

Spring 2014

Tasburgh and Tharston Church Newsletter

On the front page of the winter newsletter the news of The Reverend Adrian Miller's impending departure was announced. On January 19th Tasburgh Church was full to bid him and his family farewell, to thank them and to pray blessings on them for their future ministry, this was followed by an excellent buffet lunch at the primary school. On February 6th Adrian was instituted, inducted and installed as the Rector of the Mulbarton Benefice. It was a wonderful occasion with many people from the local churches going to Mulbarton to support him. Please continue to pray for all the family in this new ministry..

Hello from The Reverend Jenny Cooper

I am taking this opportunity introduce myself to you. I lived in Tacolneston for 33 years where I was a member of the local church and then trained and served as a Reader. I then underwent a further three years training to become an Ordained Local Minister. I moved to Tasburgh 2 years ago and made links with the local church and joined a Cell but continued as a priest in The Upper Tas Valley Benefice. At the beginning of last year I began to feel that I should to be more involved in the church and community in which I was now living and this led to my retirement at the end of July as a priest serving in Upper Tas. I have had time for rest and recuperation and I have become a regular worshipper in the benefice. I had already taken some services but from the end of January I have taken on a more regular commitment. My husband Chris and I have joined [or rejoined] the local bellringers. We first rang with the Tas Valley Ringers over 30 years ago. I have taken on compiling this Church Newsletter and contributing to the Benefice website. I look forward to what God has got for me to do and to be in these villages of the Tas Valley Team Ministry in my 'retirement'. I really appreciate the way in which we have been made welcome since we arrived here in Tasburgh. Thank you. *Jenny*

Tharston Church News

Tharston Church Wardens

Mrs Pat Read 530325, Mrs Sue Hubbard 530072

The Carols by Candlelight Service was held on Friday December 20th and the Church was absolutely full with several new faces amongst the Congregation. The Service was a first for our new Curate the Rev Martin Hartley and followed the usual format of Readings and Carols with the Tasburgh Church Choir, who were as usual in fine voice, leading the singing. After the Service Mulled Wine and Mince Pies were provided to all those present. Our thanks go to the Choir and to all those Volunteers who decorated the Church and provided and served the refreshments.

Thank you On behalf of the members of the PCC I would like to express thanks to all those who answered our Village appeal which was asking for some Financial assistance to help us to continue to keep the Church open for all residents of Tharston. The appeal has so far produced an additional annual amount of nearly £1000, which will go a long way towards helping us achieve this aim. If anyone still wishes to help us and has not yet completed and returned the forms, or perhaps has mislaid them, would they please contact Chris Lawson on 01508 530055 who will supply you with fresh details of the Appeal if needed. Once again many thanks for your support *Chris Lawson*

Tharston Church Services

March 9th Holy Communion BCP 8.00am
March 16th Holy Communion BCP 8.00am
March 30th Mothering Sunday Service 11.00am
April 13th Holy Communion BCP 8.00am
April 20th Easter Holy Communion 11.00am
May 11th Holy Communion BCP at 8.00am
May 18th Holy Communion BCP at 8.00am



Tasburgh Church News

Tasburgh Church Wardens

Kate Cakebread 471356, Julia Orpin 470983

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

Parish Development Programme -Growing for the future

The Parochial Church Council have set aside four weeks in March/April as "Growing for the Future" Sundays. We are adapting a tried and successful programme used by village churches to move forward with a united vision for the future. Each Sunday we will get together in the church share some refreshments and within the time of worship we will discuss areas such as welcome, worship, care, witness and service, refining our thoughts as the weeks progress. We hope you can come March 9th, 16th, 23rd and April 6th. To share your ideas and listen to others and make shared plans for the future.

