

Summer 2014

# Tasburgh and Tharston Church Newsletter

## Connecting with the Cross

During holy week, Sally and I each carried a cross around with us. For me I was hoping that I would be able to make a different connection with the cross during this time. The biggest challenge I found and I know it sounds awful, was remembering to take it out with me! I had some good conversations with people, and felt really blessed when some said that it was an encouragement to them, to see me doing it.

The thing that stood out for me was when I had seen the shadow of the cross on my back when I had been walking around. This has asked some challenging questions about what it means to be a follower of Jesus, as I continue to grow as a disciple. Jesus says to his disciples that if they want to follow him, that they will need to pick up and carry their own cross. Carrying the cross is about becoming more Christ like. Giving our hearts to Him that we might serve others, as He has served us.

A challenge for me is how much of my heart am I willing to give him. How much am I prepared to forsake my selfcentredness to serve others? When Jesus prays out to the Father on the Mount of Olives, "not my will but yours, be done," I realise that I can be quite good at giving the bits of my heart that fit in with my lifestyle. I can sometimes ignore or dismiss when challenged to step out of the comfort zone. Thankfully I/we are all work in progress.

*Lord give us the strength and courage to do what is right, that we may grow more like you, Amen.*

Martin

# Tharston Church News

**Tharston Church Wardens**

**Mrs Pat Read 530325, Mrs Sue Hubbard 530072**

The usual Sunday services at Tharston Church continue to be the twice monthly 8.00am Book of Common Prayer [1662] Holy Communion Service this is a quiet traditional 'said' service.

Other special services can take place at 11.00am.

All are welcome at all our services.

## **The Tharston Church Fete Saturday July 5th at 2pm**

This will take place on in the Gardens of Picton Farm Tharston .We look forward to seeing many of you at the Fete and would also welcome everyone from neighbouring Parishes to attend and support what is our major Fundraising event of the year. *Chris Lawson*

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| June 15th   | 8.00am  | Holy Communion BCP  |
| June 22nd   | 8.00am  | Holy Communion BCP  |
| July 6th    | 11.00am | at Tasburgh for The Reverend Martin Hartley's<br>first Holy Communion Service |
| July 13th   | 11.00am | Village Praise and Holy Baptism   |
| July 20th   | 8.00am  | Holy Communion BCP  |
| August 10th | 8.00am  | Holy Communion BCP  |
| August 17th | 8.00am  | Holy Communion BCP  |



## **Sunday July 13th 4.00pm at St Mary's Church Saxlingham**

Benefice Service for the Licensing of The Reverend Dawn Davidson as Team Vicar of the Tas Valley Team Ministry by The Right Reverend Alan Winton Bishop of Thetford

All welcome. Followed by refreshments

# Tasburgh Church News

**Tasburgh Church Wardens**

**Kate Cakebread 471356, Julia Orpin 470983**

**A warm welcome to the people of Tharston who come to Tasburgh Church for services when there is no service at Tharston**

We have undertaken a Parish Development Programme -called 'Growing for the Future' this quarter. 3 Task Groups have been formed which will meet to consider all the information that was gathered and make recommendations about the way forward for Worship, Pastoral Care and Work with Children and Young people in the parish. We are also getting involved with the Who Cares? Project [see next page]

**Jungle Jamboree Holiday Club** Tuesday 29th July -Friday 1st August 10.00-12.00 each day at Henry Preston School , Tasburgh

## **Tasburgh Church Services**

June 1st 9.30am Matins BCP, Children's Church and Sat Nav

June 8th 6.30pm Pentecost Praise and Commissioning of Rev J. Cooper

June 15th 9.30am All Age Service

June 22nd 9.30am Holy Communion and Children's Church and Sat Nav

June 29th 9.30am Holy Communion and Children's Church and Sat Nav

July 6th 11.00am First Holy Communion for Rev Martin Hartley

July 13th 9.30am Holy Communion and Children's Church

July 20th 9.30am All Age Service

July 27th 9.30am Holy Communion, Children's Church and Sat Nav

August 3rd 9.30am Jungle Jamboree Holiday Club Family Service

August 10th 9.30am Family Holy Communion

August 17th 9.30am Matins or 6.30pm Evensong TBC

August 24th 9.30am Family Holy Communion,

August 31st 9.30am Songs of Praise TBC

## **The “Who Cares?” Project**

This summer and autumn we have the opportunity to learn to bring God’s blessing in a new way through a Norfolk-wide project called “WHO CARES?”

