



Notices and News September 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

Church leaders of all denominations are calling the whole Church to be part of a national weekend of prayer and fasting.

All Praying Together, from 7-9 September led by HOPE, is for everyone - individuals and churches. The idea is for individuals and groups to each pray for God's blessing on it's local area as well as for national issues.

Plans to hold the *All Praying Together* weekend began at the HOPE Leaders' Forum in 2011 when the event's host, Pastor Agu Irukwu, described the Church as 'a body of reformers' and called for united prayer and fasting for the nation. "The more seriously we approach prayer and fasting, the more serious the results we will experience in our missional journey" he said. This summer thousands of teenagers are "playing their PART" – (Pray, Abstain, and Reach out Together), taking a lead in *All Praying Together*. They have received cards to remind them to pray, fast, and share hope through words and actions in their community. Roy Crowne, Executive Director of HOPE said: 'We know we have a powerful God and that prayer can change situations.... Let's be praying as well as responding to needs in our villages, towns and cities. *All Praying Together* focuses on prayer for God to renew the Church, equipping us to reach out into our communities in words and action.'

All Praying Together links with the special prayer taking place across the nation throughout the Games and begins as soon as the Paralympics is over. It culminates in the National Day of Prayer, on Saturday 29 September when thousands of Christians will be praying together at Wembley See ideas for how to join in inside

This newssheet 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 October Newsletter by September 19th to vicky@tasvalley.org



HOW YOU CAN JOIN IN

- ◆ You could decide not to have lunch on the Saturday (fasting), go for a walk and pray that God would speak to you through the things you see. Alone and silently or with family/ friends pray for God's blessing on the people and situations which come to mind
- ◆ As a cell, organise a community Prayer Treasure Hunt - ideas at www.hopetogether.org.uk
- ◆ Join in the Church Cycle Ride on Saturday - If riding, say a short prayer of blessing on each church you stop at. If manning the church, silently bless each person who visits and in quiet moments pray for your local area. (September's Blessing Menu cards will be available in each of the Tas Valley churches and are a good resource for doing this). Tasburgh church has a special open day and there will be opportunities for creative prayer.
- ◆ HOPE has released a range of "All Praying Together Resources" which you can find online at http://www.hopetogether.org.uk/Groups/194931/HOPE/Prayer/Prayer_Resources/Prayer_Resources.aspx They were contributed by various denominations to make sure that Christians of every age and worship style can join this movement of prayer.
- ◆ Why not book a ticket for the National Day of Prayer at Wembley Stadium 29th Sept 2-6.30pm. Tickets are £10 or you can book to go on a coach from Norwich for £25 inclusive. See details at http://www.networknorwich.co.uk/Articles/319837/Network_Norwich_and_Norfolk/Partners/Call_To_Prayer_Norfolk_Christians_to_join_Wembley_prayer_day.aspx

Worship Events in September

2nd **Sunday Worship**

Newton Flotman	8.00am 9.00am	Holy Communion "First Sunday" – Breakfast for all followed by a short, lively worship event for all ages from 9.30am
Swainsthorpe	9.30am	Joint with Newton Flotman
Tasburgh	9.30am	Morning Light, Children's Church & Sat Nav
Tharston	11.00am	Holy Communion
Saxlingham	9.30am	Holy Communion
Shotesham St Mary's	11.00am	Holy Communion

9th **Sunday Worship**

Newton Flotman	11.00am	Morning Worship & Baptism
Swainsthorpe	3.30pm	Harvest Praise on the green
Tasburgh	9.30am	Holy Communion & Children's Church
Saxlingham	8.00am 11.00am	Holy Communion All Age Worship with Baptism
Shotesham St Mary's	9.30am	Morning Light with thanksgiving

16th **Sunday Worship**

Newton Flotman	11.00am	Holy Communion, Spec Agts & "Frog"
Swainsthorpe	11.00am	Joint with Newton Flotman
Tasburgh	9.30am	Family Service with thanksgiving
Tharston	8.00am	Holy Communion
Saxlingham	9.30am	Holy Communion
Shotesham All Saints	11.00am	All Age Worship with Baptism

23rd **Sunday Worship**

Newton Flotman	11.00am	Morning Prayer and Special Agents
Swainsthorpe	9.30am	Simple said Holy Communion (in the Porch/on green with awning/tent)
Tasburgh	9.30am	All Age Service with Baptism
Saxlingham St Mary	11.00am	Matins
Saxlingham church room	11.00am	"Finders Seekers" catering for children aged 0 – 11 years. All are welcome
Shotesham All Saints	9.30am	Holy Communion

30th **Sunday Worship**

Newton Flotman	11.00am	Harvest Thanksgiving in the Village Hall
Tasburgh	9.30am	Holy Communion, Children's Church & "Sat Nav"
Tharston	11.00am	Harvest Festival
Saxlingham	11.00am	Harvest Festival followed by lunch
Shotesham All Saints	9.30am	Morning Worship with Baptism

