

Regular Events

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 12th and 26th 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 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

St Mary's Guild meets 1st Monday of each month in Tasburgh Church Room at 2.30pm. Everyone is welcome.

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 Andrea Sluman for more details 01508 471529

Tasburgh Crafts Club – Come and try new skills in a relaxed atmosphere. We meet on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month, 10am – 12noon in the Church Room, Tasburgh.

How to Contact the Staff Team

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Notices and News – September 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*



Ever Faithful

Summer is a wonderful time for us as a family and we especially enjoy camping in the great outdoors. This year we joined 1,000 other Christians on a camp near Hastings. The children, Sarah and I all enjoyed fabulous worship, fellowship, teaching and sunshine and we were each refreshed and challenged in different ways. Two things stick out for me from that time, and I wanted to share them with you.

Firstly, I had space to have a good long look at my life and was unsurprised to find that there was a bit too much going on – too many plates to keep spinning. So, I am prayerfully considering what to let drop and how to manage my life better so that I can attend to the important and not just the urgent. In particular, I need to follow the call to root everything I do more firmly in prayer. As our previous curate, Chris, said to me on one occasion, “If you don't have time to soak something in prayer, you shouldn't be doing it!”

Secondly, over against that, I learnt something new and important about the Bible and about God. Almost all of our translations mis-translate a common phrase. Many times our Bibles tell us that “faith in God” is what life is all about and is what gives us hope and strength in the bustle of life. But that phrase often should read “the faithfulness of God”. My faith in God is important but perhaps God's faithfulness to me is even more so. This I like, because my faith goes up and down but His faithfulness never fails.

So, are you resting in the faithfulness of God towards you as you seek to balance the competing expectations and demands on you in the bustle of life? I am praying that we all would discover more of that and more of the peace that flows from that.

Blessings, Adrian

Harvest Festival Services and meals	
22nd September	Tharston at 6.30pm Shotesham St Mary's at 9.30am to celebrate the reopening of St Mary's church after refurbishment work. Refreshments after the service.
29th September	Newton Flotman at 11am followed by harvest lunch at the school with an auction of fresh produce Swainsthorpe at 6pm with light supper afterwards in church Saxlingham at 11am with lunch in the Village Hall after the service.
6th October	Tasburgh at 9.30am

Sunday Worship Events in September

1st	Sunday Worship		
	Newton Flotman	8.00am	Holy Communion
		11.45am	Outdoor Worship at the Village Fete
	Swainsthorpe	9.30am	Holy Communion
	Tasburgh	9.30am	Morning Light & Children's Church
	Tharston	11.00am	Village Praise
	Saxlingham	9.30am	Holy Communion
	Shotesham All Saints	11.00am	Holy Communion
8th	Sunday Worship		
	Newton Flotman	11.00am	All Age Worship with Baptism
	Swainsthorpe	9.30am	Swainsthorpe Special
	Tasburgh	9.30am	Holy Communion & Children's Church
	Tharston	8.00am	Holy Communion
	Saxlingham	8.00am	Holy Communion
		11.00	All Age Service
	Shotesham All Saints	9.30am	Morning Light with thanksgiving
15 th	Sunday Worship		
	Tasburgh	11.00am	Benefice Confirmation Service
	Swainsthorpe	4.30pm	Songs of Praise at the end of the Art & Flower Festival
22nd	Sunday Worship		
	Newton Flotman	11.00am	Morning Light with Sp Agts
	Swainsthorpe	9.30am	Swainsthorpe Special
	Tasburgh	9.30am	Holy Communion with Children's Church & Sat Nav
	Tharston	6.30pm	Harvest Festival
	Saxlingham	11.00am	Baptism service & Children's Church
	Shotesham St Mary's	9.30am	Harvest Festival and reopening of St Mary's with refreshments after the service
29 th	Sunday Worship		
	Newton Flotman	11.00am	Harvest Festival service followed by
	Harvest Lunch at Newton Flotman Primary School with an auction of produce		
	Swainsthorpe	6pm	Harvest Festival with light supper
	Tasburgh	9.30am	Youth-led Service, Children's Church & Sat Nav
	Saxlingham	11.00am	Harvest Festival with lunch in the Village Hall after the service
	Shotesham	9.30am	Songs of Praise

Other September Dates

Sun 1st – **Newton Flotman Village Fete** at the Village Centre. 11am onwards. Gun dog display, bouncy castle, police horses, car boot sale, splat the rat, BBQ, wellie hurling and lots more. Everybody welcome.

Mon 2nd – **Saxlingham Mardle** – normal meeting

Tues 3rd – **Local House of Prayer** 26 Chestnut Road, Tasburgh at 7.30pm

Fri 6th – **Local House of Prayer** Newton Flotman Primary School at 7.30pm

Sat 7th – **Tasburgh Village Fete** from 12 noon to 4pm. All welcome

Mon 9th – **Saxlingham Mardle** - 12 noon lunch. Numbers please. Cost £3.

Saturday 14th Sept 10am to 5pm and Sunday 15th Sept **Swainsthorpe Art Exhibition & Flower Festival** 10am to 4pm with Refreshments.

Sat 14th – **Norfolk Churches Trust Annual Sponsored Bike Ride & Walk**

Mon 16th – **Saxlingham Mardle** - normal meeting

Tues 17th – **Local House of Prayer** 26 Chestnut Road, Tasburgh at 7.30pm

Thurs 19th – **Messy Church** – Newton Flotman School. For adults and children to share food, faith and fun straight after the school day finishing at 5pm after tea.

Fri 20th – **MacMillan Coffee Day** Newton Flotman Church Room. Lots of things happening throughout the day for both adults and children with hot drinks and cake. Call in after school drop-off, throughout the day, after school or work.

Fri 20th – **Local House of Prayer** Newton Flotman Primary School at 7.30pm

Mon 23rd – **Saxlingham Mardle** – coffee at Cherry Lane, leave 10am

Fri 27th – **Film Fun Friday** Newton Flotman School 6pm for 6.15pm start

Mon 30th – **Saxlingham Mardle** – normal meeting

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 (2nd & 4th 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

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