

Autumn 2015

Tasburgh and Tharston Church Newsletter



Looking back-looking forward

It's just over a year since I arrived in Saxlingham with my husband Tim and our son Joel. I was licensed as Team Vicar on 13 July 2014. Needless to say, the past months have gone very quickly!

It has been such a delight getting to know you and finding my way around not only the parishes but the routines and way of life in the villages here. I have particular responsibility for Saxlingham, Shotesham, Tharston and part of the 'Cell Church' – as well as having oversight of the monthly Praise Service in Newton Flotman and taking the occasional service there and at Swainsthorpe and Tasburgh... oh and did I mention I go into Saxlingham and Tasburgh schools with the 'Open the Book' team – acting out Bible stories within the morning assembly. And that's only part of what I do on a regular basis!

I'm aware that across the benefice there is a small army of often unseen volunteers who put in much hard work 'behind the scenes' with all manner of things - giving of their time, money, expertise and more besides – all of which helps to keep our churches 'up and running'. Not to mention the work of churchwardens and P.C.Cs. Without such help the ministry we're able to offer our villages just could not happen. This support is much appreciated by all of us on the 'Staff Team'.

I've learned a lot over the past year and I'm looking forward to what God has in store for us all as the future unfolds.

God bless us all as we journey on!

Dawn Davidson

St Mary's Children's Church Tasburgh
Come and Join Us!
The 2nd and 4th Sunday of every month
at
9.30 - 10.30am

See you there on the 13 September 2015

Children's Church is suitable for ages 4 years to 11 years held in the Church Room, parents are most welcome to stay

For more information or enquires please contact
Andrea on 471529
Or visit www.tasvalley.org

Dates for your diary

September 12 9.00am-5.00pm Norfolk Churches Trust
Annual Sponsored Walk and Bike Ride
12.00-3.00 Village Fete

September 27 9.30am Tasburgh Church Harvest Festival
and Harvest Lunch at the Village Hall

October 4 6.30pm Tharston Church Harvest Festival

November 8 10.45am Remembrance Sunday Services
6.30pm Remembering Lost Loved Ones at
St Mary's Church, Newton Flotman

*If you would like someone to be remembered
by name then let Canon Sally Gaze know.*

November 29 4.00pm Advent Carol Service at Tasburgh

December 5 10.30am-12.00 St Mary's Guild Christmas
Fayre at Tasburgh Church

Tharston Church

Tharston Church Wardens:

Mrs Pat Read 530 325, Mrs Sue Hubbard 530 072

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. When there is not a service at Tharston then the service at Tasburgh may be seen as a joint service or people would be welcomed at any of the churches in the Tas Valley Team. There is a B.C.P service each week at one of the other churches in the benefice. There are also cafe style and less formal all age services as well as more formal Holy Communion services from the Common Worship Service Book.

Please do check service times with the churchwardens or on the Tas Valley website www.tasvalley.org as unavoidable changes may occur within the 3 months of the quarter covered by this newsletter.

Please do contact the churchwardens for further information

Tharston Church Services

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| September 13 | 11.00am B.C.P 1662 Morning Prayer |
| September 20 | 8.00am B.C.P 1662 Holy Communion |
| October 4 | 6.30pm Harvest Festival |
| October 11 | 11.00am B.C.P 1662 Morning Prayer |
| October 18 | 8.00am B.C.P 1662 Holy Communion |
| November 1 | 11.00am B.C.P 1662 Morning Prayer |
| November 8 | 10.45am Remembrance Service |
| November 15 | 8.00am B.C.P 1662 Holy Communion |

Tasburgh News

St Mary's Freedom Café

We have been running Freedom Café for almost a year now at 10.30 on the first Sunday of every Month at the Preston Primary School. It's an informal friendly atmosphere for all ages, with bacon butties good coffee and the Sunday Newspapers. We have different activities to try if you wish.

Why not come and have a chat. Or bring the kids to try an activity while you enjoy the papers and coffee and see what it's all about.

Please feel welcome to come to see what it's about or speak to
Martin and Rach Hartley 471474 KC

Pastoral Care Team

Unfortunately due to a clash in the village calendar we decided to cancel our Men's Breakfast. Hopefully we can reorganize this for the autumn.

The Pastoral Care teams activities have been quite quiet over the summer months though we continue to pray for God's blessing for everyone who lives in the village. We are still able to help any in need.

I have been very privileged to be appointed as an Authorised Worship Assistant in Tasburgh this means that I will be training to hopefully assist the ordained team in taking services. This is a new role in the Norwich Diocese to enable lay people to become more involved in the work of the church in their community

Kate Cakebread.

