

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 7th and 21st June. 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 June 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 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 Remer 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

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Notices and News – June 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*



Diamond Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II

June marks a very important month in our nation's history. Of course I am referring to the celebrations being organised to mark the Diamond Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II. (If you weren't aware that this was happening, where have you been?)

These days people hold various different views as to the merits or otherwise of the UK's constitutional monarchy. Whatever your view, I hope you feel able to agree that our Queen has given 60 years of devoted public service to our nation and that that is indeed something to mark and to celebrate.

The longevity of the Queen's reign gives rise to some interesting facts. For example, she has given regular weekly audiences to 12 different Prime Ministers; there have been six Archbishops of Canterbury during her reign (and there will soon be a seventh for her to meet) and six Roman Catholic Popes; in these last 60 years the Queen has answered nearly three and a half million items of correspondence and sent nearly forty five thousand Christmas cards. And for the vast majority of people in this country, the Queen has been the reigning monarch for their entire lives.

There is a need in every human heart for stability, faithfulness and constancy of the sort that the Queen has offered her country, in ways large and small, over these last sixty years. In a world which is more 'fast paced' and ever-changing than ever before, this has never been more true.

Of course the Queen is not in a position to personally be that stable, faithful and constant friend that each of us needs. But there is someone who can be that for us, who longs to be that for us. He is "the Lord, the Lord, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness..." as He is described in the book of Exodus and indeed throughout the Bible.

And so I will be celebrating the Queen's Jubilee, not only to mark her service to our nation, but also because her reign is a reflection of the stability, faithfulness and constancy of the one true king, God himself, whose reign will never come to an end.



Chris Martin

Curate in the Tas Valley Benefice Team Ministry

Worship Events in June

3rd **Sunday Worship**

Newton Flotman	8.00am	Holy Communion
	4.00pm	Jubilee Service in the Village Hall
Swainsthorpe	9.30am	Jubilee Songs of Praise
Tasburgh	9.30am	Jubilee Special, Children's Church & Sat Nav
Tharston	11.00am	Jubilee Village Praise
Saxlingham	9.30am	Holy Communion
	12 noon	Thanksgiving Service (short service)
Shotesham St Mary's	11.00am	Thanksgiving Service (short service)

10th **Sunday Worship**

Newton Flotman	11.00am	Morning Worship with Baptism
Swainsthorpe	3.30pm	Farm Walk & Service at Malthouse Farm, Norwich Road.
Tasburgh	9.30am	Holy Communion & Children's Church
Saxlingham	8.00am	Holy Communion
	11.00am	All Age Service
Shotesham St Mary's	9.30am	Morning Light

17th **Sunday Worship**

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

24th **Sunday Worship**

Newton Flotman	11.00am	Morning Prayer; Spec Agts
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
Tharston	11.00am	Holy Communion
Saxlingham	11.00am	Pet Service
Shotesham All Saints	9.30am	Holy Communion

Jubilee Celebrations around the Benefice

- Sun 3rd – **Tharston** Village Lunch organised by the Parish Council
 Sun 3rd – **Newton Flotman** Jubilee picnic and games afternoon Village Hall and Playing Field
 Sun 3rd – **Tasburgh** Church Afternoon Cream Teas served by the young people in support of "Gospel Asia"
 Sun 3rd – **Saxlingham** Big Lunch at 12.30; 1.30pm Fun on the Meadows; 5pm BBQ; 8pm Live band at the Saxon Club
 Sun 3rd – **Shotesham** Classic Car Rally 11.30am; Afternoon Tea 2.30pm

- Mon 4th – **Swainsthorpe** Party on the Village Green at 12 noon
 Mon 4th – **Tharston** Family afternoon at Picton Farm
 Mon 4th – **Saxlingham** Cricket Match 1.30pm; Jubilee Walk from church car park 2.30pm ; Barn Dance at the Village Hall 7.30pm

Other June Dates

- Mon 4th – **Saxlingham Mardle** – no meeting today (Bank Holiday)
 Mon 11th – **Saxlingham Mardle** – normal Mardle
 Mon 11th - **St Mary's Guild**, Tasburgh church room 2.30pm. Speaker Rev Chris Martin.
 Tues 12th – **Tasburgh PCC** – 7.30pm Tasburgh Church Room
 Mon 18th – **Saxlingham Mardle** – trip to Wroxham, boat trip for those wanting to take to the water, lunch out after. More details later.
 Sat 23rd – **Saxlingham Church Fete** 2pm – 4pm in Saxlingham Rectory Garden. Games, stalls, live music, raffles etc.
 Mon 25th – **Saxlingham Mardle** – normal Mardle

A Look Forward to July dates:

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 July to Fri 27th July 10am-12noon with a shared lunch following immediately after Friday's morning session.

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 or Hannah Pye -e-mail: hannah@tasvalley.org

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Please send copy for the July Newsletter by **June 13th** to vicky@tasvalley.org