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# TAS VALLEY TEAM NEWS

Growing in God's Love

November 2015

# Crazy Science Praise Party



Fri 13 Nov, 2015, 6:30pm - 8pm at Carleton Rode Baptist Church

Fun for All the family with Doug Horley Crazy Science, Puppets, Songs and Dance especially for Children from 5-11 years (but all who are young at heart are welcome.)

Tickets cost \$2 and can be bought from The Coffee Shop or the Loft at Carleston Rode or by ringing Richard and Kathryn Bond 578093

#### More info...

Lots more information about Tas Valley churches can be found on our website www.tasvalley.org. including the Benefice Worship Rota and details of Cell Church Meetings..

#### **Remembrance Sunday**

Services to commemorate those who have died in war and to pray for peace will be held on Sunday 8th November at the following churches: Newton Flotman 10.45, Swainsthorpe 10.45; Tasburgh 10.45, Thurston 10.45, Saxlingham Nethergate 10.30 (starting at the war memorial) and Shotesham All Saints 10.45am.



### **Remembering Loved Ones**

Most of us walk with the grief of the loss of loved ones. For none of us is it easy. There will be a special "Remembering Loved Ones" on the eying of Remembrance Sunday 8th November at Newton Flotman church at 6.30pm.

This month, there will be a list in the church porches for people to write down the names of those people who have died who they would like to be mentioned by name in the prayers. All those whose funerals have been taken by local clergy in the last year will automatically included (unless the family requests otherwise). It is our prayer that this occasion will help those who walk with grief to know God's light and strength The parish churches of Newton Flotman, Swainsthorpe, Tasburgh, Tharston, Saxlingham Nethergate, Shotesham All Saints and Shotesham St Mary and the Tas Valley Cell Church



#### Where is Sally this month?

Rev Canon Sally Gaze will be out of the Benefice for much of this month working on her Diocesan responsibilities. As well as being Team Rector of the Tas Valley Team, Sally is the guarter time Diocesan Facilitator for Fresh Expressions of Church, helping Christians across the Diocese to reach out in new ways to people who are not yet part of any church. Part of her time this month will be focussed at St Thomas Church in Earlham where she will gain insight into the workings of initiatives from large city churches. Part of her time will be encouraging leaders of Fresh Expressions of Church to respond to the consultation on the Diocesan Mission Strategy. See www.surveymonkey.com/r/ **VFZWCHF** 

From Nov 23-25, Sally will be sitting for the first time as one of the Clergy representatives for Norwich Diocese on the General Synod This is the governing body of the Church of England which meets two or three times a year.See <u>https://</u> www.churchofengland.org/ about-us/structure/generalsynod.aspx

### **Benefice Praise Service**

22nd November 7pm Newton Flotman Church



Thank you to all who have helped with packing Shoeboxes for needy children. With the help of churches and volunteers, the boxes are collected, processed and delivered to children in hospitals, orphanages, refugee camps, homeless shelters and impoverished areas around the globe, regardless of race or religious beliefs. If you are still intending to pack an Operation Christmas Child box, please return your filled box to any of the churches by **8th November**.

# **Mission Possible**

Last month a letter was sent out to all Licensed Clergy, Licensed Lay Workers, Readers, Deanery Officers, and Churchwardens, asking for PCC feedback on ways in which the Diocesan centre can better support outreach in the parishes. The answers to this consultation will be used to form a new Diocesan Mission Strategy, on the basis of which resources will be allocated. The questions for PCCs are

- What are some of the good things (up to three) are happening in your parish in relation to mission and outreach?
- What are the biggest challenges or obstacles to mission and outreach (up to three) in your parish?
- What areas of resources or support (up to three) do you feel you need from "the centre"?
- The questions will be considered by PCCs this month and then should be sent to <u>www.dioceseofnorwich.org/index.php/</u> index.php/index.php/mission@dioceseofnorwich.org

# Advent Sunday -29th November

Special Advent Services at Newton Flotman 11am Tasburgh 4pm Saxlingham Nethergate 11am

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