

Autumn 2014

Tasburgh and Tharston Church Newsletter



New Beginnings

It has been a busy but encouraging quarter.

On June 28th we had a very successful Summer Fête in the churchyard, which raised £700.00 for church funds. On July 5th The Reverend Martin Hartley was ordained priest in Norwich Cathedral by Bishop Graham James along with 7 other deacons. One of the things that a priest does in the Anglican Church that a deacon cannot do is celebrate the Holy Communion and so it is a very special day when a new priest is able to do that for the first time. So the next day there was a special service at Tasburgh, for the all the benefice, when Martin presided at Holy Communion. This was followed by a celebratory lunch and presentations. A really inspiring and joyful weekend. And the following week, July 13th, there were more celebrations as The Reverend Dawn Davidson was licensed and installed at St Mary's, Saxlingham by Bishop Alan Winton, and welcomed as the new Team Vicar. She had been working as an Ordained Local Minister in Mulbarton Benefice, (where Adrian Miller is now rector), for some years but has moved to the New Rectory in Saxlingham to take up this appointment. Dawn has had some duties to fulfil back in Mulbarton as well as all the new work in Shotesham and Saxlingham so, she will introduce herself more fully in a future edition of the Church Newsletter but in the meantime to quote from her profile on the Tas Valley website: -

'Her passions in ministry are prayer, preaching and pastoral care.'
And 'she keeps an illustrated journal and enjoys reading, needlework, knitting and walking (but not all at the same time!)' **Jenny Cooper**

Dates for your diary

September

Saturday 13th 9.00am-5.00pm Norfolk Churches Trust Sponsored Ride and Walk (Contact Churchwardens for more information).

October

Thursday 2nd The Big Alpha Supper at the Norfolk Showground
Benefice contact: William Ball 471506

Sunday 5th Harvest Lunch at Tasburgh Village Hall

Monday 6th Alpha Course begins locally. Exploring questions of life

November

Saturday 15th St Mary's Church Tasburgh and the Village Hall Committee invite you to join them in the Tasburgh Village Hall at 7.30pm for an evening of musical delight led by the choir and friends. The first half will be traditional music hall, and the second half will commemorate the centenary of **WW1** with songs from both world wars.

Audience participation vital! Dressing up much appreciated.

Bar open, delicious food served in the interval.

Tickets £10, children 12 and under £7.50.

More information and tickets from:

Sarah Norman on 471 505

e-mail: sarah.barnlodge@googlemail.com



Sunday 16th 6.30pm at St Mary's Newton Flotman a special service for Remembering Loved Ones who have died. An opportunity to light a candle in memory of loved ones, and for them to be remembered by name in a time of quiet reflection.

December

Saturday 6th Christmas Fayre in Tasburgh Church and Church Room

Tharston Church News

Tharston Church Wardens:

Mrs Pat Read 530 325, Mrs Sue Hubbard 530 072

There continues to be a pattern of two 8.00am BCP Holy Communion services each month, but these will now be on 1st and 3rd Sundays, except for September when, because there is a Harvest Festival on 21st at 6.00pm, there will be an 8.00am Holy Communion on September 28th. There is a joint Remembrance service at Tasburgh on November 9th.

Tharston Church Services

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| September 7 th | 8.00am BCP Holy Communion |
| September 21 st | 6.00pm Harvest Service |
| September 28 th | 8.00am BCP Holy Communion |
| October 5 th | 8.00am BCP Holy Communion |
| October 19 th | 8.00am BCP Holy Communion |
| November 2 nd | 8.00am BCP Holy Communion |
| November 9 th | 10.45am Remembrance Service at Tasburgh |
| November 16 th | 8.00am BCP Holy Communion |

Local Houses of Prayer – are small groups of people meeting to pray together for God's blessing, on the people who live around them and the area in which they live. Of course our parish churches are houses of prayer in which, for hundreds of years, local people have gathered regularly, to worship God and pray for their parish. But, the Local Houses of Prayer do have a particular focus on blessing prayer for the community in which they meet. It could be an opportunity for Christians from different traditions, to come together to pray with others in the same area. If you would like to know more please contact: Jenny Cooper 470 141

Tasburgh Church News

Tasburgh Church Wardens:

Kate Cakebread 471 356, Julia Orpin 470 983

A warm welcome to the people of Tharston who come to Tasburgh Church, for services when there is no service at Tharston.

Pastoral Care Team

“Loneliness and the feeling of being unwanted is the most terrible poverty.” (Mother Teresa).

We have recently set up a pastoral care team, it is a group that want to reach out to our community. Our main aim is to offer social support, by simply visiting and meeting people.

We hope to develop further ideas. But if you know anyone who would benefit from a visit, please contact us.

