

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 meetings are on 1st, 15th and 29th May. 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 9th and 23rd May. 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 on Fridays 10 – 12 at 58 Church Road, Tasburgh. Celebrating 25 years of prayer later this year and involved in Prayer Shawl Ministry and Local House of Prayer. For more details phone Shirley Brooks on 470369

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

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This news sheet is circulated every month to all the Tas Valley churches and can also be found on our website www.tasvalley.org.

Please send copy for the June Newsletter by **May 20th** to vicky@tasvalley.org

Notices and News – May 2013 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*



Tas Valley Prayer 24/7 22nd -29th May at Tasburgh Rectory

The key word for our Benefice week of Prayer this year is **BLESS**. God's desire to bless us, to bless his world and for us to learn to both speak his blessings and to be a blessing to his world. Over the last year, a number of people have been committing themselves to regularly pray for blessing on our local area. We have begun to learn about what that means - the joys and the cost. We are called to keep on blessing - in our prayers, in our words and in the way we practically care for others in all we do.. I particularly encourage you to join in our week of 24/7 prayer, planned for Tasburgh Rectory from 22nd-29th May. Anyone can sign up for hour long slots in the room at Tasburgh Rectory – a chance to pray alone or with chosen friends - or you can come to one of the special services or events there. It doesn't matter if you're not a regular churchgoer. The room is equipped with lots of aids to prayer – so you can light candles, listen to meditative music, paint on the prayer art board, follow a labyrinth, enter your prayer requests in a book etc. Being in a room dedicated to prayer like this is often a very moving experience. We will be joined by our new curate Martin Hartley for part of the week and our prayers will include a house blessing for the Rectory at 2pm on the last day. You can see what's happening and book a slot after a church service or on the Tas Valley website: www.tasvalley.org. or ring (PLEASE INSERT CONTACT)

**The Lord bless You and keep You
The Lord make his face to shine upon You
And be gracious unto You
The Lord lift up His countenance upon You
And give You peace.
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Sunday Worship Events in May

5th	Sunday Worship Newton Flotman	8.00am	Holy Communion	
		9.00am	Breakfast followed by All Age Morning Worship at 9.30 AM	
	Swainsthorpe Tasburgh	9.30am	Holy Communion	
		9.30am	Matins & Sat Nav	
		11.00am	Morning Light, Children's Church & Baptism	
	Tharston Saxlingham Shotesham All Saints	9.30am	Joint with Tasburgh	
		9.30am	Holy Communion	
		11.00am	Holy Communion	
12th	Sunday Worship Newton Flotman	11.00am	Family Communion	
		Swainsthorpe	9.30am	Swainsthorpe Special & Bug Hunt
		Tasburgh	9.30am	Holy Communion & children's church
		Tharston	11.00am	Holy Communion
		Saxlingham	11.00am	All Age Service
			6.30pm	High Mass
		Shotesham All Saints	9.30am	Morning Light
19th	Sunday Worship Newton Flotman	11.00am	Family Communion	
		Swainsthorpe	9.30am	Holy Communion
		Tasburgh	9.30am	All Age Service with Baptism
		Tharston	8.00am	Holy Communion
		Saxlingham	9.30am	Holy Communion
		Shotesham All Saints	11.00am	Holy Communion
26th	Sunday Worship Newton Flotman	11.00am	Morning Light	
		Swainsthorpe	9.30am	Swainsthorpe Special
		Tasburgh	9.30am	Holy Communion, Children's Church & Sat Nav
		Tharston	11.00am	Holy Communion
		Saxlingham	11.00am	Matins & Children's Church
		Shotesham All Saints	9.30am	Holy Communion

Other May Dates

Thurs 2nd – **Messy Church** 3.30pm Newton Flotman School
 Fri 3rd – **Local House of Prayer** 7.30-9pm Newton Flotman School
 Mon 6th – **Saxlingham Mardle** – Bank Holiday no Mardle
 Tues 7th – **Local House of Prayer** 7.30–9pm 26 Chestnut Road, Tasburgh
 Wed 8th - **Cell Church Annual Meeting** 7.30pm-9 Newton Flotman Church Room

Thurs 9th – **Church Mice** – a chance to learn essential basic skills and emergency first aid for your baby/toddler with a registered paramedic. 9.30-11.30am Newton Flotman Church Room. No charge.

Christian Aid Week 12th – 18th May 2013

Mon 13th – **Saxlingham Mardle** – normal Mardle
 Fri 17th – **Local House of Prayer** 7.30-9pm Newton Flotman School
 Mon 20th – **Saxlingham Mardle** – Musical Bingo
 Tues 21st – **Local House of Prayer** 7.30-9pm 26 Chestnut Road, Tasburgh

24-7 Prayer Week Wednesday 22nd – Wednesday 29th May (see front page)

Fri 24th – **Film Fun Friday** at Newton Flotman School 6 for 6.15pm
 Mon 27th – **Saxlingham Mardle** – Bank Holiday, no Mardle

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 (Weds eves) 470762; William Ball (Weds eves) 471506; Andrew & June Gibson (Thurs eves) 499004; Vicky Ball (Thurs eves) 471506;; Special Me:- Wayne Doman (Alternate 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

Bishops' Mission Order & Charitable Status Update. Back in 2009, the various PCCs and the cell APCM agreed to explore seeking a Bishop's Mission Order for the Tas Valley Cell Church. The main benefits of this are -

- recognition by the diocese of the Cell Church as a new Christian community, equivalent in some ways to a parish church within the life of benefice, enabling the cell church to plan for the future with confidence
- appropriate and supportive oversight of the cell church and benefice helping the cell church to grow in complementarity to the other forms of church in the benefice
- ensuring proper provision is made for ministry in the cell church including representation in the appointment process of a new incumbent should that arise in future

The draft text of the BMO has been with the Diocesan Mission and Pastoral Committee since Autumn 2012 and we hope that they will soon be ready for the final consultation involving the deanery, cell church and all the benefice parish churches.

Giving, Stewardship & Charitable Status - Becoming a charity has been necessitated by the fact that Norwich diocese can no longer claim the tax back on our donations on our behalf. We hope to become a Charitable Incorporated Organisation after our General Meeting on 8th May - Read the Annual Report or come along to the meeting to find out more.