

*Summer 2015*

*Tasburgh and Tharston  
Church Newsletter*



## **Two years in ministry**

It will be two years in June this year that I was ordained at Norwich Cathedral and came to work with the churches in the Tas Valley, how time flies! Over the last two years I have learnt so much about the role of the parish church, how the church works, and also learnt a lot about myself. Firstly I would like to say a big thank you to all the willing volunteers who give up their time to keep St Mary's Tasburgh and St Mary's Tharston open. Because of their efforts and commitment, it means that the church can continue to serve the community in providing regular Sunday services and offering opportunities for weddings and baptisms and funerals in the parish church. It's no secret that local parish churches are struggling at the moment, as fewer and fewer people attend the weekly services. This means the responsibility, both practically and financially, to keep the church open falls on a relatively small group of people.

It has been a privilege for the Hartley family to get to know you all, and personally a privilege to have been able to have been with some of you as you have experienced the joys of getting married or having your babies baptised. There are also the harder times of being with you through bereavement, or struggling with other issues. The latter of course is not just a ministry of mine, but of Rach also, who I also owe a big thank you to. One thing I've learnt in my two years here, is even though I'm called to minister to others, is how much I have been ministered to, by you.

I thank you for the support that we have received from you as at times life has been challenging for us also. Who knows what the next two years will bring but please be assured of my prayers for you. May God's blessing be with you and your families now and always.

Amen

*Martin Hartley*

### *The Reverend Canon Sally Gaze*

Sally Gaze's contribution to the diocese through her work as the Facilitator for Fresh Expressions of Church and as the Team Rector in the Tas Valley has been recognised in her appointment as an Honorary Canon of Norwich Cathedral she was collated by Bishop Graham and installed by the the Dean at Evensong on May 3. It was good that so many from the benefice were able to attend the service Continue to pray for Sally in this new role linked with the cathedral. May she be blessed and be a blessing J.C.

## *Dates for your diary*

**Sunday June 7 Meet at St Mary's Church, Saxlingham**

for a Depwade Deanery Event 4.00pm Deanery Walk  
5.00pm Tea 6.00pm Deanery Evensong

**Saturday June 27 12.00-3.00pm Tasburgh Church Fete**

in the church and Churchyard All Welcome

**Saturday June 27** time TBC **Swainsthorpe Bake Off**

**Sunday July 12 Cell Church Picnic at Whitlingham**

Watch out for details

**Monday July 27 to Thursday July 30 10.00-12.00noon**

Tas Valley Churches Holiday Club.

Fun, games, craft, stories drama for 5-11years with  
parent/carer and toddler activity alongside

**Saturday August 22 2.00pm Tharston Fete at Picton Farm**

## *Tharston Church News*

### **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.

Please do check service times with the churchwardens or on the Tas Valley website 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*

June 14	11.00am Open Gardens Service
June 21	8.00am BCP 1662 Holy Communion
July 4	Wedding
July 12	11.00am BCP 1662 Morning Prayer
July 19	8.00am BCP 1662 Holy Communion
August 1	Wedding
August 9	11.00am BCP 1662 Morning Prayer
August 16	8.00am BCP 1662 Holy Communion

### *Christian Aid Fundraising. Thank you*

Brenda, the local organiser, is delighted to be able to report that the Table Top sale, Lent Smartie tubes and generous donations have raised nearly £ 1000 for Christian Aid this spring.

## *Tasburgh News*

We have had a very busy time at St Mary's over the past few months. One of the highlights being the confirmation service with Bishop Alan when four of our youngsters were confirmed another was the full immersion baptism of one of the candidates on the previous Sunday.

**St Mary's Freedom Café** takes place at Preston Primary at 10.30am on the first Sunday of each month. Café church is for people of all ages and an opportunity to meet and get to know each other, share experiences in a very informal way over a mug of coffee and bacon roll, engage with some questions of life, have some time for an optional fun craft activity, have a time for quiet reflection in response to some faith questions in a creative way or just come to read the papers. Please feel welcome to come to see what it's about or speak to Martin and Rach 471474

### *Pastoral Care Team*

"If you judge people, you have no time to love them."

Mother Teresa

The pastoral care team has been meeting regularly and has come up with number ideas of ways in which we could serve our community. We are holding a free men's brunch on Saturday July 11 of at the village hall. We are planning a cooked breakfast and activities, so why not give it a try!