Harvest Festival details

Sun 8th Sept – **Swainsthorpe Church**: Harvest Service **on the green** at 3.30pm
Sun 30th Sept – **Newton Flotman Village Centre**. The Harvest Service starts at 11am followed by an auction of produce, followed by a celebratory harvest lunch. Tickets from Jean Wilson 01508 470500 or William Ball 01508 471506
Sun 30th Sept – **Saxlingham Church** at 11am with Harvest donations of tinned and dry food going to the Norwich Foodbank Charity. This will be followed by Harvest Lunch in the Village Hall – tickets from Cindy Brookes 01508 499358
Sun 30th Sept – **Tharston Church**: Harvest Service at 11am

September Dates

Mon 3rd – **Saxlingham Mardle** – normal Mardle
Mon 3rd – **Tasburgh PCC** 7.30pm Tasburgh Church Room
Sat 8th – **Norfolk Churches Trust Sponsored Cycle Ride** – support your local church. Churches open all day for riders 9am to 5pm
Sat 8th – **Tasburgh Church Open Day** – 10am–1pm for tea, cakes, live music, bell ringing, have-a-go-at-the-organ, puppets, displays, games and more – no charge, just a chance to see what really happens in Tasburgh church!
Sat 8th - **Swainsthorpe Fete** - 2pm - 4pm on the green
Sun 9th – **Benefice Social/Farewell/Report Back** – Saxlingham Village Hall 1pm. Bring & Share lunch. Farewell to Hannah Pye after her year here and a report back from the 18-strong Uganda team.
Mon 10th – **Saxlingham Mardle** – Musical Bingo
Mon 17th – **Saxlingham Mardle** – Coffee at Goodies
Mon 17th – **Tharston PCC** 7.30pm Tharston Church
Thurs 20th – **Coffee, Craft & Chat** at Saxlingham Chapel 10 – 12 noon. A place for all ages to meet and have a cuppa and a chat, do a craft if you like or play if you are little! If you need a lift contact Sarah 498317 or Lynda 499121
Thurs 20th – **Cell Church Annual Meeting** Trinity Hall in Shotesham 7.30pm. An historic occasion as we become the first in Norfolk to achieve charitable status under the new Bishop's Mission Order – please join us to share news and yummy cake!
Mon 24th – **Saxlingham Mardle** – normal Mardle
Thurs 27th – **Alpha party** at Newton Flotman Rectory at 7pm (see below)
Sat 29th – **National Day of Prayer** – Coaches from Norwich to Wembley for afternoon event (departs 10am returns 10pm). Contact Adrian for details 498317

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 Party on Thursday 27th Sept** at 7pm at Newton Flotman Rectory – a chance to have a taste of Alpha with no strings attached, or contact Sally Gaze 470762



A Look Forward to October dates

Sat 6th – **“Prospects” Ministry Skills Development Day** – 10am to 4.30pm
Newton Flotman School. Contact Wayne to book 471933

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

Tharston Open Churches

We had a very successful Art & Craft Exhibition, which made £300 for church funds, not bad considering we did not set out to fund raise! Together with the exhibition we held drop-in workshops for children of all ages – to make puppets, have a go on the sewing machine and make bird & bug boxes. There were also stone carving and patchwork demos. Thanks must go to Jo Buckenham who was the organiser of the event. She had great support from Tharston WI, Hempnall Art Group and many friends and family who helped with stewarding, making tea & cakes and washing up. We think we had about 200 visitors during the week – thank you all for your support. - Sue Hubbard

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 Youth Group meets on Mon eves 7-8.30pm and is for young people of high school age. We play games, eat popcorn, watch films, go on outings, read the bible and pray. We also support each other, make friends and have fun.

SUNDAY NIGHT – A cell for older teens/early twenties who want to explore their faith more deeply meets on Sunday evenings to discuss some of the big issues of life, pray and support each other. If you'd like to find out more about JAM or Sunday Night contact Chris Gaze tel: 470762; e-mail: chris@tasvalley.org

How to Contact the Staff Team

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Rev'd Adrian Miller: adrian@tasvalley.org Tel: 498317, The New Rectory, The Street, Saxlingham Nethergate,

Rev'd David Sochon: davids@tasvalley.org Tel: 558495, The Bungalow, Chapel Lane, Shotesham

Mr David Lancaster (Reader) Tel. 493159

Regular Events

Baby Mice – Every Wednesday 10-12 in Newton Flotman Church Room. A group for parents and babies led by Geraldine from Children's Services. 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 13th and 27th September. 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 September 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 Crafts Club – meets 1st and 3rd Mondays for people to try new skills in a relaxed atmosphere. 10am to 12 Church Room, Tasburgh. This month's meetings are on 3rd and 17th September.

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

A message from the Martin family and Chris' induction details

"Chris, Tina, Em, Anna and Katie would just like to say how grateful we are for all the kind gifts, messages, cards, good wishes and prayers we received in our last few days here before moving to Devon. We have been overwhelmed by the love and support shown to us. Thank you so much. God bless you all."

If you would like to stay in touch, please note our new contact details:

The Martin family, The Rectory, Grove Road, Whimble, Exeter EX5 2TP
cemartin70@googlemail.com or Tel: 01404 822427

Chris's induction service is on Tuesday 4th September, 7.30pm in Whimble Church.