Kate Cakebread – 471 356

Tasburgh Church Services

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| September 7 th | 9.30am Songs of Praise |
| September 14 th | 9.30 Holy Communion & Childrens Church |
| September 21 st | Family Service led by Sat Nav |
| September 28 th | 9.30am Holy Communion, Childrens Church & Sat Nav |
| October 5 th | 9.30am Harvest Service and Holy Baptism |
| October 12 th | 9.30am Holy Communion & Childrens Church |
| October 19 th | 9.30am Family Service |
| October 26 th | 9.30am Holy Communion, Childrens Church & Sat Nav |
| November 2 nd | 9.30am Morning Service or BCP Morning Prayer |
| November 9 th | 10.45 Remembrance Service for Tasburgh & Tharston |
| November 16 th | 9.30am Family Service |
| November 23 rd | 9.30am Holy Communion, Childrens Church & Sat Nav |
| November 30 th | 4.00pm Advent Carol Service |

Tasburgh News

Jungle Jamboree Holiday Club

Nearly 70 children and 30 adults were involved in 4 days of fabulous fun at the Jungle Jamboree Holiday Club, held at Preston Primary School, Tasburgh from 29 July- 1st Aug. Games, drama, messy forfeits, crafts and songs were all enjoyed by 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 work 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.

Sally Gaze - Team Rector

St. Mary's Guild - Tasburgh

We meet on the first Monday of each month, in the Church Room at 2.30pm. Please come and join us, everyone is welcome.

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| 1 st September | Mrs A Hawkes -Musical Afternoon |
| 6 th October | Mr Alan Jones - 'Journey Round China' |
| 3 rd November | Mr David Poole -Norfolk Dialect |
| 6 th December | Christmas Fayre 10.30am-12.00noon |
| 8 th December | Christmas Tea Party |

The Coffee Morning on August 2nd raised £404.19p

Tharston News

Tharston Church Fete

In spite of a wet morning our church fete was a great success, raising over £1300 for church funds. Our grateful thanks to Steve and Bev Smith for the use of Picton farm garden, and all the helpers who man the stalls and put up marquees. We all know the amount of effort that goes into organising these events; our result just covered our annual church insurance.

We are at present having some work done on the chancel to fill in some rather large cracks, which we hope will help us ascertain if there is continued movement in the building.

Looking ahead we are hoping to have a Tharston open gardens next year in May or June so watch this space.

Regards Sue Hubbard

The 'Who Cares?' Project

The Tas Valley Team Ministry has been taking part in this county wide survey during June and July. In Tasburgh a small team visited homes in pairs, asking people the question 'What hurts the most?' and asking them to write their response on a card anonymously, to be submitted for analysis. If people were not in a letter was left inviting people, if they wanted to, to submit their response on-line.

We are sorry that we did not manage to get to every house in Tasburgh, but we are grateful for peoples' willingness to take part - thank you. What next?

We intend to respond to the primary issues that will emerge from the analysis of the survey.

If you are interested there is a website: www.who-cares.org.uk

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.

Contacts:

Sally Gaze - (Mon daytime, Newton) 470 762
William Ball - (Wed eves, Newton) 471 506
Vicky Ball - (Thur eves, Newton) 471 506
Rach Hartley - (Wed eves, Tasburgh) 471 474
Richard Bond - (Wed eves, Saxlingham) 578 093
Wayne Doman - (Special Me Group) 471 933
Chris Gaze - (11-14-yrs, Mon eves, Newton) 470 762
Mart Hartley - (15 yrs +, Sun eves, Tasburgh) 0784 910 5554

Youth Cells (JAM) We meet on Monday evenings 7-8.30 to explore our faith and have fun together. Once a month, we have a social event – cinema, bowling, circus skills, lazer quest etc. Other nights, there's a fast moving programme, with bible bits, drama, games, praying about stuff that means a lot to us and crazy stunts all mixed up. Contact Chris Gaze, e-mail: chris@tasvalley.org; or call on 470 762

Community Choir!

The Community Choir has been meeting fortnightly since last December. They did their first, well received, public performance at the Church Summer Fête singing four songs. They also made a guest appearance at Martin's post-ordination party. They are having a summer break, but will reconvene in September. There is room for all and room for more. All you need is a willingness to sing and have fun (or it may be the other way round). Everyone is invited. Want to come? Want to know more? Contact Rach on 471 474. A warm welcome awaits you.

Regular Events/Groups

Bible Study Group – Meets on Tuesdays. Please contact Philip Simmons 499 041. New members are always welcome.

Children's Church – Tasburgh has a Children's Church for children aged from three years. This runs on the first, 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 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 – 4pm for a chat with coffee & cake. Church Room, Tasburgh. All ages welcome.

Making Contact:

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