

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 3rd and 17th and 31st October. 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 11th and 25th October. 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 October 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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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 November Newsletter by **October 15th** to vicky@tasvalley.org

Notices and News – October 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*



This summer 18 people from the Tas Valley area headed off to Uganda. With them they took about half a ton of charitable supplies including clothes and medicines and £4000 of donations for charitable work.

They spent the core of their time at the World Shine School in Rwentobo where some members of the party dug foundations for a new dormitory enabling children who walk maybe ten miles to school each day to instead stay overnight. Others were involved in medical work (seeing over 800 people in their short time there) or in prayer or in supporting the educational work of the school. But however much they were able to give, each came home saying they had gained so much more from the experience of sharing with African brothers and sisters living by faith and overcoming the many struggles of real poverty. So this month, we give the front page slot to some wise words from Rev Medad Birungi of Uganda, founder of World Shine Ministries:

Often when we're starting out, we dream of doing earth-changing things and the thought of tackling them intimidates us. That is a reason to start small. Don't try to help everyone, just try to help someone! Do that, and in time you may find yourself living what Saint Francis of Assisi described when he said, 'Start doing what is necessary; then do what is possible; and suddenly, you are doing the impossible.' Even if you never get to do big things, you can find great fulfillment in doing right things. No act of kindness is too small to be worth doing. One leader writes: 'Little did I realise when I started with a desire to add significance to others, that it would add significance to me! Now I understand. We should not receive anything without giving, and we cannot give anything without receiving.'

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.'

HOLIDAY CLUB THANKS

This summer, about 90 children and teens were involved in a week long holiday club called "Sports Academy" run by the Tas Valley Team Churches. Sport Academy activities included mini-olympics, relays, parachute games, singing, prayer and a carnival parade. As well as having lots of fun, the children were thinking about how we can help others. By the end of the week, nearly £200 was raised for sports equipment for the World Shine School in Rwentobo, Uganda. **Congratulations and thanks to everybody for their donations and hard work.**

Worship Events in October

7th	Sunday Worship		
	Newton Flotman	8.00am	Holy Communion
		9.00am	Breakfast followed by All Age Morning Worship with Baptism 9.30AM
	Swainsthorpe	9.30am	Joint with Newton Flotman
	Tasburgh	9.30am	Harvest Festival (see below)
	Tharston	11.00am	Holy Communion
	Saxlingham	9.30am	Family Communion
	Shotesham St Mary's	11.00am	Holy Communion
14th	Sunday Worship		
	Newton Flotman	11.00am	Family Communion
	Swainsthorpe	3.30pm	Swainsthorpe Special
	Tasburgh	9.30am	Holy Communion & Children's Church
	Saxlingham	8.00am	Holy Communion
		11.00am	All Age Worship
	Shotesham St Mary's	9.30am	Harvest Festival (see below)
21st	Sunday Worship		
	Newton Flotman	11.00am	Holy Communion, Sp Agts & FROG
	Swainsthorpe	11.00am	Joint with Newton Flotman
	Tasburgh	9.30am	Holy Communion & Children's Church
	Tharston	8.00am	Holy Communion
	Saxlingham	9.30am	Holy Communion
	Shotesham All Saints	11.00am	Helpers Service
28th	Sunday Worship		
	Newton Flotman	11.00am	Morning Prayer & Sp Agts
	Swainsthorpe	9.30am	Simple said Holy Communion (in the Porch/on green with awning/tent
	Tasburgh	9.30am	Holy Communion, Children's Church & Sat Nav
	Saxlingham	11.00am	Matins & "Finders Seekers"
	Shotesham All Saints	9.30am	Holy Communion

Other October Dates

Mon 1st – **Saxlingham Mardle** – Beetle, help given if needed, not too serious!
 Thurs 4th – **Coffee, Craft and Chat** – Saxlingham Chapel 10am to 12 noon. A place for all ages to meet, have a cuppa and a chat, do a craft or play if you are little! Contact Sarah 498317 or Lynda 499121 if you would like a lift.
 Sat 6th – **"Prospects" Ministry Skills Development Day** – 10am to 4.30pm Newton Flotman School. Contact Wayne Doman to book on 471933.
 Sun 7th – **Tasburgh Harvest Festival at Church** at 9.30am. All are welcome.
The Harvest Lunch is at the village hall 12.30 for 1pm. Tickets are £6 each, under 12's are free. Tickets available from Margaret Madgett 01508 471525. Please bring your own plate, cutlery, glasses and drinks. Some soft drinks will be available.

Mon 8th – **Saxlingham Mardle** – normal Mardle

Sat 13th - **"Benefice Church Crawl"** a day to explore the treasures and curiosities in our local churches – what are all the different parts of a church called? what were all those curious little niches used for? why have beautiful things been smashed and vandalised over the years? Join us for explanations and a fun day. £6 per person towards Saxlingham's bell fund. More information from Kate Smith 01508 557182 or rogue.crew@tiscali.co.uk

Sun 14th – **Shotesham Harvest Festival St Mary's Church** at 9.30am. All are welcome and coffee and biscuits will be served afterwards.

15th – **Saxlingham Mardle** – Notcutts for coffee. Leave Saxlingham 10am

15th - **Pastoral Leadership Team Meeting** 7.30pm

18th - **Coffee, Craft and Chat** – Saxlingham Chapel 10am to 12 noon. A place for all ages to meet, have a cuppa and a chat, do a craft or play if you are little! Contact Sarah 498317 or Lynda 499121 if you would like a lift.

18th - **Deanery Synod** at Long Stratton 7.30pm

Mon 22nd – **Saxlingham Mardle** – normal Mardle

Fri 26th - **Film Fun Friday** 6 for 6.15pm at Newton Flotman School.

£1 per child, parents go free.

Mon 29th – **Saxlingham Mardle** – Bingo, priceless prizes again!!

Alpha – A chance to explore the meaning of life

Alpha is a course on the essentials of the Christian faith for people who want to investigate the big questions of life in an unpressurised way. It is especially popular with those who have no Christian background and is stimulating and fun. If you would like to find out more, come along to the Alpha course, running currently on Thursday evenings at 7.30pm at Newton Flotman Rectory. Contact Sally Gaze tel 470762



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; 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