

Summer 2016

Tasburgh and Tharston Church Newsletter



God is closer than you think

We are currently doing a sermon series exploring the theme, "God is closer than you think". If we look at our world today, some people may want to ask, "Is there a God at all?" A common question is, 'Why is there is so much suffering in the world?'

I'm not going to offer any glib answers or even claim to have a definitive one to offer. We have all heard or seen the suffering some people go through, and no doubt at some stage have been through painful times in our own lives. This may have led us to asking the question, "Why?". Christians don't have all the answers and certainly don't have perfect lives, but we do have the assurance of a loving God.

If you are going through painful times at the moment, please don't suffer alone. We are a praying community at St Mary's and would like to support you through life's ups and downs.

One theme we looked at in church is, listening to the voice of God. We find ourselves living in a busy world that is full of noise. Sometimes when I'm asking the question "Why?", I can get frustrated that God appears to be silent, (not answering my prayers). If I take time to be still and listen I hear his voice, and although he may not always answer the, Why?, I know He is with me. Psalms 46:1 God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Amen.

Rev Martin

Waveney Foodbank

This operates in the Long Stratton Area providing emergency help in all sorts of family crises to people referred by local care agencies. Many of you will leave groceries at Tasburgh or Tharston Churches. There is a continuing need for UHT milk, long-life fruit juice, small jars of coffee, instant mash, rice pudding and men's and women's toiletries. The organisers are very grateful for the continuing support

Bi-monthly newsletter and more information:

www.waveney.foodbank.org.uk

Dates for your diary

- Monday June 20 Central Visitation at St Mary's, Diss 7.00
for 7.30pm presentation of Diocesan
Mission Strategy
- Sunday June 26 Open Gardens The church will be open
for refreshments
- Mon July 25-28 Tas Valley Benefice Holiday Club 5-11 years
10-12pm Preston Primary TBC

TASBURGH CHURCH FETE

Our Right Royal Fete will be held on Saturday June 18th from 12-3pm. There will be all the usual stalls including homemade cakes, plants, bric a brac, with a bottle tombola, our Grand raffle, children's games and a Royal Fancy Dress for children. We will be serving traditional creams teas with clotted cream in the church room, and a barbeque serving delicious red poll beef burgers. Any donations at the back of church please or call Julia on 470 983 to arrange collection.

All proceeds will be for general Church Funds.

Tharston Church News

Tharston Church Warden: Mrs Pat Read 530 325

Sue Hubbard has stepped down from being churchwarden of Tharston, she does so with thanks for her many years of service.

Please feel very welcome to come to worship at Tharston Church. The services at Tharston are usually from the 1662 Book of Common Prayer with its traditional language. When there is not a service at Tharston, then the service at Tasburgh may be seen as a joint service or people would be welcomed at any of the churches in the Tas Valley Benefice. Please do check service times with the churchwarden or on the Tas Valley website: www.tasvalley.org as unavoidable changes may occur within the quarter covered by this newsletter.

For the past several years, Tharston Church has been open daily for visitors, prayer and quiet contemplation during the daytime. This relies on a few parishioners being prepared to open and close the church on a daily basis for **one week**, approximately **once** every **three months**. Please contact Barbara Cattermole: 530 739 if you could help the community in this way.

Tharston Church Services

June 12	11.00am B.C.P 1662 Morning Prayer
June 19	8.00am B.C.P 1662 Holy Communion
July 10	11.00am B.C.P 1662 Morning Prayer
July 17	8.00am B.C.P 1662 Holy Communion
August 7	11.00am B.C.P 1662 Morning Prayer
August 14	8.00am B.C.P 1662 Holy Communion

Tasburgh News

St Mary's Freedom Café

St Mary's Freedom Café has been running for over well over a year now, at 10.30 on the first Sunday of every month, at Preston Primary School. We are so pleased to see new people and to welcome those who have become regulars. The themes this year are based on films. On May 1st 'Finding Nemo' gave us points for discussion.

Why not come and see for yourself, bring the kids to try an activity while you all enjoy eating bacon rolls, drinking real coffee and joining in conversation - or reading the papers.

Please feel welcome to come to see what it's about or speak to Martin and Rach Hartley on 471 474

Pastoral Care Team

The Care Team has been a little quiet in recent months. We have not been out prayer visiting recently, we think it would be rather unfair to ask people to stand on their door steps in winter, but we will resume visiting now the days are warmer.

We continue to pray for the village, and if you know of anyone who needs visiting or has a prayer request please contact me, Kate Cakebread on 471 356

Remember there is a confidential telephone 'prayer chain' to offer prayer for any situations that arise in life, for which you would value the prayers of others. Contact: Kate on 471 356

Tasburgh Church News

Tasburgh Church Wardens:

Julia Orpin 470 983 Kate Cakebread 471 356

Easter has been a very special time of year, and we continue to enjoy the rhythm of the Anglican calendar.

After many years of service as fabric officer Jim England has stepped down, we'd like to offer our heartfelt thanks for his contribution to St Mary's. His role has assured that our beautiful church has been well maintained and looked after. If you think you can fill Jim's shoes we would love to hear from you.

