

## Regular Events

**Baby Mice** – Every Wednesday 10-12 in Newton Flotman Church Room. A group for parents and babies led by Geraldine from Children's Services. Chat and get to know other parents. Young parents especially welcome. Contact Geraldine Preston on 07827 896281

**Bible Study Groups** New members are always welcome. Please contact Philip Simmons 499041, David Lancaster 493159 or June Gibson 499004

**Church Mice** – A parent and toddler group, meeting fortnightly on Thursdays from 9.30am in Newton Flotman Church room. This month's meetings are on 5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> July. Contact Dawn (470956) or Vicky (471506) for more details.

**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

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

**Monday Mardle** – get together in Saxlingham Church Room every Monday – see July dates for more information. Tel Corinne 01508 499064

**Prayer** for the parishes takes place every day. Please give any special prayer requests to a churchwarden, member of the clergy or prayer box or board in church.

**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.

**Special Agents** – are children aged up to 11 with a special assignment to find out all about the Christian life. We meet on Sundays in Newton Flotman at 10.45-12 to investigate bible stories, play games, sing, pray and do all sorts of crafts. New members are always welcome. If you want to know more, tel: Kirsten 471580

**Tasburgh Coffee Pot** – meets every Wednesday afternoon 2pm – 3.45pm in Tasburgh Church Room for coffee and a chat – all are welcome.

**Tasburgh Children's Church** meets on Sundays at 9.30 in Tasburgh's Church Room. Contact Jane Rae for more details 470692

### How to Contact the Staff Team

**Rev'd Sally Gaze:** [sally@tasvalley.org](mailto:sally@tasvalley.org) Tel: 470762, The Rectory, Church Road, Newton Flotman, NR15 1QB. (**Sally is on sabbatical up to and including 15th July**)

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## Notices and News – July 2012 Tas Valley Team

*St Mary, Newton Flotman; St Peter, Swainsthorpe; St Mary, Tasburgh;  
St Mary, Tharston; St Mary Saxlingham; All Saints Shotesham,  
St Mary Shotesham, Tas Valley Cell Church*



### 'Keeping up appearances'

On Friday 27<sup>th</sup> July 2012 the eyes of the world will again be on London as it is estimated that more than 1 billion people around the world will tune in to the Opening Ceremony of the Olympic Games.

The person charged with dressing London as the UK's shop window for the event is Danny Boyle and, as I write this, his 'Green and Pleasant' theme seems to have caused a bit of a stir. The picture being painted for the world to look at is one of rolling hills, green meadows, rivers and streams, family picnics, village cricket, national flowers and farm animals, evoking echoes of William Blake's famous poem 'Jerusalem', which is seen as an emblem of Englishness. For some, this romantic 'Telly Tubby land' is a far cry from the reality of lengthening unemployment queues, flood damaged homes and the street riots that have become a feature of British life in recent times.

I'm not going to be a party pooper; it's appropriate to celebrate what's good and, in doing so, to let that conjure up some hope and vision for a better future.

However, it does make me wonder how often it is that the picture of ourselves that we paint for others to see simply does not match up to the reality of who we really are and all that's going on beneath the surface of our lives. We become like Hyacinth Bucket (or is that Bouquet?) who constantly wears the mask of respectability to conceal who she really is, what she's really like and where she really comes from. It's her continuous desperation not to let others find out about her true (working class) self that provides such wonderful humour. What lengths would you go to, to hide from who you really are? What would you not like displayed in the 'shop window' of your life?

It doesn't have to be like this; we don't have to pretend. We have a God who knows the very worst about us and who loves us just the same. He sent His son to be 'the friend of sinners' and to give us the freedom to be ourselves. He accepts us just as we are and, because He loves us, enables us to become more like the person he made us to be.

So, stop pretending and enjoy the Olympics!!

