

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 10th and 24th May. 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. Plus on 2nd & 4th Saturdays "Cakes and Preserves" stall. Contact Amy Ferguson on 470925

Monday Mardle – get together in Saxlingham Church Room every Monday – see May 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.

Communion at home - Contact Rev. David Sochon on 558495

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

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Notices and News – May 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*



When I was younger, every Christmas time I would eagerly await a present from my Uncle Ken. He had a knack of knowing what to buy for boys my age and each year I would unwrap my gift from him with great excitement, even though I already knew what would be inside...the forthcoming year's edition of 'The Guinness Book of World Records!' I loved everything about that book and would take great delight in trawling through it night after night after school, being easily impressed by the extraordinary, often incredible (and sometimes just plain bizarre) stories of human achievement.



Never once did I doubt the authenticity of the records listed, and that was largely because of a man named Norris McWhirter. I would watch this man appear regularly alongside Roy Castle on the TV show 'The Record Breakers', with a clip board in one hand and a stopwatch or some other measuring device in the other hand. Norris was an eyewitness to many of the record attempts and he and his team would then diligently write down what they had seen and heard, ready for global publication, usually just before Christmas!

In our church services over the coming few weeks we'll be hearing some of the many stories of how Jesus, having been raised from the dead, appeared to his disciples at various different times and places, before returning to heaven at his ascension and sending his Spirit to empower his followers at the feast of Pentecost. Those too are extraordinary, often incredible and sometimes bizarre stories. Yet, they are stories told by first century equivalents of Norris McWhirter, people who had seen and heard for themselves, or who had access to others who had, and had carefully and diligently written them down to share with the rest of the world.

They are stories that changed the lives of those earliest Christian believers and, for those with eyes to see and ears to hear, they still have the potential to change lives today. Why not come and see and hear for yourself at one of the church services in May?

Chris Martin (curate in the Tas Valley Benefice)

Worship Events in May

6th **Sunday Worship**

Newton Flotman	8.00am	Holy Communion
	9.00am	"First Sunday" – Breakfast for all
		followed by a short, lively worship event for all ages from 9.30am
Swainsthorpe	9.30am	Holy Communion
Tasburgh	11.00am	Helpers' Service, Children's Church & Sat Nav
Tharston	11.00am	Holy Communion
Saxlingham	9.30am	Holy Communion
Shotesham St Mary's	11.00am	Holy Communion

13th **Sunday Worship**

Newton Flotman	11.00am	Family Communion
Swainsthorpe	3.30pm	Bug Hunt in the churchyard, followed by a short outdoor service
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

20th **Sunday Worship**

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

27th **Sunday Worship**

Newton Flotman	11.00am	Pentecost All Age service
Swainsthorpe	9.30am	Simple said Holy Communion (on the green if it's dry, under an awning/tent if not)
Tasburgh	9.30am	Holy Communion, Children's Church and Sat Nav
Tharston	11.00am	Village Praise
Saxlingham	11.00am	Matins BCP & Children's Church
Shotesham All Saints	9.30am	Holy Communion

Other May Dates

Tues 1st – **Holiday Club meeting** 7.30pm Newton Flotman church room

Mon 7th – **No Saxlingham Mardle** – Bank Holiday

Wed 9th – **Archdeacon's Central Visitation** for church wardens at Diss 7pm

Thurs 10th – **Wardens meeting** – Saxlingham Rectory at 7.30pm

Sun 13th to Sat 19th May **Christian Aid Week**

Mon 14th – **Saxlingham Mardle** – normal meeting

Mon 14th – **Newton Flotman PCC** meeting 7.30pm in the church room

Sat 19th – **Give & Take** 10-12 noon during Coffee Stop in Newton Flotman church room. Give & Take is a great way to recycle and re-use any unwanted garden and household items. Bring along items such as books, toys, bikes, tools, kitchenware, bric a brac, clothes and plants and take away anything you can re-use. You don't have to give in order to take!

Sat 19th - Norwich Music Group, conductor Philip Aldred presents an **Evening Concert at St Mary's Church Tasburgh** at 7.30pm. An eclectic mix of Choral Music with proceeds to the World Shine Foundation, relating to visit by members of the Tas Valley Benefice to Uganda. Tickets £7.50 including glass of wine and nibbles, available from Linda Taylor 01508 471175.

Mon 21st – **Saxlingham Mardle** – Coffee at Cherry Lane, leave at 10am

Fri 25th – **Film Fun Friday** - 6 for 6.30pm at Newton Flotman School

Mon 28th - **Saxlingham Mardle** – normal meeting

A Look Forward to July dates

Tues 24th July to Fri 27th July 10 to 12 each day
Annual Holiday Club at Preston Primary School, Tasburgh

Sally's Sabbatical Sally is currently on Sabbatical until 15th July. Sally will be at home, but focusing on other areas of life and ministry in a complete break from parish duties. Clergy on sabbatical often focus on an area of study. For some years Sally has felt that God is calling her to learn what the monastic movement has to say to her personally and to the cell church, and she will spend time exploring the relationship between the older monastic movement, new monasticism and rhythms of life within family life.

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