Tasburgh Church Services

June 5	9.30am	BCP Morning Prayer
	10.30am	St Mary's Freedom Café at Preston School
June 12	9.30am	Family Communion & Children's Church
June 19	9.30am	All Age Worship Service
June 26	9.30am	Holy Communion
July 3	9.30am	B.C.P Morning Prayer
	10.30am	Freedom Café at Preston Primary School
July 10	9.30am	Family Communion & Children's Church
July 17	9.30am	All Age Worship Service
July 24	9.30am	Holy Communion & Children's Church
July 31	9.30am	Holy Communion
Aug 7	9.30am	BCP Morning Prayer
	10.30am	Freedom Café at Preston Primary School
Aug 14	9.30am	Family Communion
Aug 21	9.30am	All Age Worship Service
Aug 28	9.30am	Holy Communion

THARSTON CHURCH FETE

Our Traditional Fete will be held on Saturday July 23rd starting at 2.00pm in the Gardens of Picton Farm, by kind permission of Mr & Mrs S Smith.

There will be a stall serving refreshments as well as those selling Books, Cakes & Produce, Bric a Brac, Tickets for Champagne and a £20 note and a big Raffle. There will also be a Coconut Shy, Putting & Pitching, and other games for children.

We will be collecting items for the Fete around the Village but if you have something it would help if you contact Chris Lawson on 01508 530 055.

All proceeds will be for general Church Funds.

St Mary's Guild

Meets on first Mondays at 2.30pm in Tasburgh, Church Room

New members and visitors would be very welcome.

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| June 6 | Talk and Quiz Pat Parsons |
| July 4 | 2.30pm Annual Garden Party at The Barn,
Tasburgh by invitation of Mr and Mrs D. Baker |
| Sat August 6 | Coffee Morning 10.30-12.00 at Rookery House,
Tasburgh the home of Mr and Mrs Goodfellow.
All welcome |
| September 5 | Musical Afternoon Mrs A. Hawkin |

Thank you for your support at fundraising events.

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. New members are welcome do get in touch.

Cell Contacts:

Mart Hartley -	15 yrs +, Sun eves, Tasburgh	0784 910 5554
Sally Gaze -	Monday evenings	470 762
Rach Hartley -	Cafe Cell Tuesday evenings	471 474
Kate Cakebread	Wednesday evenings in Tasburgh	471 356
Sally Gaze -	Wednesday evenings in Newton	470 762
Richard Bond -	Wednesday evenings in Saxlingham	578 093
Andy Cox	Thursday evenings in Tharston c/o	470 762
Vicky Ball -	Thursday evenings in Newton	471 506
Wayne Doman -	Saturday Special Me Group	471 933

Youth Cells (JAM) meet on Monday evenings 7-8.30 to explore faith and have fun together. Contact: chris@tasvalley.org; or 470 762

Local Houses of Prayer

These are Christians meeting together to worship, to pray God's blessing on their patch and to encourage one another. They are praying for their neighbours, their community and the area in which they live. LHoP provide an opportunity for Christians from different traditions, to come together to pray with others living in the same area. At the moment there are 2 growing groups meeting in Tasburgh. It would be wonderful to have more, and also to be able to have groups in Tharston as well.

If you would like to know more please contact: Andrea Sluman on 471 529

Regular Events/Groups

Bible Study Group - Meets on Tuesday afternoons at 2.15pm. New people would be very welcome. Please contact Philip Simmons 499 041

Children's Church - Tasburgh has a Children's Church for children aged from three years. This runs on the second and fourth Sunday each month 9.30-10.30am All welcome. Contact Andrea Sluman on 471 529

Emmanuel Group. Local House of Prayer - Meeting weekly, at 10am on Fridays. For more details phone Shirley Brooks 470 369

Local House of Prayer - 1st and 3rd Wednesday Mornings at 10.00am Please phone Andrea 471 529 for further information

Music in Worship - If you'd like to sing in Tasburgh Church Choir or explore learning the organ, phone Sarah Norman on 471 505.

Prayer - for the parishes takes place every day. Please give prayer requests to a churchwarden, clergy person, prayer box or board in church. On Wednesdays we meet to pray at Tasburgh Church at 9.00am.

Tasburgh Crafts Club - Come and try new skills in a relaxed atmosphere. We meet on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month, 10am – 12noon in the Church Room, Tasburgh.

Tasburgh Coffee Pot - Come and make new friends at the Coffee Pot. We meet every Wednesday from 2 – 3. 45pm in the Church Room, Tasburgh for a chat with tea or coffee & cake. All ages welcome.

Team Rector Rev'd Canon Sally Gaze: sally@tasvalley.org 01508 470 762 The Rectory, Church Road, Newton Flotman NR15 1QB

Team Vicar and main minister for Tharston

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The New Rectory, The Street, Saxlingham Nethergate, NR15 1AJ

Pioneer Curate and main minister for Tasburgh

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