



NOTICES & NEWS

for the Parish Churches of Newton Flotman, Swainsthorpe, Tasburgh
Tharston, Saxlingham Nethergate with Saxlingham Thorpe,
Shotesham and the Tas Valley Cell Church

Sunday Worship

4th May - Easter 2

- 8am - Holy Communion,
Newton Flotman
Church - SG & MH
- 9 for 9.30am - First Sunday
Breakfast followed by
informal worship,
Newton Flotman
Church SG
- 9.30 - Morning Light,
Swainsthorpe Church -
MH
- 9.30 - Morning Light &
Children's Church
Tasburgh Church - DL
- 9.30am - Holy Communion
- Saxlingham Church -
DS
- 11am - Holy Communion -
Shotesham St Mary - DS

11th May - Easter 3

- 11am - Family Communion
(Christian Aid
volunteers
commissioning) -
Newton Flotman
- 6.30pm - Benefice Praise
(Swainsthorpe Church
- 9.30- Holy Communion &
Children's Church,
Tasburgh
- 8am- Communion,
Tharston
- 11am- Matins & Finders
Seekers, Saxlingham

WHO CARES?

With all 7 Annual Meetings last month, it's been a great reminder of all the caring and praying and working which goes on in our churches. I would like to warmly thank on your behalf, Adrian Miller, Martin Hartley, David Lancaster, David Sochon, Mark Morgan, Jenny Cooper, and all the Pastoral Leadership Team for their pastoral care, servant-hearted leadership, teaching and worship leading. We have been truly blessed to have such a great team and look forward to being joined by our new Team Vicar - Rev Dawn Davidson in July.. Special thanks also to the church wardens and cell church trustees who do so much for little recognition and have been a great personal support to the clergy as well. Much gratitude also to Vicky Ball our wonderful voluntary Benefice Administrator.

This summer and autumn we have the opportunity to learn to bring God's blessing in a new way through a Norfolk-wide project called "WHO CARES?"

WHO CARES? starts with local churches, listening to the deepest hurts of our local communities, by a simple one question survey 'What hurts the most?' (or put another way, what is the one thing in your life which you find hardest to handle?)

Starting in June 2014 this initiative across Norfolk will begin with churches surveying their congregations, who then ask their friends and can conduct the survey through their existing church activities and visiting in our villages. Each church can then respond to the survey in their own way, adapting our church activities to what we learn. For example, we could run a series of talks/ workshops responding to the most popular issues. It will also give us guidance for prayer and pastoral care activities. We want to answer the question "Who Cares?" with the answer that God Cares and we care.

Like to know more? - Come along to the information and training evening on **THURS 29th MAY - Newton Rectory**

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Sunday Worship

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18th May

9-12 "Growing for the Future" Morning
Newton Flotman School
9.30am - Holy Communion ,
Swainsthorpe
9.30- All Age Service,
Tasburgh
8am- Holy Communion
(BCP), Tharston
9.30am - Holy Communion,
Saxlingham
5.45 - Dawn Service,
Shotesham St Mary
11am - Morning Worship,
Shotesham, All Saints

25th May

11am - Holy Communion &
Special Agents, Newton
Flotman
9.30 - Cafe Church,
Swainsthorpe
9.30- Holy Communion,
Children's Church & Sat
Nav, Tasburgh
11am - Family Service
Saxlingham Church
9.30am - Holy Communion,
Shotesham, All Saints

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 one of the following:

Evening Adult Cells - Meet on various weekday eves. Find out more by contacting one of the leaders - Richard Bond (Wed eves in Saxlingham) 578093; Rach Hartley (Weds eves in Tasburgh) 471474; William Ball (Men's Cell) 471506, Vicky Ball (Thurs eves) 471506

The God Lab -Experiments in prayer! Contact Kate Cakebread 471356

JAM - JAM Youth Group for 11 - 15 year olds meets on Monday evenings 7-8.30pm and is for young people of high school age. We play games, eat popcorn, watch films, go on outings, read the bible and pray. We also support each other, make friends and have fun. Chris Gaze 470762.

Sunday Night - A cell for older teens/young adults who want to explore their faith more deeply to discuss some of the big issues of life and pray and support each other. Mart Hartley 07849 105554

Special Me Group (SMG) for young people with special needs and their family, friends and carers. It is for people who would like to find out more about God and Jesus but are not part of a church congregation. Activities include drama, craft, music, singing, puppets, bible study and worship. Contact Wayne Doman thesmg@hotmail.co.uk or Teresa Doman at Newton Flotman School.

Rhythms of Prayer

Morning Prayer -9.30am in Church- Mondays at Saxlingham, Tuesdays in Tasburgh, Wednesdays in Newton Flotman, Thursdays in Swainsthorpe

Local Houses of Prayer:

Newton Flotman: 1st & 3rd Fridays in School at 7.30pm Contact Andy 471334 **Tasburgh:** Wednesday @ 10.30am 26 Chestnut Rd, Contact Andrea 471529, Fridays 10am-12, 58 Church Rd, Emmanuel Group Contact Shirley 470369 **Saxlingham:** Monthly on Wednesday at 7.30pm. Date and venue TBC contact Richard

Other Events

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

Children's Activities on Sundays - Special Agents (Newton Flotman) Tel: Kathryn 470892, Children's Church (Tasburgh) Tel Andrea, 471529 Finders Seekers (Saxlingham) tel. Jo or Helen

Church Mice - A parent and toddler group, meeting Thursdays 9.30am -11.30am. This month's meetings are on 1st and 15th May in Swainsthorpe Church (contact Jessie on 07792 502487) and 8th and 22nd in Newton Flotman church room (contact Dawn 470956 or Vicky 471506).

Coffee Stop - for coffee, tea and cakes Saturday Mornings 10-12 at Newton Flotman's Church Room. Contact Amy Ferguson on 470925

Communion at home - Contact Rev. David Sochon on 558495

Mardle - Saxlingham Church Room Mondays 10.30 am - 12 noon If you need a lift, contact either Corinne Douglas on 499064 or Celia Blyth on 499369 or Sue Edwards on 499527.

Sat Nav/FROG - Groups for 11s to teenage meeting during part of some Sunday Services at Tasburgh and Newton Flotman. Contact the clergy for details.

St Mary's Guild 1st Monday of each month in Tasburgh church room at 2.30pm.

Tasburgh Coffee Pot - Every Wednesday afternoon 2pm - 3.45pm in Tasburgh Church Room for coffee and a chat - all are welcome.

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