It starts in June 2014 with local churches, listening to the deepest hurts of their local communities, using a simple one question survey ‘What hurts the most?’ or put another way, ‘What is the one thing in your life which you find hardest to handle?’ The churches will start by surveying their congregations, who then ask their friends and could then conduct the survey through their existing church activities and by visiting people in their villages.

Each church can then respond to the survey in their own way, adapting church activities to what we learn. For example, we could run a series of talks/ workshops responding to the most significant issues that emerge. It will also give us guidance for prayer and pastoral care activities.

We want to answer the question “Who Cares?” with the answer that God Cares and we care.

## **Date For Your Diary**

**Saturday June 28th Church Fete 1.00pm -4.00pm**

**at St Mary’s Church, Tasburgh**

**BBQ with local beef, Raffle, Produce and Plants, Bottles  
and Books Cream Teas and even more**

**The debut of the Tasburgh Community Choir.**

Please come to enjoy yourself and support your local Church  
A host of delights for your pleasure and entertainment

**Please check the Tas Valley Team Ministry website for updates,  
changes and further information. [www.tasvalley.org](http://www.tasvalley.org)**

## **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.

**Contacts:** Sally Gaze (Mon daytime, Newton) 470762; William Ball (Wed eves, Newton) 471506; Vicky Ball (Thur eves, Newton) 471506; Rach Hartley (Wed eves, Tasburgh) 471474 Richard Bond (Wed eves, Saxlingham) 578093; Wayne Doman (Special Me Group) 471933; Chris Gaze (11-14-yrs, Mon eves, Newton) 470762; Mart Hartley (15 yrs +, Sun eves, Tasburgh) 0784 9105554

**Youth Cells (JAM)** We meet on Monday evenings 7-8.30 to explore our faith and have fun together. Once a month, we have a social event – cinema, bowling, circus skills, lazer quest etc. Other nights, there's a fast moving programme, with bible bits, drama, games, praying about stuff that means a lot to us and crazy stunts all mixed up. Contact Chris Gaze, e-mail: [chris@tasvalley.org](mailto:chris@tasvalley.org); telephone 01508 470762.

## **St. Mary's Guild – Tasburgh**

We meet on the first Monday of each month in the Church Room at 2.30pm. Please come and join us, everyone is welcome

2nd June Mr John Mann Liveries of London

1st September Mrs A Hawkes Musical Afternoon

The Coffee Morning on April 26th raised £410.15p

Thank you for your support.

The next Coffee Morning is on Saturday August 2nd 10.30am-12.00noon at Old Hall Farm, Grove Lane Tasburgh . All are welcome.

## **Community Choir!**

Love warbling to One Direction? Or rocking out to the Rolling Stones? The Tasburgh Community Choir has been meeting fortnightly. They are going to do their first public performance at The Church Fete on June 28th. There is room for all and room for more. All you need is a willingness to have fun and sing. If you're keen or just want to know more, call Rev Martin 0784 9105554

## ***Regular Events/Groups***

**Bible Study Group** – Meets on Tuesdays. Please contact Philip Simmons 499041. New members are always welcome.

**Children's Church** – Tasburgh has a Children's Church for children aged from three years. This runs on the first, second and fourth Sunday of each month. All welcome. Contact Andrea Sluman on 471529.

**Emmanuel Group. Local House of Prayer** – Meeting weekly, at 10.00am on Fridays. For more details phone Shirley Brooks on 470369.

**Fairtrade** – Fairly traded products catalogues are available on request from Val Cook on 470298.

**Local House of Prayer** 1st and 3rd Wednesday Mornings at 10.30am  
Please phone Andrea 471529 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 471505.

**Prayer** for the parishes takes place every day. Please give prayer requests to a churchwarden, clergy person or prayer box or board in church. On Tuesdays we meet to pray at Tasburgh Church at 9:30am.

**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 – 4pm for a chat with coffee & cake. Church Room, Tasburgh. All ages welcome.

## **Making Contact**

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