

TAS VALLEY TEAM NEWS



Advent/Christmas 2014

Christmas Services



From Christingle services to Midnight Mass, there's lots going on this month and each church will be advertising in their own events locally. You can also find all the services on our website www.tasvalley.org.

Christmas Cafe Benefice Service

Time to chill out after Christmas over breakfast and then worship with friends across the Tas Valley Churches

Prayer & Reflection, Carols,

Children's Craft Table

9.30am, Sun 28th Dec

Swainsthorpe Church

Joy

Bethlehem just over 2000 years ago – a boy is born to an unmarried girl. He spends his firstnight in a manger – a feeding trough for animals. Over the fields around Bethlehem the skies are ablaze with angels praising God. Local shepherds hurry to see him. Wise men from a foreign land journey to find him...

The child grows to maturity. When the time is right he steps into the ministry he was born for, bringing the good news of God's love. His message is so dynamic, so powerful that it has shaped history, directed nations and continues to influence hearts and lives throughout the world today.

This Jesus, whose birth we read about in the Bible, is the eternal God, the One who longs for us to get to know him. He can and will make all the difference to our future and to our life here and now. There is so much more to discover about this amazing God – and his love for all people everywhere... As we worship together this Christmas let us rekindle our friendship with God let us hear the Christmas story as if for the first time and know that it is God's message to us.

The Lord bless you this Christmas season and beyond! *Sally, Dawn, Martin, Jenny, David L and David S*

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

Bless...

Pray for blessing....

On those who are facing unemployment or illness at Christmas time - for work, health and financial security

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

On carol singers and the charities for which they sing this year.

On Newton Flotman PCC exploring the possibility of a community shop with vending machine

On the Community Christmas Lunch at Tasburgh

On all who go to carol services and other events at which they can celebrate the good news of Christmas

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The final total of shoeboxes from all the churches in our Benefice was 170 plus a special contribution of 290 from Jill Masters of Shotesham, working with patients from Northgate Hospital, in Great Yarmouth, making a grand total of 460 boxes. Many thanks to Jill, Jane Rae and everyone who contributed to this splendid result!

It would be lovely to see the faces of all the children near and far as they open up the boxes.

David Lancaster



December Events

for Christmas services see www.tasvalley.org, church noticeboard or your local village news

3rd Dec - Carols and Canapés hosted by Cell Church, Newton Church Room 7.30pm - £5 - Contact Sally

4th Dec - Wardens Christmas Meal - Contact Dawn Davidson

6th - Guild Christmas Fayre, Tasburgh Church 10.30-12
13th - Christmas Coffee & Craft - Swainsthorpe Church 10.30-12

22nd - Mardle Christmas Party - Saxlingham Church Room, 12 noon, Contact Corinne 499064

23rd - Carol Singing - Newton Flotman Green - 6.30m Contact Kirsten Remer 471580

24th - Carols round the Tree, Shotesham All Sts 6pm

25th - Church Christmas Community Lunch - 12.30 Tasburgh Village Hall - call Andrea 471529

See the article written by Rach Hartley in the Diocesan Magazine on last year's Community Christmas lunch!

