

Autumn 2016

Tasburgh and Tharston Church Newsletter



On the move to pastures new.

My husband Chris and I are getting ready for a move to Derby in August to be near our younger daughter, her husband and our very young grandson.

We moved to Tasburgh in January 2012 and were made very welcome here; we found friends we had known in previous years and in other places, who were part of the community here. At that time I was still serving as an assistant priest in the Upper Tas Valley Benefice and travelling there and back as needed. I retired in July 2013 and became more deeply involved in the churches of The Tas Valley Team. I have been very happy, enjoying the responsibilities I have taken on like compiling this Church Newsletter and editing the Tas Valley Team website. I have loved being part of the wonderful Emmanuel Local House of Prayer and the lovely 'Oldies' and the hardworking PCC and taking services in the churches and in the local Care Homes. Chris and I have enjoyed ringing the bells and the warm friendship of the ringers. We will miss it all. There was a lovely 'Thank You and Farewell service' at Tasburgh on July 17 which was preceded by a magnificent Tea Party and within which a very generous gift was given to us for which sincere and profound thanks to everyone who came and gave. Many kind words were spoken and each of my colleagues chose some verses from the Bible to take with us into our new life, and I too offered some verses to the congregation from St Matthew 5 but in particular these words "You are the light of the world" and "Let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven". Thank you and God bless you in every way.

Rev Jenny Cooper

Waveney Foodbank

This operates in the Long Stratton Area providing emergency help in all sorts of family crises to people referred by local care agencies. Many of you will leave groceries at Tasburgh or Tharston Churches. There is a continuing need for UHT milk, long-life fruit juice, small jars of coffee, instant mash, rice pudding and men's and women's toiletries. The organisers are very grateful for the continuing support. Bi-monthly newsletter and more info: www.waveney.foodbank.org.uk

Dates for your diary

September 10	9.00am-5.00pm NCT Sponsored Bike Ride
October 2	6.30pm Tharston Harvest Festival at St Mary's
October 5	Depwade Deanery at Norwich Cathedral
October 9	12.30 for 1.00 Harvest Lunch at Village Hall
October 16	9.30am Harvest Festival at Tasburgh St Mary's
November 13	Remembrance Sunday 10.45 at Tasburgh
November 20	Remembering Loved Ones 6.30pm at Newton

"Calling all walkers, cyclists and car drivers!"

You are invited to join in a fun day out in Norfolk, stopping off at as many Churches and Chapels as you can whilst raising some much needed funds.

On Saturday 10th September is the annual Norfolk Churches Trust fundraising day. Over 600 Churches and Chapels will be open on the day from 9am to 5pm. You can be sponsored for each building you visit or a set amount for the day. Half the money raised goes to The Norfolk Churches Trust and the other half to a Church or Chapel of your choice.

In Tasburgh, this event has been one of our major fundraising events, but in recent years the number of cyclists and walkers has dwindled. Please come and take part, to help raise some funds to help preserve our beautiful Church building and other beautiful churches and chapels in our county. For more information and a sponsor form contact: Vivienne Taylor on 01508 471 790

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Tharston Church Warden: Mrs Pat Read 530 325

THARSTON CHURCH FETE

The Fete once again benefited from wonderful weather and the sum raised was a record at £1582.44. Thanks are due to Steve & Bev Smith for the use of their Garden, to Steve for his physical help, to those who helped on the day and also those who helped both before and after the Fete with collecting around the Village, setting up, dismantling and clearing the site. The Tea and Scones again proved very popular and many people bought books, and tickets for the Raffle and Tombola and the Bric a Brac stall was also very busy. There was a very good attendance and many villages were represented, not just those nearby. Chris Lawson

A Special invitation to our Harvest Festival 6.30pm on October 2nd. Please feel very welcome to come to worship at Tharston Church. The services at Tharston are usually from the 1662 Book of Common Prayer with its traditional language. Please do check service times with the churchwarden or on the Tas Valley website: www.tasvalley.org as unavoidable changes may occur within the quarter covered by this newsletter.

Tharston Church Services

September 11	11.00am B.C.P 1662 Morning Prayer
September 18	8.00am B.C.P 1662 Holy Communion
October 2	6.30pm Harvest Festival
October 9	11.00am B.C.P 1662 Morning Prayer
October 16	8.00am B.C.P 1662 Holy Communion
November 13	10.45am Remembrance Service at Tasburgh
November 20	8.00am B.C.P 1662 Holy Communion

Tharston Poors' Allotments Charity

This small charity's' Income is derived from 2 small parcels of land in Tharston, which produces a rent each year, and was historically distributed as Bread and Coal to the 'needy' in the village of Tharston. In these difficult economic times, we would like to expand our donations to include any students in the village of Tharston that might like to apply for a small donation towards their further studies. If anyone in the village would like to be included in this Charity Distribution, please contact anyone of the Trustees named below. We are only a small charity, but we would try to help in any way we can. The current Trustees are Gerald Barnes, Anthony Thwaite, Sue Hubbard and Helen Lawson

Please make initial contact with Helen on 01508 530055

Tasburgh News

St Mary's Freedom Café

St Mary's Freedom Café gathers at 10.30 on the first Sunday of every month, at Preston Primary School. We are so pleased to see new people and to welcome back regulars.

Please feel welcome to just come to see what it's about or speak to Martin and Rach Hartley on 471 474

Pastoral Care Team

Prayer Visiting from house to house has taken place during the lighter warmer months and we continue to pray for the residents of the village at the fortnightly local house of prayer meeting. If you know of anyone who needs visiting or has a prayer request please contact me.

