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TAS VALLEY TEAM NEWS

August 2014

Jungle Jamboree Thanks

Nearly 70 children and 30 adults werre involved in 4 days of fabulous fun at thethe Jungle Jaboree Holiday Club, held at Preston Primary Scholl, Tasburgh from 29 July- 1st Aug.

Games, drama, messy forfeits, crafts and songs were all enjoyed bu our tigers, elephants, monkeys and crocodiles (5-11s) while Little Parrots (preschool) had their own programme with their parents and carers. The week finished with a fabulous carnival parade and barbeque.

The teenaged Explorers sold a newsletter documenting the week which was also sold in aid of our charity Christian Aid which does lots of which with people living in poverty in rainforest areas. Overall we

had a great time and raised £200 for Christian Aid. Many many thanks to all our helpers who worked so hard to make the week possible.



World War I Centenary Events

Saxlingham Nethergate

Flower Festival: The First World War

2-10 August Church Open 10.30-4.30 Light Refreshments and Second Hand Book Stall in Marquee

10th August - Evensong in the Ruins of Old St Mary's

Newton Flotman

Centenary Exhibition at St Mary's Church

Thursday 14th and Friday 15th August 10.00am-4.00pm each day Saturday 16th August during Coffee Stop 10.00am-12.00noon

Sunday 17th August a Service of Commemoration at 11.00am



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Alpha Evening with Nicky Gumbel at Norfolk Showground

Join us on the 2nd October at the Norfolk Showground for Alpha hosted by **Nicky Gumbel** and the Who Cares? team, with guests including **Darrell Tunningley**. Doors open at 6:30pm for 7:30pm start.

Contact William Ball to find out about going with a group from the Tas Valley Churches tel 471 506 <u>william@tasvalley.org</u>

Our Alpha Course will then start on 6th October at 7.30pm and last for 8 Mondays. The course explores questions of life from a Christian perspective with plenty of cake and discussion (All views welcome!) Contact Sally Gaze on 470762 for more information.





First Thursday Meal

A New Venture: On the first Thursday of each month at 7pm there will be a 'bring and share' meal at the Rectory at Newton Flotman, for all who would like to to come. This would be an opportunity to get to know others from across the 6 parishes better and to hear what is going on in . This will be followed each month by a short meeting that has a special focus for groups of people with a particular ministry in our benefice.

The first Shared Meal on 4th Sept will be followed at 8.15pm byl the Cell Group Leaders meeting to pray and plan the term ahead.

Communications Update

There is so much going on in the benefice that much had to be greatly abbreviated in the old monthly newsletter which then makes it less useful. It is therefore suggested that a shorter monthly sheet with 2 or 3 new events or issues is prepared by Sally (This is the first one!) and that each church designates a person or people to receive this and arrange for it to be printed off each month and distributed in their church/cell only. The information may be included in part of a more local pew sheet (as at Tasburgh) if desired. If you can be this person for your church please speak to a church warden yo offer your help.

Information about more regular events can be found on our website <u>www.tasvalley.org</u> and the wardens will display details of other regular events on the church notice board. including the Benefice Worship Rota.

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