Tasburgh Church Services

March 2nd Matins at 9.30am

March 9th PDP Holy Communion and Children's Church 9.30am

March 16th PDP Family Service 9.30am

March 23rd PDP Holy Communion and Children's Church 9.30am

March 30th Mothering Sunday Service 9.30am

April 6th PDP Growing for the future .All morning from 9.30-12.30pm

April 13th Family Service at 9.30am

April 20th Easter Holy Communion and Children's Church 9.30am

April 27th Holy Communion and Children's Church 9.30am

May 4th Morning Service and Children's Church and Sat Nav 9.30am

May 11th Holy Communion and Children's Church 9.30am

May 18th Family Service 9.30am

May 25th Holy Communion and Children's Church 9.30am

Dates For Your Diary

Women's World Day of Prayer

2.00pm Friday March 7th at Long Stratton Methodist Church

Lent

5th March Ash Wednesday Service at Swainsthorpe 7.30pm

Wednesdays 12,19, 26th March and 2nd, 9th April

Compline at 7.00pm in St Mary's Church, Tasburgh

Holy Week April 13th

Fig Monday 14 th Lectio Divina at Newton Flotman Rectory at 7.30pm

Bridegroom Tuesday 15th Lectio Divina at Tharston Church at 7.30pm

Spy Wednesday 16th House of Prayer at Saxlingham at 7.30pm

Maundy Thursday 17th Passover Meal at Swainsthorpe 7.30pm

Good Friday 18th Family Service with crafts at Tasburgh at 11.00am

Words from the Cross at Saxlingham at 3.00pm

Tenebrae at Shotesham St Mary at 9pm followed

by a Vigil lasting until Dawn Service on Easter Day

Looking Further ahead

Saturday June 28th Tasburgh Church Fete

The Tharston Church Fete will take place on Saturday July 5th at 2pm in the Gardens of Picton Farm Tharston and we hope that this early notification will enable you all to mark your Diaries. We hope to see many of you at the Fete and would also welcome all from neighbouring Parishes to attend and support what is our major Fundraising event of the year. Full details will be circulated nearer the time *Chris Lawson*

Stop Press [sort of]

Look out for a way of giving help to humanitarian projects through Christian Aid. There will be an opportunity to hear about the work of Christian Aid at the service at Tasburgh Church on Sunday May 11th

Please check the Tas Valley Team website for updates and changes and further information. www.tasvalley.org

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) 470762; Jenny Cooper (Wed eves, Tasburgh) 470141; Richard Bond (Wed eves, Saxlingham) 578093; William Ball (Wed eves, Newton) 471506; Vicky Ball (Thur eves, Newton) 471506; Wayne Doman (Special Me Group) 471933; Chris Gaze (11-14-yrs, Mon eves, Newton) 470762; Mart Hartley (15 yrs +, Sun eves, Tasburgh) 07876 643560

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; telephone 01508 470762.

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.

3rd March	Mr Paul Binney	Poetry & Pictures
7th April	Mrs S Beckham	Zumba
12th May	Mrs Helen Burnett	Wild life in Asia
2nd June	Mr John Mann	Liveries of London

The Coffee morning on January 18th raised £302.81p **Thank you**

**Next Coffee Morning - April 26th 10.30am-12 noon at
The Grange Tasburgh All are welcome**

Community Choir!

Love warbling to One Direction? Or rocking out to the Rolling Stones? We have started a Tasburgh Community Choir! We are meeting fortnightly. There is room for all and room for more. All you need is a willingness to have fun and sing. If you're keen or just want to know more, call Rev Mart on 07849 105554 or email: martin@tasvalley.org.

Regular Events/Groups

Bible Study Group – New members are always welcome.
Please contact Philip Simmons 499041.

Emmanuel Group – Meeting weekly, 58 Church Road, Tasburgh.
For more details phone Shirley Brooks on 470369.

Fairtrade – Fairly traded products catalogues are available on request
from Val Cook on 470298.

Local House of Prayer 1st and 3rd Tuesday evenings at 7.30pm
Please phone Andrea 471529 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 471505.

Prayer for the parishes takes place every day. Please give prayer
requests to a churchwarden, clergy person or prayer box or board in
church. On Tuesdays we meet to pray at Tasburgh Church at 9:30am.

Children's Church – Tasburgh has a Children's Church for children aged
from three years. This runs on the first, second and fourth Sunday of
each month. All welcome. Contact Andrea Sluman on 471529.

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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All contributions for the next edition by Thu 8th May 2014. Thank you.