flotman School
	Tasburgh	9.30am	Morning Light, Advent Songs of Praise Children's Church & Sat Nav
	Tharston	11.00am	Holy Communion
	Saxlingham	9.30am	Holy Communion
	Shotesham St Mary's	11.00am	Holy Communion
9th	<b>Sunday Worship</b>		
	Newton Flotman	11.00am	Family Communion
	Swainsthorpe	3.00pm	Christingle & Celebration for Community Facility (see front page)
	Tasburgh	4.30pm	Christingle
	Saxlingham	8.00am	Holy Communion
		3.00pm	Christingle
	Shotesham All Saints	4.30pm	Christingle
14th	<b>Carol Service</b> on Friday evening		
	Tharston	7.30pm	Carol Service
16th	<b>Sunday Worship</b>		
	Newton Flotman	4.00pm	Carol Service with Choir
	Swainsthorpe	9.30am	Holy Communion
	Tasburgh	6.30pm	Carol Service
	Tharston	8.00am	Holy Communion
	Saxlingham	3.00pm	Carol Service
	Shotesham St Mary's	6.30pm	Carol Service
23rd	<b>Sunday Worship</b>		
	Newton Flotman	11.00am	Morning Prayer & Sp Agts
	Swainsthorpe	6.30pm	Carol Service with Choir (see front page)
	Tasburgh	9.30am	Holy Communion
	Tharston	4.00pm	Christingle
	Saxlingham	9.30am	Holy Communion
	Shotesham St Mary's	9.30am	Holy Communion
24 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Christmas Eve</b>		
	Newton Flotman	4.00pm	Crib Service
		11.30pm	Midnight Communion
	Tasburgh	4pm	Crib Service
		11.30pm	Midnight Communion
	Saxlingham	3pm	Crib Service
		11.30pm	Midnight Communion
	Shotesham All Saints	6pm	Community Carol Singing
25 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Christmas Day:</b>		
	Newton Flotman	10.30am	All Age Christmas Celebration with Communion
	Swainsthorpe	9.30am	Christmas Communion

25 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Christmas Day</b> (continued)		
	Tasburgh	9.30am	Christmas All Age Service
	Tharston	8.30am	Holy Communion
	Saxlingham	10.30am	Holy Communion
	Shotesham All Saints	9.30am	Christmas Celebration followed by short Holy Communion

30th	<b>Sunday Worship</b>		
	Newton Flotman	11.00am	Family Communion
	Swainsthorpe	11.00am	Joint with Newton Flotman
	Tasburgh	9.30am	Family Communion
	Saxlingham	9.30am	Holy Communion
	Shotesham All Saints	10.00am	Holy Communion

## December Dates

Sat 1<sup>st</sup> – **Advent Craft Morning** during Coffee Stop, Newton Flotman 10–12. Crafts for adults and children. Ring Vicky 471506 for more details and to book in the Advent Crown workshop. Ring Kathryn 470892 for family photo bookings. All are welcome to come along and enjoy home made cakes and refreshments.

Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> – **Saxlingham Mardle** - Annual Christmas Lunch at Highway Nursery.  
 Mon 10<sup>th</sup> – **Saxlingham Mardle** – Normal Mardle

Sat 15<sup>th</sup> – **Swainsthorpe Christmas Coffee Morning** with crafts for children and a visit from Santa 10.30am – 12 noon. Cakes, children's crafts and raffle. Proceeds for PCC Fabric fund to help with the ongoing work to complete the flexible space for all the community.

Mon 17<sup>th</sup> - **Saxlingham Mardle** – 11.30am Christmas Party with Buffet lunch  
 Fri 21<sup>st</sup> – **Carol Singing** round Newton Flotman village. Meet Doctors surgery 6pm and finish at Relish at 8.15pm. Singers welcome. Proceeds to EACH  
 Mon 24<sup>th</sup> - **Saxlingham Mardle** – Short Christmas Eve Mardle  
 Mon 31<sup>st</sup> – **Saxlingham Mardle** – 11am Welcome in 2013 with a buffet lunch

## 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 Richard Bond (Wed eves) 578093; Sally Gaze (Wed eves) 470762; William Ball (Wed eves) 471506; Andrew & June Gibson (Thurs eves) 499004; Vicky Ball (Thurs eves) 471506; Jane Rae (Fri eves for adults and children) 470692; Wayne Doman (Sat afternoons for young people with all kinds of special needs and their families) 471933 **JAM** (Mons for 11s-15yrs) Chris Gaze 470762, Sun Night (older teens early twenties) Chris Gaze 470762