

Summer 2013

# Tasburgh and Tharston Church Newsletter

## **The Wonder of Eve**

I was, like so many, aghast with the news story of those 3 women in Ohio held captive for 10 years, Amanda, Gina & Michelle. They are not the first and won't be the last, but it cries out to us about how far we have come from God's original intention in creation. These criminal men had not a clue about the true nature of those they were abusing.

The story of Eve holds such rich treasures for us to discover. The essence and purpose of a woman are unveiled in the story of her creation. These profound, eternal, mythic themes are written not just in the coming of Eve, but in the soul of every woman after. Woman is the crown of creation—the most intricate, dazzling creature on earth.

She has a crucial role to play, a destiny of her own.

And she, like Adam, bears the image of God. God wanted to reveal something about himself, so he gave us Eve. When you are with a woman, ask yourself, What is she telling me about God? It will open up wonders for you.

Perhaps, you'll discover that God is relational to his core, that he has a heart for romance. Maybe you'll see that he longs to share adventures with us—adventures we cannot accomplish without him. And even that God has a beauty to unveil. A beauty that is captivating and powerfully redemptive. This is God... shown in woman.

If we human beings could only begin to grasp the wonder of Eve, perhaps fewer women would be treated with the tragic disrespect that sadly so often comes, and these news stories would be less common.

Wishing you a captivating summer,

Adrian

# Tharston Church News

## Tharston Church Wardens

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

Pat and Sue were both re-elected to their posts as churchwardens at our Annual Meeting of Parishioners.

Work is beginning on reglazing and repairing the west window at Tharston Church. The lead which supports the beautiful Victorian stained glass has lifted and is allowing water to seep through the window, so we really must repair it, to prevent water ingress causing damage. The cost to the PCC will be in excess of £2500. If any parishioner would like to send a donation to our PCC treasurer, Chris Lawson (Holbrook, The Street), however small, towards this work to help keep your parish church in good repair for future generations, it would be gratefully appreciated.

## Tharston Church Services

2nd June	11am	JOINT SERVICE AT TASBURGH - Matins
9th June	11am	Holy Communion
16th June	8am	Holy Communion
23rd June	11am	Holy Communion
7th July	11am	Holy Communion
21st July	8am	Holy Communion
28th July	11am	Morning Light
4th Aug	11am	Holy Communion
18th Aug	8am	Holy Communion



## Welcome to our new curate!

Martin will be ordained in **Norwich Cathedral** at **11am** on **Saturday 29th June**. This event is open to the public.

There will be a benefice Communion service in **Tasburgh Church** at **11am** on **Sunday 30th June** to welcome Martin and family to Tasburgh, with a lunch following. Please do come along.

# Tasburgh Church News

## Tasburgh Church Wardens

**Kate Cakebread 471356, Julia Orpin 470983**

Thanks to all those who turned up to help clean the Church building at the end of April. It was a lovely occasion and the building is showing signs of the TLC lavished upon it.

We welcome Kate Cakebread as newly elected churchwarden, who will be working alongside Julia in the coming year. Our thanks are due to Vivienne for her service as she stands down from the role.

The work on the new cupboard in the Church Room has been finished and that is now being put to good use.

## Tasburgh Church Services

2nd June	9.30am	BCP Choral Matins & Sat Nav
	11am	Morning Light & Children's Church
9th June	9.30am	Holy Communion & Children's Church
16th June	9.30am	All Age, with shared breakfast
23rd June	9.30am	Morning Worship with baptism of Eva
<b>30th June</b>	<b>11am</b>	<b>Benefice Communion &amp; Welcome of new Curate and family</b>
7th July	9.30am	BCP Choral Matins; Sat Nav; Children's Church
14th July	9.30am	Holy Communion & Children's Church
21st July	9:30am	All Age, with shared breakfast
28th July	9.30am	Holy Communion; Sat Nav; Children's Church
4th Aug	9.30am	Morning Light
11th Aug	9.30am	Family Communion
18th Aug	9.30am	All Age
25th Aug	9.30am	Songs of Praise

***NB Please note that there will be no separate children's provision throughout August, but the main Church services will aim to incorporate children and young people.***

## Dates For Your Diary

### June

**Tasburgh Festival** - 11am-8pm, Sat 8th June - full programme of events.

**Saxlingham Fete** - 2-5pm, Sat 22nd June, Saxlingham Rectory Garden

**Bellringing - Simon Rudd** - 7:30pm, Thu 27th June, Saxlingham Church - a fascinating and informative look at the subject of bellringing, ahead of Saxlingham's bell renewal project. Refreshments provided. Contact Adrian for more details.

**Ordination of Martin Hartley** - 11am, Norwich Cathedral

### July

**Tharston Fete** - 2pm, Sat 6th July, Picton Farm

**Flight Competition** - 3pm, Sun 7th July, Shotesham All Saints. Design a flying contraption. Furthest flight wins. Contact Adrian for more.

**Tasburgh PCC (TBC)** - 7:30pm, Tue 9th July, Tasburgh Church Room.

**Children Activity Days (TBC)** - Mon 29th & Tue 30th July - look out for details to follow. Contact Sally or Andrea for more information.

### September

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

**Tasburgh PCC** - 7:30pm, Tue 10th Sep, Tasburgh Church Room.

*"Anxiety weighs down the heart, but a kind word cheers it up."*

*- Proverbs 12:25*

*"Go to the effort. Invest the time. Write the letter. Make the apology. Take the trip. Purchase the gift. Do it. The seized opportunity renders joy. The neglected brings regret."*

*- Max Lucado, "And the Angels Were Silent"*

## **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; 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: [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....**

3rd June	Mr J Mann	A Conversation with John
1st July	Garden Party	
2nd Sept	Mr Davidson	Who do you think they were?

Coffee Morning - Rookery House, Lower Tasburgh  
Sat 3rd August, 10.30am - 12 Noon £1 Entry  
Bring & Buy - Raffle - Cakes

The Coffee Morning held on 20th April raised £400.00.  
Thank you for your help and support.

## ***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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