

Worship Events in April

- 1st 7.30pm Maundy Service for all Parishes and Cell Church - Dawn Davidson (Via Zoom)
- 2nd 3pm Devotional hour at the Cross for all Parishes and Cell Church - Coryn Stanforth (Via Zoom)
- 4th 9.30am Easter Celebration Service for all Parishes and Cell Church - Austin Uzoigwe (Via Zoom)
- 4th 11am There will be services of Holy Communion at Saxlingham (Dawn Davidson and Coryn Stanforth) and Tasburgh (Austin Uzoigwe)
- 4th 4pm E.C.O. Church - Explore Creation Outside - Lesley Cox (Churchyard Newton St Mary)

For the rest of April until further notice there will be a Zoom service at 9.30am with 11am church services each week - please check tasvalley.org for details of which church the services are at.

Please use the following information to join in on Zoom:

If anyone has any problems in logging on, please phone Andrea, tel: 01508 471529 Join Zoom Meeting:

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We meet in the churchyard of St Mary's Church, Newton Flotman or other local venues – see school emails, posters or call 01508 471334



Easter Sunday at 4pm lasting about an hour



We enjoy being outside, exploring our natural surroundings and getting creative in simple outdoor projects. We include a short reflection and prayer. We are mindful of keeping our social distance whilst having the opportunity to get involved individually or in household groups. If our amazing world fills you with awe and wonder, come and give us a try!

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*The Community Magazine for the Parishes of
Newton Flotman & Swainsthorpe*

April 2021



Curate's Corner

At the time of writing, the village is full of the new life of spring. I am enjoying the colourful daffodils along Church Road and am watching birds collecting moss and twigs with which to build their nests. The government's roadmap is slowly progressing, and I have heard the happy voices of children back in school. There must also be many relieved parents.



Last month I wrote about the season of Lent. As Lent concludes, Christians will be remembering Jesus' final meal, his Last Supper that he shared with his disciples. Later Jesus and his disciples went to the Garden of Gethsemane to pray. There he was betrayed by Judas, one of those with whom he had shared that meal. After an unjust trial Jesus was sentenced to death by crucifixion. On Good Friday he was crucified with two criminals on the hill of Calvary, just outside Jerusalem.

Jesus' death on the cross was not the end of the story. His body was taken down and placed in a stone tomb. Tradition states that this tomb was situated in a garden. A large stone was placed at its entrance.

Early on the morning of Easter Sunday, Mary Magdalene and the other women who had followed Jesus came to the tomb to put spices on his body. They arrived to find the stone rolled away and the body missing. Two angels told them what had happened: 'Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.'

This is the good news of Easter: Jesus rose from the dead. Death did not defeat him. The chocolate eggs that we enjoy at Easter are one way of remembering and celebrating the new life of his resurrection. Making an Easter garden is a fun way of retelling the Easter story and offers opportunities to use our creativity. On behalf of the church, I would like to invite you to make an Easter garden as part of your celebrations. There are some instructions below to help you. When your garden is complete please take a photo so we can share it and enjoy seeing each other's gardens. Please send your photos to:

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Photos will be displayed on the Tas Valley Families Facebook page. Newton Flotman Church of England Primary Academy will also be participating in the Easter gardens project. Children will receive an instruction sheet and recycled materials to help make the gardens will be available to collect from the church porch. (Final details to be confirmed).

I wish you all much enjoyment in making your Easter garden and a joyful Easter as the new life of Jesus' resurrection is celebrated.

The First Gold of Dawn by Jean Murdoch

The long day
stretched into night
and time crept onward
towards the new day.

With the first gold of dawn
came a resurrection,
a new hope that grew
with the rising sun,
and went out to a waiting world.