To book a place ring the number below.

If you have any ideas of how we could serve the community or need or know of someone who might need our support please contact me. Kate Cakebread **471356**

# *Tasburgh Church News*

## **Tasburgh Church Wardens:**

**Julia Orpin 470 983**

**Kate Cakebread 471 356,**

The church has seen some vital maintenance carried out. Electrical work to porch and bell tower, essential masonry work, and pruning of our ancient yew trees. This work was undertaken with great expense and we would like to thank the Ladies of St Mary's Guild for their tireless fundraising which made this work possible.

Our new timetable for services seems to be working really well and the new Freedom café is attracting new families.

## *Tasburgh Church Services*

June 7	9.30am	BCP Morning Prayer
	10.30am	Café Church at Preston School [ <i>Express yourself</i> ]
June 14	9.30am	Family Communion & Children's Church
June 21	9.30am	All Age Family Service
June 28	9.30am	Holy Communion & Children's Church
July 5	9.30am	BCP Morning Prayer
	10.30am	Café at Preston Primary School [ <i>Wonderful World</i> ]
July 12	9.30 am	Family Communion & Children's Church
July 19	9.30am	All Age Family Holy Baptism Service
July 26	9.30am	Holy Communion & Children's Church
August 2	9.30am	BCP Morning Prayer
	10.30am	Café Church at Preston School [ <i>Holiday</i> ]
August 9	9.30am	Family Holy Communion
August 16	6.30pm	BCP Evensong for the Patronal Festival
August 23	9.30am	Holy Communion
August 30	9.30am	Worship Service

## *Tharston News*

### **THARSTON OPEN GARDENS**

**Saturday & Sunday – June 13/14 – 10.30 till 5.00pm**

There will be 13 Gardens of varying types spread throughout the Village open for you to enjoy.

Admission is by location map - £4 per adult (under 14s free) available from Tharston St Mary's Church (post code NR15 2YG), a good starting point for your visit.

Refreshments, Plant sales & Raffle

All monies raised being in aid of the Church Funds.

If you have any queries please contact Chris Lawson on 530055.

### **THARSTON CHURCH FETE**

**Saturday 22 August at 2.00pm**

The Fete will take place later this year, on and will once again be held in the Garden of Picton Farm by kind permission of Mr & Mrs S Smith.

We hope to have all the usual traditional Stalls and full details will be sent out nearer the time, but please mark your diaries with the date.

## *St Mary's Guild -*

The Coffee Morning on April 25 raised £327-41

. Thank you for your support

We meet at 2.30pm Tasburgh Church Room

June 1 Caroline Beer 'The Women of the National Trust'

July 6 Annual Garden Party

September 7 David Frost The Squires of Felbrigg Hall

Please come and join us, everyone is welcome.

Saturday August 1 10.30-12.00 Fundraising Coffee Morning

At Rookery House, Lower Tasburgh

## *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:**

Mart Hartley -	15 yrs +, Sun eves, Tasburgh)	0784 910 5554
Sally Gaze -	Monday evening	470762
Chris Gaze	11-14yrs, Mon evenings in Newton	470 762
Kate Cakebread	Wednesday evenings in Newton	471356
Rach Hartley -	Wednesday evenings in Tasburgh	471 474
Richard Bond -	Wednesday evenings in Saxlingham	578 093
Andy Cox	Thursday evenings in Newton c/o	470762
Vicky Ball -	Thursday evenings in Newton	471 506
Wayne Doman -	Sat afternoon Special Me Group	471 933

**Youth Cells (JAM)** meet on Monday evenings 7-8.30 to explore our faith and have fun together. Contact Chris Gaze, e-mail:

## *Local Houses of Prayer -*

These are small groups of Christians meeting to pray together for the area in which they live and the people of their community. They have a particular emphasis on seeking God's blessing for their patch. It is an opportunity for Christians from different traditions, to come together to pray with others 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](mailto:jenny@tasvalley.org)

## *Regular Events/Groups*

**Bible Study Group** – Meets on Tuesday afternoons in the summer .  
New members 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. For more details phone Shirley Brooks on 470 369.

**Local House of Prayer** - 1st and 3rd Wednesday Mornings at 10.30am  
Please phone Andrea 471 529 or Jenny 470141 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

### *Making Contact:*

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