

Autumn 2013

# Tasburgh and Tharston Church Newsletter

## **A Big Hello!**

I would like to take this opportunity to say a big hello from the Hartley family. My name is Martin and I'm married to Rach. We have four children, Dorrie 14, Willow 12, Noah 6, and Honey 4. We have recently moved into the New Rectory in Tasburgh, from Cambridge where I was at college.

I will be involved in services at St Mary's Tasburgh and Tharston, as well as looking to get involved in other aspects of community life. I am an ordained pioneer minister which means I will be here for 4 years, exploring and developing new ways in which people can explore the Christian faith. A big part of my time here will be listening to what people think about faith, and developing appropriate Church from there. It could be a café style event, it could be playing pool or it could be over a pint at the Countryman.

16 years ago, my life was very different and I did not go to church. I had a life changing experience which I would love to share with whoever would like to hear it. I like to ride my Motorbike (you may have seen me on my yellow Honda), play golf, pool, guitar and running. I enjoy community life so if you know where help is needed, or have any ideas or would like to know more, then please get in touch.

We love this area and have met some lovely people and had such a warm welcome, so thank you. Please stop and have a chat and we look forward to sharing the adventure with you all.

Rev Captain Martin Hartley

# Tharston Church News

**Tharston Church Wardens**

**Mrs Pat Read 530325, Mrs Sue Hubbard 530072**

Thanks to everyone who helped make the annual fete such an enjoyable occasion. We raised over £1100 for the church on the day and many people commented on what a splendid atmosphere there was in Picton Farm. Our new curate was also in attendance, and we look forward to seeing how his time with us will work out.

We enjoyed a lovely wedding in Tharston Church, although one of the bell ropes snapped during the ringing, and we have had to do some repair work. The new window is in and looks lovely as well as keeping the water out!

The annual meetings brought some news from the diocese about rising costs, and we are going to have to find more income to meet these demands, so look out for details of how we are responding to that.

## Tharston Church Services

1st Sep	11am	Village Praise - Martin
8th Sep	8am	Holy Communion
<b>15th Sep</b>	<b>11am</b>	<b>Confirmation Service at TASBURGH</b>
<b>22nd Sep</b>	<b>6:30pm</b>	<b>Harvest Festival</b>
6th Oct	11am	Holy Communion
13th Oct	11am	Village Praise
20th Oct	8am	Holy Communion
3rd Nov	11am	Holy Communion
<b>10th Nov</b>	<b>10:45am</b>	<b>Remembrance Sunday at TASBURGH</b>
17th Nov	8am	Holy Communion
24th Nov	11am	Village Praise



## Evening Harvest Celebration - 22<sup>nd</sup> Sep, 6:30pm

Don't miss what promises to be a really special harvest festival celebration in Tharston Church.

# Tasburgh Church News

**Tasburgh Church Wardens**

**Kate Cakebread 471356, Julia Orpin 470983**

Our long-standing problem of having 3 groups of people wanting to share the 2 church rooms each Sunday morning has been solved, at least for the time being. The adults will continue in the main building. The children will use the church room twice per month and have a Sunday each month at the school. The young people will use the church room once, be in with the adults once and also meet for one Sunday at the school. All ages come together for the 3rd Sunday. We'll do this until Christmas and see how it works. It should be better than our teens crowding into a corridor or the bell tower! Thanks to the school for allowing use of their facilities for that.

The building remains in good order and is being well looked after. It was wonderful to see it in use for some special weddings this summer.

Increases to church costs are causing concern across the diocese and we are trusting God for His provision and help in these difficult days.

## **Tasburgh Church Services**

1st Sep	9:30am	Morning Light
8th Sep	9:30am	Holy Communion, Children's Church, Sat Nav
<b>15th Sep</b>	<b>11am</b>	<b>Benefice Confirmation Service</b>
22nd Sep	9:30am	Holy Communion, Children's Church, Sat Nav
29th Sep	9:30am	Youth-Led Service
<b>6th Oct</b>	<b>9:30am</b>	<b>Harvest Festival, with lunch at Village Hall</b>
13th Oct	9:30am	Holy Communion & Children's Church
20th Oct	9:30am	All Age, with shared breakfast
27th Oct	9:30am	Holy Communion, Children's Church, Sat Nav
3rd Nov	9:30am	BCP Choral Matins, Children's Church, Sat Nav
<b>10th Nov</b>	<b>10:45am</b>	<b>Remembrance Sunday</b>
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## Dates For Your Diary

### September

**Tasburgh Village Fete** - 12noon-4pm, Sat 7th Sep, Village Hall

**Clergy Conference** - 9th-12th Sep - the diocese will be devoid of clergy as we all retreat to Hatfield for 4 days!

**NCT Sponsored Bike Ride** - Sat 14th Sep. 2013 is the 30 the anniversary of this event. Look out for riders to sponsor!

**Tharston Harvest Festival** - 6:30pm, Sun 22nd Sep, Tharston Church

**Tharston PCC** - 7:30pm, Tue 24th Sep, Tharston Church.

### October

**Tasburgh Harvest Festival, with Lunch** - 6th October - 9:30am Service in Church, with delicious hot food served at the Village Hall, 12:30pm for 1pm start.

**Sillars Light Orchestra** - 7:30pm, Sat 19th October, Tasburgh Church. Come and hear this superb local orchestra perform a rousing autumn's evening entertainment, all for a great cause. More details from Adrian, Martin or Tasburgh churchwardens.

### November

**Cell Training, with Laurence Singlehurst** - 7:30pm, Thu 13th Nov, Newton Flotman School. Laurence entertaining, fun and the UK's expert on cell church. Not to be missed. Contact Sally on 470762 for more.

**World Shine Ministries UK Conference** - Fri 22nd-Sun 24th November. An inaugural WSM conference for anyone with a heart for Africa, and ready to encounter the Living God in inspiring company. We hope to take a minibus from Tas Valley. All welcome. More details from Adrian or online at [www.tasvalley.org](http://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.

If you'd like to join a cell, contact Jo Luxton (daytime, Newton) 473030; Andrew Gibson (Tues eves, Saxlingham) 499004; Sally Gaze (Wed eves, Tasburgh) 470762; Sarah Miller (Wed eves, Saxlingham) 498317; Richard Bond (Wed eves, Saxlingham) 578093; William & Vicky Ball (Weds & Thurs eves, Newton) 471506; Andy Cox (Friday eves, Newton) 471334; Chris Gaze (Sunday eves youth & Wed eves, Newton) 470762

**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:

## **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.

### **Coming up....**

7th Oct	Major Ruth Curtis	Zambia
4th Nov	Sister Pamela	
2nd Dec	Christmas Tea Party	

### **Christmas Fayre - Tasburgh Church & Church Room**

Sat 30th Nov, 10.30am - 12 Noon £1 Entry  
Bring & Buy - Raffle - Cakes - Coffee - Mince Pies

The coffee morning held on 3rd August raised £440.

Thank you for your help and support.

*"We don't need more facts, and we certainly don't need more things to do. We need **Life**, and we've been looking for it ever since we lost Paradise. Jesus appeals to our desire because he came to speak to it."*

- An excerpt from *Desire*, by John Eldredge

## ***Regular Events/Groups***

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

**Emmanuel Group** – Meeting weekly, 58 Church Road, Tasburgh. Ask Renee Hollinger for more details or phone Shirley Brookes on 470369.

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

**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 Jane Rae on 470692.

**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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