Instructions to Make an Easter Garden

You will need:

A shallow tray or dish
Moss or cut grass
String or thread
Dry twigs
Small flowers
Gravel

Egg cup, yoghurt pot or small container
Garden soil or potting compost
Small pot Flat stone large enough to cover
the mouth of the pot.
Small piece of white fabric or a white tissue

To Make:

Fill the tray with soil or potting compost. Arrange it to make a hill on one side of the tray. Cover the soil with moss or grass. Make three crosses with dried twigs tied together with thread or string and place on the hilltop.

Press the small pot into the hillside to make a cave like the garden tomb and put the folded white fabric inside for Jesus' grave clothes. Place the stone over the mouth of the tomb.

Press an eggcup or other small container into the soil around the garden, add water and fill with flowers. Make a path coming from the tomb with gravel.

Early on Easter morning, move back the stone from the tomb ~ showing that it is empty.



Rev'd Coryn

Church Contact Details

For home visits, Communion at home, or to enquire about Christian faith, please contact:

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Lesley Cox (Reader) tel: 471334

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On matters to do with the church buildings or churchyards, please contact one of the church wardens:

Kirsten Remer 01508 471580 St Mary's Newton Flotman

Chris Duffield 01508 570295 - St Peter's, Swainsthorpe

Susan Peters Corbett 01508 470539 - St Peter's Swainsthorpe

To donate to St Peter's Church, Swainsthorpe, contact the treasurer **Andy Haggith** - 01508 470921

For St Mary's, Newton Flotman contact the treasurer **Pavlina Boraleiva** 07842 779565, or donate online at:

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Prayer Requests

Each week at St Mary's we pray for the village and people of Newton Flotman.

Please see the contact details on the next page if you would like to email or speak to someone.

*Andy Cox
Community Outreach Worker*

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E.C.O. Church Easter Sunday

E.C.O. Church will be resuming on Easter Sunday, April 4th, at 4pm. We will be starting with an egg hunt, and then will have our usual craft/nature activities, all taking part in the churchyard. Do come along and celebrate Easter with us!

Lesley Cox



Newton Flotman and Swainsthorpe churches are part of the Tas Valley Team Ministry which also includes the parish churches at Tasburgh, Tharston, Saxlingham, Shotesham and the Tas Valley Cell Church.



For lots of local news and events look up "https://www.facebook.com/groups/tasvalleyfamilies/" and "Newton Flotman Village Community" Facebook pages.

Community Allotment



A group from Saint Mary's Church are planning to set up a community allotment. An allotment can be hard work so our plan is to share both the work and the produce. There would be regular sessions when we get together on the allotment to do some gardening and enjoy each others company.

There is plenty of room to stay socially distanced. Andy Cox and Andrew Pownall have already identified an allotment and digging and preparation have begun. There are different ways you could join in. Planning, digging, raising seedlings are all needed at present. Later in the season there will be weeding, trimming, plant care and harvesting. Do let us know if this sounds good to you and you would like to join in. Those able to do some heavy digging would be particularly welcome as we get the project started. Please contact Richard Beach richard.beach1508@gmail.com Andy Cox acox869@btinternet.com

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Mini Nelson

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This Easter holiday the FOS will be holding an Easter Egg trail around the village. Look out for the maps on the FOS and village FaceBook pages. Our eggs will be placed at eleven points around the village. As well as having the fun of finding the points using the map, there will be a question to answer, and a letter to collect. The eleven letters will make up an Easter themed anagram. We invite answers to the questions and the anagram to be emailed to us. There will be a small prize for each primary school year group, and another prize for all other children outside of Newton Flotman Primary. Winners will be drawn at random from the correct entries. This activity is free of charge!

If you have been having a clear out during this recent lock-down, please keep clothes, bags, belts, paired shoes, linen and soft toys for our next Bag2School collection which will take place after the May half term. The date will be confirmed in the next edition of Partnership.

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Happy Easter to you all!

