

Regular Events

Bible Study Groups New members are always welcome. Please contact Philip Simmons 499041 or David Lancaster 493159

Church Mice – A parent and toddler group, meeting in Newton Flotman Church room – see March dates for further information

Coffee Stop – for coffee, tea and cakes Saturday Mornings 10-12 at Newton Flotman's Church Room. Contact Amy Ferguson on 470925

Fairtrade Fairly traded products are available to buy through the churches. Contact Val Cook 470298 for a catalogue.

Monday Mardle – get together in Saxlingham Church Room every other Monday from 10am – see March dates for further information

Prayer for the parishes takes place every day. Please give any special prayer requests to a churchwarden, member of the clergy or prayer box or board in church. On Tuesdays at 9.15am, Celtic Morning Prayer takes place at Tasburgh Church, which is open to all.

Services at Residential Homes for the Elderly/To receive communion at home/Request a pastoral visit– Contact Rev. Phil Wood on 499869

Tasburgh Coffee Pot – meets every Wednesday afternoon 2pm – 3.45pm in Tasburgh Church Room for coffee and a chat – all are welcome.

Toddlers Music Group – Meets once a month (Mons.) in Tasburgh Church Room in term time – 50p per child includes refreshments. Contact Jane Rae 01508 470692

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. If you'd like to join a cell, contact Jo Luxton (daytime in Newton Flotman) 473030; Susie Millard (Tues eves in Tasburgh) 470837; Phil Wood (Wed eves in Saxlingham) 499869; Adrian Miller (Weds eves in various locations) 471922; William Ball (Thurs eves in Newton Flotman) 471506; Chris Gaze (The "Top Gear" Cell) 470762

Youth Cells (JAM) 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; telephone 01508 470762

How to Contact the Clergy

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St Mary, Newton Flotman; St Peter, Swainsthorpe; St Mary, Tasburgh; St Mary, Tharston;
St Mary Saxlingham; All Saints Shotesham, St Mary Shotesham



Growing in God's Love

Drop in for Prayer in Hdy Week

16th-22nd March 2008

Holy Week is the week leading up to Easter. As the annual remembrance of the Lord's suffering, death, and resurrection, it has always been the most important event of the Christian calendar right from the beginning. The early Christians observed the special days of Holy Week in a spirit of prayerful gratitude, overwhelmed by how far God was willing to go to bring us back to Himself.

This year, the church buildings of the Tas Valley have each adopted one day in Holy Week. On this day, the church building will be open for prayer through all or most of the day. (See times opposite) Do drop in to find some quiet space and to pray. There will be the opportunity to light candles, some quiet music, places to leave prayer requests and some guidance in prayer and meditation. You can come at any time and for as long or short a time as you wish.

May this Easter time be a very special and joyful time for you

***Risen Lord Jesus,
as Mary Magdalen met you in the garden
on the morning of your resurrection,
so may we meet you today and every day:
speak to us as you spoke to her;
reveal yourself as the living Lord;
renew our hope and kindle our joy;
and send us to share the good news with others. Amen.***

Drop in for Prayer in Holy Week cont

SUN 16th -MON-17th – 24 hours of prayer at Newton Flotman Church starting at 9pm with Compline on 16th and ending with Compline from 8-9pm on 17th

TUE 18th – Swainsthorpe Church open for prayer all day starting with Morning Prayer at 9am and ending with Compline at 8-9pm

WED 19th – Saxlingham Church open for prayer all day starting with Morning Prayer at 9am and ending with Compline at 8pm

THUR 20th – Tasburgh Church open for prayer all day starting with Morning Prayer at 8.45 am, a school service on the Way of the Cross at 9.30am and ending with a traditional Maundy Service of Communion at 7.30pm

FRI 21st – Shotesham All Saints and Shotesham St Mary both open from 10am – 4pm. Morning Prayer at All Saints at 10am.

Also a Good Friday Meditation at Newton Flotman at 11am

Good Friday Benefice Service with Choir at Saxlingham at 3pm

Tenebrae – a candlelit meditative service at 8pm at St Mary's, Shotesham.

SAT 22nd – Tharston Church open for Prayer all day starting with Morning Prayer at 9am and ending with Easter Garden making from 3pm-4pm.

You can drop in at any of the open times to pray without appointment – but we will also seek to make sure that someone is manning the church and praying there throughout the open times. You can help by signing up for an hour slot to man one of the churches, please sign up at the back of church or ring the appropriate contact:

NEWTON FLOTMAN – Vicky Ball 471506 SWAINSTHORPE – Jackie Baker 470415
TASBURGH – Linda Taylor 471175 THARSTON – Adrian Miller 471922
SAXLINGHAM – Phil Wood 499869 SHOTESHAM ALL SAINTS – David Sochon 558495
SHOTESHAM SAINT MARY – John Torbit 01508 499541

March Dates

Thurs 6th Church Mice 9.30 – 11.30am Newton Flotman Church Room

Thurs 6th Jill Bignall will be talking about her mission programme – learn more about building a school in Peru. Thursday 7.30pm Newton Flotman Rectory.

Sat 8th Training day for “Every Home is Special”

Mon 10th Saxlingham Mardle – normal programme

Fri 14th Searching Issues at the Rectory - Explore some of those really thorny questions 7pm on one Friday each month. Desert and coffee with a talk and discussion: – Why does God allow suffering?

Sat 15th Coffee Morning and Easter Egg Hunt Swainsthorpe Church 10.30 – 12.30 (Raffle, colouring competition and Easter Cards to make. All welcome.
Thurs 20th Church Mice 9.30 – 11.30am Newton Flotman Church Room

Worship in March

**Wednesdays in Lent at 7pm March 5th and 12th at St Mary's Church
Tasburgh Compline and guided meditation**

2nd Sunday Worship – Mothering Sunday

(Lent Series – **Sabbath, a sanctuary in time**) **Time to Play**

Newton Flotman	8.00am	Holy Communion
	9.00am	First Sunday
Swainsthorpe	9.30am	Holy Communion
Tasburgh	9.30am	Family Service
Tharston	8.00am	Holy Communion
Saxlingham	9.30am	Family Communion
Shotesham St Mary's	11.00am	Holy Communion

9th Sunday Worship – Time to Liberate

Newton Flotman	11.00am	Family Communion
Swainsthorpe	4pm	“4ALL” Service
Tasburgh	9.30am	Holy Communion
Saxlingham	11.00am	All Age Worship
Shotesham	9.30am	All Age Worship

16th Sunday Worship – Palm Sunday

Newton Flotman	10.30am	Palm Sunday Procession
	9pm	Compline
Swainsthorpe	9.30am	Holy Communion
Tasburgh	9.30am	Matins
Tharston	11am	Village Praise
Saxlingham	9.30am	Holy Communion
Shotesham	11.00apm	Holy Communion

23rd Sunday Worship – Easter Sunday

Newton Flotman	11.00am	Holy Communion
Swainsthorpe	9.30am	Holy Communion
Tasburgh	9.30am	Holy Communion
Tharston	11.00am	Holy Communion
Saxlingham	11.00am	Holy Communion
Shotesham	9.30am	Holy Communion

30th Sunday Worship – 2nd Sunday of Easter

Newton Flotman	11.00am	Holy Communion & Spec Agts
Swainsthorpe	9.30am	Swainsthorpe Special
Tasburgh		Holy Communion
Saxlingham	11.00am	Morning Worship
Shotesham	9.30am	Morning Worship