

Upper Tas Valley Benefice and Tas Valley Team Ministry

News sheet for December 2025.

Social Events and Fund-Raising Activities December 2025 - open to everybody

For more detail check Tas Valley Team Ministry website or contact Christine on 01508 488123 or c.j.minns@btinternet.com

Upper Tas Valley All Saints

Thurs 4th – Coffee Morning at Forncett St Edmunds. 10 am – 12 noon. Run each month as an outreach to the community and everybody welcome.

Wed 17th – 12.30 Warm Space Lunch and 1.30 film. Wreningham village hall. All welcome at either or both, no charge, donations welcome – arranged by UTVAS PCC

Note: all our churches (except as a temporary measure - Forncett St Edmunds & Forncett St Peters) act as a food bank collection point and are open each day.

All Saints, Ashwellthorpe

Church is open each day 10 – 4.

Each Thursday 9.30 am a short service of Holy Communion

Forncett St Edmunds

Venue for the coffee morning on 1st Thursday – see above. Church open some days as displayed by gate.

Forncett St Mary's

Church open each day

Forncett St Peter

This church is now closed for major repairs. Saturday 13th - 10am at Forncett village hall a "Saturday Market" – cakes, books, jigsaws, refreshments.

St Nicholas, Fundenhall

Second Sunday of each month – Community breakfast 9.30 – open to all.

St Margaret's, Hapton

The church is normally open each day.

St. Mary's, Newton Flotman

Tue 16th – film night "The Ballad of Wallis Island"

Sat 20th – 10-12 Church & church room. Christmas Space - festive activities and refreshments for all ages.

Su 21st – 6pm at bus shelter for "Carols on the Green".

Weekly: Sat 10-12 village Café @ Church Road

Wed. 9.30- 11.30 Outreach post office at Church Room

Monthly: 1st Wed. 2 - 4 Crafting for a Cause at Church Room

2nd Sat. – Village Walks – details Richard 07963006091

3rd Sat. – 10-12 @ village café "crafting for a cause"

St Mary the Virgin, Saxlingham Nethergate

"A Festival of Stars" – This display open to visitors 1st Dec. to 5th Jan. Do drop in to see this wonderful display.

Church is open each day 10 – 4

This church is a collection point for Norwich Foodbank

All Saints & St Mary's, Shotesham

Both churches are open each day 10 - 4

St Peter's. Swainsthorpe

Church is open week-ends 10 – 3 and visitors are welcome.

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St Mary's, Tasburgh

Church open 10 – 4 each day

Each Fri. 10 – 12 Emmanuel Prayer Group

Tasburgh "Team Room" 4th Sat each month 12 - 4

All Saints, Tacolneston

Church open each day

All Saints, Wreningham

The church is open 9 – 4 each day.

Olive House Care Home, Newton Flotman

If you need to speak to somebody about arranging a wedding, baptism or funeral – please contact:

Revd Dawn Davidson, The New Rectory, The Street, Saxlingham Nethergate, NR15 1AJ

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Services across Tas Valley

Sun 7 th December 2025 – Advent 2		
9.30	Saxlingham St Mary	Holy Communion
9.30	Swainsthorpe St Peter	Swainsthorpe Special
11.00	Tasburgh Village Hall	Freedom Cafe (doors 10.30)
11.00	Newton Flotman St Mary	Morning Worship
11.00	UTVAS – Ashwellthorpe All Saints	Holy Communion
11.00	Shotesham St Mary	Holy Communion

Sun 14 th December 2025 – Advent 3		
9.30	Swainsthorpe St Peter	Holy Communion
9.30	Tasburgh St Mary	Holy Communion
11.00	Newton Flotman St Mary	Morning Worship
11.00	Saxlingham St Mary	BCP Matins
11.00	UTVAS – Forncett St Edmunds	Morning Worship
18.30	Shotesham St Mary	Carols by Candlelight

Tues 16 th December 2025		
19.00	UTVAS Wreningham All Saints	Carols by candlelight

Sat 20 th December 2025		
15.00	UTVAS Hapton St Margaret	Carol Service

Sun 21 st December 2025 – Advent 4		
9.30	UTVAS – Wreningham All Saints	BCP Holy Communion
11.00	Newton Flotman St Mary	Holy Communion
11.00	Shotesham All Saints	Holy Communion
11.00	Fundenhall St Nicholas	Morning Worship with Carols
15.00	Saxlingham St Mary	Carol Service
16.00	Tasburgh St Mary	Carol Service
18.00	Swainsthorpe St Peter	Carol Service with dedication of bells

Wed 24 th December 2025 – Christmas Eve		
15.00	Saxlingham St Mary	Interactive Nativity
15.00	Tasburgh St Mary	Crib Service
15.00	UTVAS Tacolneston All Saints	Crib Service with Carols
16.00	Newton Flotman St Mary's	Crib Service with Carols
17.00	Shotesham All Saints	Outdoor – carols round the Christmas tree
23.30	Saxlingham St Mary	Holy Communion
23.30	Tasburgh St Mary	Holy Communion

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Thurs 25 th December 2025 – Christmas Day		
9.30	Shotesham All Saints	Holy Communion
10.00	Tasburgh St Mary	Holy Communion
10.00	UTVAS – Wreningham All Saints	Family Worship
10.30	Saxlingham – St Mary	Holy Communion

Sun 28 th December 2025 – Christmas		
8.00	Saxlingham St Mary	BCP Holy Communion
9.30	Swainsthorpe St Peter	Swainsthorpe Special
9.30	Tasburgh St Mary	Holy Communion
9.30	Shotesham All Saints	Morning Prayer
11.00	UTVAS – Wreningham All Saints	Holy Communion
11.00	UTVAS – Wreningham All Saints	Holy Communion for Advent
11.00	Saxlingham – St Mary	Contemplative Worship

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