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Caroline Wolfe, FOS Secretary

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- Keep weeds under control.
- Protect fruit blossom from late frosts.
- Tie in climbing and rambling roses.
- Sow hardy annuals, herbs and wild flower seed outdoors.
- Start to feed citrus plants.
- Increase the water given to houseplants.
- Feed hungry shrubs and roses.
- Sow new lawns or repair bare patches.
- Prune Figs
- Divide bamboos and water lilies

Newton Flotman and Saxlingham Thorpe Heritage Group (NFAST)
 Lockdown has prevented us meeting so far this year but we are hoping to meet outside in April as we number under six! We hope to hear about digital archiving and start putting some dates in the diary for some 'Memories' meet-ups which were gaining momentum pre-Covid. We have a new date for the Dairy Farm visit – Sunday 20th March 2022 – third time lucky!!! Don't forget to take a look at the website www.nfasthg.com We'd love to receive information and photos to include on there. Please do, if you feel moved, write a piece for the Covid Chronicles reflecting on your experiences of the past year using the 'contact us' facility on the site.

Grateful thanks from Newton Flotman PCC to the Friends of St Mary's.

The Friends of St Mary's make regular contributions to the upkeep of the fabric of the church building. Set up by Jean Wilson, their support was a key factor in securing the grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund in 2017. This time last year the church underwent its five year survey – the 'Quinquennial'. The architect carrying out the survey picked up on work that needed to be done in two key areas the roof and the windows. David Wharton, our Fabric Officer, secured an inspection of the roof, funded by our insurers, which revealed beetle activity encouraged by the damp caused by the lead theft in 2016. The roof needs to be treated along with another area in the tower. The PCC agreed to give the go ahead to start the process of treatment funded from the Friends fund of up to £6000. We would like to say a huge thanks to those who donate to the Friends, as without your donations we would not have the wherewithal to cover costs like these and 'get on with the job' in a timely fashion. We are still looking for someone to be a point of contact for the Friends of St Mary; please get in touch if you are interested!

Outreach Post Office

Customers and stewards wished Lorraine, who has run the outreach Post Office this past year, farewell as she takes a different path in her career. Customers will be aware that on some Tuesdays the outreach PO in the church wasn't able to open, this was because the Post Office in Mulbarton, from which our outreach post office operates, was not able to staff it. Post Office managers have organised training and liaison with Mulbarton PO. The PCC are indebted to David Wharton who has worked tirelessly with the Post Office managers to resume this key service in the village.



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When all this is over wouldn't it be nice if we could....

As thoughts turn to a slow 'opening up', do you want to be part of a conversation that looks at how we can support, sustain and even start up activities in Newton Flotman? We have been thinking about this as a church community and know that there are ideas and suggestions that have come up in the Covid Facebook group over the year...if you are, then get in touch...kirstenremer@gmail.com or DM on Facebook.

Kirsten Remer

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April 2021 Events at a Glance - all calendar content subject to change

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | Sunday |
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| 29 | 30 | 31 | 1 Maundy Thursday 19:30 Maundy Service for all Parishes and Cell Church (Via Zoom) | 2 Easter Friday - Bank holiday 3pm Devotional hour at the Cross for all Parishes and Cell Church (Via Zoom) | 3 Holy Saturday | 4 Easter Sunday ECO Church 4pm Zoom service for the benefice - 9.30am 11am Holy Communion at Saxlingham & Tasburgh |
| 5 Easter Monday - Bank holiday | 6 | 7 | 8 Yom HaShoah - Jewish commemoration | 8 | 10 | 11 Zoom service for the benefice - 9.30am Check tasvalley.org for location of live ser- vice. |
| 12 | 13 Ramadan start | 14 | 15 Yom HaAtzmaut - Jewish holiday | 16 | 17 | 18 Zoom service for the benefice - 9.30am Check tasvalley.org for location of live ser- vice. |
| 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 Stephen Lawrence Day | 23 St George's Day Shakespeare Day | 24 | 25 Zoom service for the benefice - 9.30am Check tasvalley.org for location of live ser- vice. |
| 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 Lag B'Omer - Jewish holiday Orthodox Good Friday | Place your birthday wishes, event notice or activity here in the calendar. Email details to: caroline@uv6.com | |