Remember there is a confidential telephone 'prayer chain' to offer prayer for any situations that arise in life, for which you would value the prayers of others.

Contact: Kate on 471 356

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Tasburgh Church Wardens:

Julia Orpin 470 983

Kate Cakebread 471 356

It's been a busy quarter again. We had a successful Church Fete at the end of June, a popular well attended Holiday Club, staffed by people from across the Tas Valley Team, at Preston Primary at the end of July and four lovely weddings as well. We have had the usual 9.30am weekly services and a couple of specials; one a 'Thank You and Farewell Service' for Revd Jenny Cooper and the other a joyous 'Songs of Praise'. Looking ahead Harvest Festival is a little later than usual on October 16 and our Remembrance Sunday service on November 13 is at 10.45. Do come if you can.

Tasburgh Church Services

September 4	9.30am	BCP Morning Prayer
	10.30am	St Mary's Freedom Café at Preston School
September 11	9.30am	Family Communion & Children's Church
September 18	9.30am	All Age Worship Service with Holy Baptism
September 25	9.30am	Holy Communion & Children's Church
October 2	9.30am	B.C.P Morning Prayer
	10.30am	Freedom Café at Preston Primary School
October 9	9.30am	Family Communion & Children's Church
October 16	9.30am	All Age Harvest Service
October 13	9.30am	Family Communion & Children's Church
October 30	9.30am	Holy Communion & Children's Church
November 6	9.30am	BCP Morning Prayer
	10.30am	Freedom Café at Preston Primary School
November 13	10.45am	Remembrance Sunday Service
November 20	9.30am	All Age Worship Service
November 27	9.30am	Holy Communion & Children's Church

Tharston History Society

The Tharston History Society meets every other month, each meeting having a main theme or topic, sometimes with a guest speaker, which we hope helps people to understand and appreciate the people and events which have helped to make Tharston what it is today. We also have some on-going projects that some of our members are undertaking.

Whilst our society names Tharston it is open to others from neighbouring villages; already we have people from villages nearby who join us, including Tasburgh.

Should anyone wish to participate please do so and join a group of extremely friendly people, all with an interest in some way with history. We would not be averse to helping others from nearby to find out more about their village and its people, so widening our geographical remit.

We also have members who are involved in genealogy and anyone with similar interests might find our group worthwhile. Anyone interested in getting started on their family tree will find people here to help. We have a website which can be found at <http://www.tharston-history-society.com/> containing quite a lot of information and which also includes details of our meetings. If you are interested make contact through the website or email Nigel at: nigelpacock781@btinternet.com.

St Mary's Guild

Meets on first Mondays at 2.30pm in Tasburgh, Church Room

New members and visitors would be very welcome.

September 5 Musical Afternoon with Mrs A. Hawkin

October 3 Poetry and Slides with Mr P Binney

November 7 Switzerland with Mrs P Anderson

December 3 Christmas Fayre at the Church

December 5 Christmas Tea Party.

Please Contact Ann Crawshay 470 634 for more information

Thank you for all your support at fundraising events.

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. New members are welcome to get in touch.

Cell Contacts:

Mart Hartley -	15 yrs +, Sun eves, Tasburgh	0784 910 5554
Sally Gaze -	Monday evenings	470 762
Rach Hartley -	Cafe Cell Tuesday evenings	471 474
Kate Cakebread	Wednesday evenings in Tasburgh	471 356
Sally Gaze -	Wednesday evenings in Newton	470 762
Richard Bond -	Wednesday evenings in Saxlingham	578 093
Andy Cox	Thursday evenings in Tharston c/o	470 762
Vicky Ball -	Thursday evenings in Newton	471 506
Wayne Doman -	Saturday Special Me Group	471 933

Youth Cells (JAM) meet on Monday evenings 7-8.30 to explore faith and have fun together. Contact: chris@tasvalley.org; or 470 762

Local Houses of Prayer

These are Christians meeting together to worship, to pray God's blessing on their patch and to encourage one another. They are praying for their neighbours, their community and the area in which they live and blessing in God's name all the good things that are going on. LHoP provide an opportunity for Christians from different traditions, to come together to pray with others living in the same area. At the moment there are 2 growing groups meeting in Tasburgh. It would be wonderful to have more, and also to be able to have groups in Tharston as well.

If you would like to know more please contact:

Andrea Sluman on 471 529

Regular Events/Groups

Bible Study Group - Meets on Tuesday afternoons at 2.15pm. New people would be very welcome. Please contact Philip Simmons 499 041

Children's Church - Tasburgh has a Children's Church for children aged from three years. This runs on the second and fourth Sunday each month 9.30-10.30am All welcome. Contact Andrea Sluman on 471 529

Emmanuel Group. Local House of Prayer - Meeting weekly, at 10am on Fridays. For more details phone Shirley Brooks 470 369

Local House of Prayer - 1st and 3rd Wednesday Mornings at 10.00am Please phone Andrea 471 529 for further information

Music in Worship - If you'd like to sing in Tasburgh Church Choir or explore learning the organ, phone Sarah Norman on 471 505.

Prayer - for the parishes takes place every day. Please give prayer requests to a churchwarden, clergy person, prayer box or board in church. On Wednesdays we meet to pray at Tasburgh Church at 9.00am.

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.

Tasburgh Coffee Pot - Come and make new friends at the Coffee Pot. We meet every Wednesday from 2 - 3. 45pm in the Church Room, Tasburgh for a chat with tea or coffee & cake. All ages welcome. Contact Val 470 298

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