

# TAS VALLEY TEAM NEWS



February 2016

## Coming up....

### **4th - 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 Authorised Worship Assistants.**

### **10th -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.

### **14th - Praise Service -**

**Newton Flotman Church at 7pm**

### **17th (& each Wednesday in Lent)-**

**Lenten Compline** 7pm,  
Tasburgh Church



Lent is usually about 'giving stuff up', isn't it? What if you could add something transformational to the traditional? What if you could give up chocolate and give the money to your favourite charity? What if you could turn the TV off and spend more time helping your neighbour? What if Lent was a preparation for a lifetime of big-heartedness that reflected God's amazing generosity? Well, that's where 40acts - the generosity challenge from Christian Stewardship - comes in.

This year the Tas Valley Churches are encouraging people to take up the 40 Acts challenge - You sign up to receive 40 emails to nudge you towards a generous act each day, and, if you wish, 40 blogs to read and ponder. In 2015 over 74,000 joined in, creating a wave of over 2.9 million acts of generosity in more than 180 countries worldwide. You can also do 40acts as part of a group by contacting Sally or one of the cell leaders. Lent begins on Feb 14th Why not sign up to receive the daily challenges by email for 2016 at [www.4oacts.org.uk](http://www.4oacts.org.uk)

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 preparing for confirmation - adults and young people

On Newton Flotman PCC in the repair of the church room and in plans to adapt the church building for wider use.

On Freedom Cafe at Tasburgh, celebrating its first year of ministry.

On Tharston PCC as it seeks to prepare to welcome residents on a new estate into the village and to cooperate with the Parish Council

On the development of the "Hands Together" Crafting Group in Saxlingham.

## Join a Small Group this Lent!

- Freedom Cafe Tue Cell contact Martin/Rach on 471474
- Tasburgh Wed Cell contact Julie on 470759 or Kate 471356
- Tharston Thur Cell contact Andy on 471334
- Saxlingham Cell contact Richard on 578093
- Newton Flotman Wed Cell contact Sally on 470762
- Newton Flotman Thurs Cell Contact Vicky on 471506
- Special Me Saturday Cell - Contact Wayne/Teresa on 471933
- JAM (Youth Cells on Monday. Contact Chris on 470762
- Sunday Night Cell (Young Adults) - contact Martin on 471474

**Thank you** to all those who contributed to the finances of our churches generously in 2015. All churches including the Cell Church paid their parish share allocation in full apart from Newton Flotman (See explanation below)



Newton Flotman need to pay for some urgent repairs to the church room, the cost of which should be reclaimable. However, the Diocese understand that much of the parish share needed to be retained until this matter is sorted out as this parish has no reserves to enable the initial payments.

The total amount paid in parish share for 2015 was £67,342 which is 84% of the total. Newton Flotman's share is to be paid to the diocese after the repair money has been reclaimed, making a grand total of £80,000

The parish share in 2016 is £84,997. This is what pays for the ministry of the clergy - so your generosity is greatly appreciated



## More Information/ Getting in Touch

To contact a minister ring  
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David Lancaster - 493159, Andy Cox

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