

# TAS VALLEY TEAM NEWS



February 2015

## Coming up....

### **5th - Bring and Share Meal**

**7pm open to all** Newton Flotman Rectory. Contact William Ball to book your place at the meal 471 506 [william@tasvalley.org](mailto:william@tasvalley.org) From **8pm** training for those who have been asked to consider becoming **Authorised Worship Assistants.**

### **8th - Praise Service - Newton Flotman Church at 7.30pm**

Please note the changed time and venue!

### **18th -Ash Wednesday**

**Service: Wholeness & Healing**  
**7.30pm Swainsthorpe Church** A quiet reflective service to mark the beginning of Lent with the opportunity to receive a cross of ash on our foreheads as a sign of God's forgiveness for sins and a fresh start. We also have a special focus on praying for healing – for broken lives, and a broken world.

### **25th - Lenten Compline**

(each Wednesday in Lent) 7pm,  
Tasburgh Church

## Community: The Secrets of Strong Relationships

Normal? Who's normal? Not me, that's for certain... and nobody I've met either. None of us is "normal" according to God's definition and the closer we get to each other, the more obvious that becomes. Yet for all our quirks, sins and rough edges, we need each other.

Community is not just a word - it is a fundamental source of happiness, health, growth and support. So how do flawed people such as us, master the forces which drive us apart and come together in the life-changing relationships God designed us for?

In a sermon series beginning on 8th Feb, we zoom in on the things which make community tick and discover the transforming power of being loved, accepted and valued as we are.

8th: Getting to know you (Time)

15th: Being Real (Authenticity)

1 March Facing Facts (When problems come)

8 March: Breaking down barriers (Inclusion)

15th March: The Secret of a Loving Heart: (Gratitude)

The parish churches of Newton Flotman, Swainsthorpe, Tasburgh, Tharston, Saxlingham Nethergate, Shotesham All Saints and Shotesham St Mary and the Tas Valley Cell Church

## Pray for blessing...

On those doing the Alpha course and/ or preparing for confirmation - adults and young people

On Rev Dawn Davidson as she takes on more of her responsibilities across the Benefice this term.

On Newton Flotman & Shotesham PCCs exploring the possibility of wider community use of their buildings

On the new cafe churches at Tasburgh and Swainsthorpe and beginning in Newton Flotman next month.

On Tharston Parish Council and PCC and for the provision of community facilities in the village

On our church schools especially Saxlingham Nethergate as their headteacher retires.



**Called to follow Jesus: See the article written about JAM members Alice Rae and Sophie King in the Diocesan Magazine.**

**Thank you** to all those who contributed to the finances of our churches generously in 2014. We were able to pay our parish share allocation of £75,000 in full. This mostly pays for the parish clergy



## Recommended Resources for Lent

**Lenten calendar** (for children and families) download from [www.tasvalley.org](http://www.tasvalley.org)

**Love Life Live Lent** Over 450,000 people have taken part in Love Life Live Lent since 2007. With separate, full-colour booklets for Kids and for Adults/Youth, daily tweets and downloadable resources for churches & schools, everyone can be the change they want to see this Lent. See [www.chpublishing.org.uk](http://www.chpublishing.org.uk)

**Everybody's normal til you get to know them** by John Ortberg (This is the book upon which our sermon series and cell notes are based) £8.99 Buy at Norwich Christian Resources Centre "Revelation" or online [www.amazon.co.uk](http://www.amazon.co.uk)

## More Information/ Getting in Touch

For Services and Regular Events see the website [www.tasvalley.org](http://www.tasvalley.org), one of the church noticeboards or your local village news

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