Rev Chris Martin (Assistant Curate – Tas Valley Team Ministry)

## Worship Events in July

### 1st **Sunday Worship**

Newton Flotman	8.00am	Holy Communion
	9.30am	"First Sunday" A short and lively worship event for all ages preceded by breakfast from 9am
Swainsthorpe	9.00am	Joint with Newton Flotman
Tasburgh	9.30am	Morning Service, Children's Church & Sat Nav
Tharston	11.00am	Holy Communion
Saxlingham	9.30am	Holy Communion
Shotesham St Mary's	11.00am	Holy Communion

### 8th **Sunday Worship**

Newton Flotman	11.00am	Family Communion
Swainsthorpe	3.30pm	Pet Blessing Service in churchyard
Tasburgh	9.30am	Holy Communion & Children's Church
Tharston	11.00am	Village Praise
Saxlingham	8.00am	Holy Communion
	11.00am	All Age Service
Shotesham St Mary's	9.30am	Morning Light

### 15th **Sunday Worship**

Newton Flotman )	11.00am	Holy Communion Spec Agts & FROG
Swainsthorpe )		Joint with Newton Flotman
Tasburgh	9.30am	All Age Service with Baptism
Tharston	8.00am	Holy Communion
Saxlingham	9.30am	Holy Communion
Shotesham All Saints	11.00am	All Age Service

### 22nd **Sunday Worship**

Newton Flotman	11.00am	All Age Worship with Baptism
Swainsthorpe	9.30am	Simple said Holy Communion (in the Porch/on green with awning/tent)
Tasburgh	9.30am	Holy Communion, Children's Church and Sat Nav
Saxlingham	11.00am	Matins & Children's Church
Shotesham All Saints	9.30am	Holy Communion

### 29th **Sunday Worship**

Tasburgh	10.30am	Benefice Informal Worship – farewell to the Martin family
Saxlingham	6.30pm	Evensong in the Ruins

## Other July Dates

Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> – **Saxlingham Monday Mardle** Cream Teas at 3pm. Numbers please.

Sat 7<sup>th</sup> – **Tharston Church Fete** 2pm at Picton Farm

Mon 9<sup>th</sup> – **Saxlingham Monday Mardle** – normal Mardle

Tues 10<sup>th</sup> – **Cell Leaders meeting** – venue to be confirmed

Sat 14<sup>th</sup> – **"The New Creationism"** 10am Saxlingham Chapel – teaching day with guest speakers Paul Garner & Dr Stephen Lloyd.

Mon 16<sup>th</sup> – **Saxlingham Monday Mardle** – annual outing to Gorleston with lunch at the Pier Hotel. Details to follow

Mon 16<sup>th</sup> – **Newton Flotman PCC** 7.30pm in church room

Sat 21<sup>st</sup> – **80's Disco** Tasburgh Village Hall at 7.30pm.

Sun 22<sup>nd</sup> – **Pre-Olympics Flight Competition** 3pm at Shotesham Church.

Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> – **Saxlingham Monday Mardle** – normal Mardle

## **Go MAD! 'Sports Academy' Holiday Club**

**Tue 24th – Fri 27th July, 10.00am - 12 noon**

**with family fun and a shared picnic lunch immediately following the Friday morning session**

MAD stands for Make A Difference. It is a fun filled, action packed holiday club which also helps children of Primary school age to make a difference in the world. This year will see an Olympic theme with money raised going to fund sports equipment for Rwentobo School in Uganda – see [www.tasvalley.org/news#26](http://www.tasvalley.org/news#26)

Application forms will be available from the school in early July. Get your form in quickly to guarantee your place.

**Do you have any old shoeboxes or fabric we can put to good use during the holiday club? Offers gratefully received ahead of time. Either bring them to church or contact Hannah (07724 179004) or Chris (470768).**

Fri 27<sup>th</sup> – **Olympic Opening Ceremony** 7.30pm showing on the big screen at Tasburgh School

Mon 30<sup>th</sup> – **Saxlingham Monday Mardle** – Bingo with usual valuable prizes!!

## **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 Richard Bond (Wed eves) 578093; Chris Martin (Weds eves) 470768; William Ball (Weds eves) 471506; Sally Gaze (Thurs morning – Mums & toddlers - & evenings for adults) 470762; Andrew & June Gibson (Thurs eves) 499004; Vicky Ball (Thurs eves) 471506; Jane Rae (Fri eves for adults and children) 470692; Wayne Doman (Sat afternoons for young people with all kinds of special needs and their families) 471933

**JAM Youth Group** meets on Mon eves 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. **SUNDAY NIGHT** – A cell for older teens/early twenties who want to explore their faith more deeply meets on Sunday evenings to discuss some of the big issues of life, pray and support each other. If you'd like to find out more about JAM or Sunday Night contact Chris Gaze tel: 470762; e-mail: [chris@tasvalley.org](mailto:chris@tasvalley.org) or Hannah Pye -e-mail: [hannah@tasvalley.org](mailto:hannah@tasvalley.org)