Remember there a confidential telephone 'prayer chain' of 9 people, the purpose of this is to offer prayer for any situations that arise in life for which you would value the prayers of others .

Contact Kate 471356 or Jenny 470141

Tasburgh Church News

Tasburgh Church Wardens:

Julia Orpin 470 983

Kate Cakebread 471 356,

St Mary's we have been enjoying the rhythms of the Church seasons, with Holiday club at Newton Flotman School being strongly supported by members of our church being a highlight of the Summer Holidays, thank you to all who helped.

We would also like to tell people about the complete refurbishment of the loo adjacent to the church room this will take place between 1 and 16 September. This will bring this facility up to more modern standards and we apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

KC

Tasburgh Church Services

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| Sept 6 | 9.30am | B.C.P Morning Prayer |
| | 10.30am | Café Church at Preston School <i>Count on me</i> |
| Sept 13 | 9.30am | Holy Communion & Children's Church |
| Sept 20 | 9.30am | All Age Family Service |
| Sept 27 | 9.30am | Harvest Festival |
| Oct 4 | 9.30am | B.C.P Morning Prayer |
| | 10.30am | Café at Preston Primary School <i>Harvest for the world</i> |
| Oct 11 | 9.30 am | Holy Communion & Children's Church |
| Oct 18 | 9.30am | All Age Family Service |
| Oct 25 | 9.30am | Holy Communion & Children's Church |
| Nov 1 | 9.30am | B.C.P Morning Prayer |
| | 10.30am | Café Church at Preston School <i>Price Tag</i> |
| Nov 8 | 10.45am | Remembrance Sunday Service |
| Nov 15 | 9.30am | All Age Family Service |
| Nov 22 | 9.30am | Holy Communion & Children's Church |
| Nov 29 | 4.00pm | Advent Carol Service |

Tharston News

Tharston Church opening.

For the past several years Tharston Church has been open daily for visitors, prayer and quiet contemplation during the daytime. This relies on a few parishioners being prepared to open and close the church on a daily basis for **one week**, approximately **once** every **three months**. Recently several of our volunteers have had to 'retire' and there are now some gaps in the rota. If you feel able to volunteer to be a key holder for this valuable community service please get in touch with the churchwardens, Pat Read or Sue Hubbard or with Barbara Cattermole, PCC secretary, for further information.

The more parishioners who are on the rota the less of a task it becomes. The visitors book makes interesting reading with notes left by passing visitors from across the world, none of whom could gain access if the church was closed.

The PCC is very grateful to all those who undertake to open the church; without your help Tharston church would, like so many churches in small country villages, be closed during the week.

Thank you.

Barbara Cattermole 530739

St Mary's Guild -

The Coffee Morning on August 1 raised £460.

Thank you for your support

We meet at 2.30pm Tasburgh Church Room

September 7 David Frost The Squires of Felbrigg Hall

October 5 Revd Jenny Cooper From there to here

November 2 John Mann

December 7 Christmas Party

Please come and join us, everyone is welcome.

Saturday December 5 Christmas Fayre 10.30-12.00 at St Mary's Church

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 do get in touch.

Contacts:

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| Mart Hartley - | 15 yrs +, Sun eves, Tasburgh) | 0784 910 5554 |
| Sally Gaze - | Monday evening | 470762 |
| Chris Gaze | 11-14yrs, Mon evenings in Newton | 470762 |
| Kate Cakebread | Wednesday evenings in Newton | 471356 |
| Rach Hartley - | Wednesday evenings in Tasburgh | 471474 |
| Richard Bond - | Wednesday evenings in Saxlingham | 578093 |
| Andy Cox | Thursday evenings in Newton c/o | 470762 |
| Vicky Ball - | Thursday evenings in Newton | 471506 |
| Wayne Doman - | Sat afternoon Special Me Group | 471933 |

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

Local Houses of Prayer -

These are Christians praying for their neighbours, their community and the area in which they live and meeting together to encourage one another, to worship and pray God's blessing on their patch.

It provides 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 groups meeting in Tasburgh. It would be wonderful to have more and also to be able to have groups in other villages. If you would like to know more please contact:

Jenny Cooper 470141

jenny@tasvalley.org

Regular Events/Groups

Bible Study Group – Meets on Tuesday afternoons. New members 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. All welcome. Contact Andrea Sluman on 471 529.

Emmanuel Group. Local House of Prayer – Meeting weekly, at 10am on Fridays at the church. For more details phone Shirley Brooks 470369

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. Jenny England

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