

Summer 2012

# Tasburgh and Tharston Church Newsletter

## Avenging Guilt

The new Avengers movie is great fun - I've been excited about it. It's a fascinating mix of mythological gods, superheroes and 'ordinary' humans. The clash of these cultures raises some interesting questions:

- the nature of God - with Captain America uttering the classic line to Loki, who thinks of himself as a god and sometimes wears a helmet with elaborate horns and a cape, "There's only one God, and I'm sure He doesn't dress like that!"
- the nature of worship - with Loki saying that humans are weak because they need to worship something (Though of course that's only a sign of weakness if what we're worshipping is not worthy of worship, or not in fact true...)
- the nature of guilt - with the Black Widow admitting that she may have superhero powers but still can't atone for the harm she's caused in the past. She wants to pay for her bad deeds and put it right but is taunted by the reality that she can never achieve that on her own.

The movie is a classic escapist jaunt but underlying it are some questions about our need of a rescuer who is perfect in goodness and power, can atone for our wrong, can be trusted for eternal life and is worthy of our devotion.

*"...all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement, through the shedding of his blood – to be received by faith." - Romans 3:23-25*

Through this Jubilympicathlon of a summer, may you know the One true God, who alone fights for us, and gives us peace.

Adrian

# Tharston Church News

**Tharston Church Wardens**

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

Thank you to everybody who kindly donated to the food bank appeal. We took a car boot load for distribution just before Easter. PLEASE remember that this is an ongoing appeal and donations can be left in the back of the Church at any time.

We are having a Diamond Jubilee village praise service on Sunday 3rd June at 11am. Come and join us for a glass of bucks fizz after the service. The village is celebrating the Diamond Jubilee on Sunday and Monday: Sunday with a village lunch organised by the Parish Council; and Monday the events committee are holding a family afternoon on the field at Picton Farm, followed in the evening by the relaying of the Buckingham Palace Concert and the lighting of the beacon at 10.26pm. We do hope that both these events will be well supported and there will be something for everybody to enjoy.

## Tharston Church Services

<b>3rd June</b>	<b>11am</b>	<b>Jubilee Village Praise</b>
17th June	8am	Holy Communion
24th June	11am	Holy Communion
1st July	11am	Holy Communion
<b>8th July</b>	<b>11am</b>	<b>Village Praise</b>
15th July	8am	Holy Communion
5th Aug	11am	Holy Communion
19th Aug	8am	Holy Communion



## Special Services in Neighbouring Parishes

29th July	10.30am	Benefice Informal Worship & Children's Church, with Farewell to Martin family - Tasburgh Church
	6.30pm	Benefice Evensong - Saxlingham Church Ruin

# Tasburgh Church News

**Tasburgh Church Wardens**

**Vivienne Taylor 471790, Julia Orpin 470983**

The porch roof repairs are finally completed and we await a full drying out before we clean and redecorate, hopefully in the summer. We too have been thrilled with the response to the Foodbank appeal, and would love to see regular support for this. The box is at the back of church, which remains open every day for visitors.

We were so pleased to see so many join us for our special service of thanks to all those who help in so many ways. It really was a delightful and joyful occasion, and brought home just what a great team of people we have, working together for such a great purpose. The wine and food were also top notch. It was great just to give praise where praise is due. Thank you all again.

Our children and young peoples' work continues to thrive, and our young people will be serving cream teas on Sun 3rd June at church in the afternoon. Do come along and write your message to the Queen!

## Tasburgh Church Services

3rd June	9.30am	Jubilee Special, Children's Church, Sat Nav
10th June	9.30am	Holy Communion & Children's Church
<b>17th June</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>All Age Service</b>
24th June	9.30am	Communion, Children's Church & Sat Nav
<b>1st July</b>	<b>11am</b>	<b>All Age Baptism</b>
8th July	9.30am	Holy Communion & Children's Church
<b>15th July</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>All Age Baptism, with shared breakfast</b>
22nd July	9.30am	Communion, Children's Church & Sat Nav
<b>29th July</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Benefice Informal Worship - Farewell to Martin Family</b>
5th Aug	9.30am	Songs of Praise, Children's Church & Sat Nav
12th Aug	9.30am	Family Communion
19th Aug	9.30am	All Age Service
26th Aug	9.30am	Family Communion

## Dates For Your Diary

### June

**Jubilee Celebrations** - Sun 3rd and Mon 4th - various events in Tharston (see Tharston Church News); Sun 3rd @ Tasburgh Church - afternoon cream teas in support of "Gospel for Asia"

**Tasburgh PCC** - Tue 12th June, 7:30pm, Tasburgh Church Room

**Saxlingham Church Fete** - Sat 23rd June, 2-4pm, Saxlingham Rectory Garden. Games, stalls, live music, raffles, etc.

### July

**Tharston Church Fete** - Sat 7th July, 2-4pm, Picton Farm.

**The New Creationism** - Sat 14 July, 10am-3pm, Saxlingham Chapel, Browns Lane. What's at stake in the creation/evolution debate? Does a creationist view stand up to real scientific scrutiny? Internationally renowned speakers, Dr Steve Lloyd and Paul Garner, address these issues. Contact Adrian for more details, or see the church website: [www.tasvalley.org](http://www.tasvalley.org)

**Tharston PCC** - Mon 16th July, 7:30pm

**80s Disco Fundraiser** - 7:30pm, Sat 21st July, Tasburgh Village Hall, tickets £5 from Nathan Simmons (471 197) - Proceeds to charitable work in Uganda through our summer trip

### September

**Benefice Social /Farewell /Report Back** - Sun 9th Sep, Saxlingham Village Hall, 1pm - Bring and Share lunch - Farewell to Hannah Pye after her year here and a report back from the 18-strong Uganda Team

### Holiday Club 2012

This year will see an Olympic theme, with money raised going to fund sports equipment for Rwentobo School in Uganda, which we shall be visiting in August. Runs Tues 24th June-Fri 27th June, 10am-12noon, with a shared lunch following immediately after Friday's morning session. Offers of shoeboxes and fabric gratefully received ahead of time!

## **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; Chris Martin (Wed eves, Tasburgh) 470768; Richard Bond (Wed eves, Saxlingham) 578093; William & Vicky Ball (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: [chris@tasvalley.org](mailto: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.

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

11th June	Rev Chris Martin	My trip to Avila
3rd Sept	Mr Green	British Legion
1st Oct	Mr P Binny	Poetry & Pictures

The Guild Coffee Morning held on 21st April raised £353.50.  
Thank you for your support and help.

## **Farewell to Martin Family**

We have been most blessed to have the Martin family travel with us through the last 3 years, and we are thrilled for the people of *The Churches 4 All Mission Community*, East Devon, in the Diocese of Exeter, who will be welcoming Chris as their vicar after the summer break.

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

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

**Emmanuel Group** – Meeting weekly in 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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*All contributions for the next edition to Adrian by Thu 9th August 2012.*

*Thank you.*