Worship Events in March St Peter's, Swainsthorpe

4th	9.30am	Swainsthorpe Special - Philip Simmons
13th	9.30am	Holy Communion - Dawn Davidson
20th	9.30am	Swainsthorpe Special - Lesley Cox
27th	9.30am	Mothering Sunday Service - Coryn Stanforth

St Mary's, Newton Flotman

6th	11.00am	Holy Communion - Austin Uzoigwe	
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- 13th 8.00am BCP Holy Communion Austin Uzoigwe
 - 4.00pm ECO Church Lesley Cox
- 20th 11.00am Holy Communion Coryn Stanforth
- 27th 9.30am Mothering Sunday Service (with breakfast served from 9am) Lesley Cox





The Community Magazine for the Parishes of Newton Flotman & Swainsthorpe March 2022



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!

Curate's Corner

At the time of writing the weather is decidedly chilly and it has been a blessing to be able to curl up in front of the warmth of the open fire in The Rectory. There is rather less pleasure the next morning when it is necessary to clear out the ashen remains from the fireplace.

Ash is part of the beginning of the season of Lent. On Ash Wednesday, which this year is on 2^{nd} March, there will be a special service held at Swainsthorpe Church at 7.30pm. Part of that service includes the opportunity to be



'ashed', when the minister places a small cross of ash on your forehead. The ash is traditionally made from the blessed palm crosses from the previous year. (I was rather relieved when I discovered you can buy small containers of palm ash which saves the messy process of making your own).

Ashes are an ancient Christian sign of penitence; from the Middle Ages it became the custom to begin Lent by being marked in ash with the sign of the cross. Penitence is about saying sorry to God for the wrong things we have done. Ash Wednesday, as the first day of Lent, can be seen as a time of turning around. We all fail ourselves, other people and God. Lent can be seen as a time to refocus on God and to begin again.

The six weeks of Lent can be seen as one of prayerful journeying with Jesus towards Jerusalem. It is a time of turning around and beginning again. The route will lead to the waving palms of the people's hope on Palm Sunday, then to the rejection of Jesus to the cross and finally to the empty tomb.



The cross of ash is the beginning of a six-week journey. It is a personal journey turning away from all that we have done wrong and reorienting ourselves, but the journey through Lent is also a communal one. As yet, the cross is far away and the joy of Easter even more distant but the journey begins here. You are welcome to join in any part of this journey. Church services are open to all. You don't need to book beforehand and we will welcome you warmly.

Rev'd Coryn





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Lesley Cox (Reader) tel: 471334

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Kirsten Remer 01508 471580 St Mary's Newton Flotman

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 Boralieva** 07842 779565, or donate online at:

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The next edition of Partnership will be for April. Deadline will be 14th March 2022. Contributions by email to **caroline@uv6.com** or call **07855 838553.** The editor reserves the right to edit copy and print as space permits.

LONG STRATTON MEDICAL PARTNERSHIP

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2022 races ahead and as we head into March. I draw my breath remembering March 2020 when the covid -19 pandemic was declared by the WHO. The practice has faced immense challenges in the past 2 vears and we have reflected and realised that there have been many positives which we hope to take forward. The practice needs your support as it expands its services to accommodate the increasing practice population that is expected with new housing. The question arises - how can our patients offer support and improve our service? One of the most effective methods is by joining our Patient Participation Group (PPG). Many of you are already aware of our PPG. We do need more members to ensure we have adequate representation of our practice population. Currently there are 11 members in our PPG. Our PPG would benefit from anyone aged 17 -50 to make the group more representative of our practice population. The only membership requirement is that you are a registered patient at our practice.

What is a PPG? A Patient Participation Group (PPG) is a group of patients, carers and GP practice staff who meet to discuss practice issues and patient experience to improve the service.

Purpose of a PPG:

- To give patients and practice staff the opportunity to meet and discuss topics of mutual interest.
- To provide a means for patients to become more involved and make suggestions about the healthcare services they receive.
- To explore issues from patient complaints and patient surveys, contribute to actions plans and help monitor improvements.
- To contribute feedback to the practice on National Patient Survey results and Friends and Family Test feedback to propose developments or change.

To support health awareness and patient education Our practice website gives more information:

https://www.longstrattonsurgery.nhs.uk/practice-information/ long-stratton-newton-flotman-patient-participation-group/

I do hope that this article will encourage you to join our PPG, especially patients in the 17 - 50 group. As we look forward beyond the pandemic, we want to ensure that the practice gets the best advice and support from an active PPG and thereby improve and expand services.

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For further information and to register your attendance, please contact either William Ball on 07785 264016 william@tasvalley.org or David Wharton on 07497 622799 david.wharton1@btinternet.com

St Mary's Church Newton Flotman Village Plant Sale

With spring just around the corner (we hope) thoughts turn to gardening. As things start to grow we thought it would be good to have a village plant sale. There is an outline plan to hold this on 7th May at the Church. It would be fun to see what others are growing and pick up some new plants. For this to work we would need people from the village to donate plants. So if you are splitting your perennials perhaps you could pot on a few, if you are growing bedding plants plant a few extras - or if you have plants which don't suit your garden don't throw them out but pot them up! We are still working out how this will work - so more details next month.

Richard Beach Richard.beach1508@gmail.com



Do see the back of Partnership with details for forthcoming services and a look out for information about a special

service to start your Mothering Sunday on 27th March!

Village Café has a range of hosts this month – usual cakes and conversation with a bit more! On 5th March International Women's Day is being marked (see also the event at Swainsthorpe 1-4.30pm). The Parish Council are hosting on 19th March and NFaST are hosting one of their Memories Events on 26th March.

Work on the windows continues and we have tenders out for some more work on the roof. We hope then that that will be it for major fabric work for awhile.

Please give if you can as we receive no central funding and are funded entirely through donations, fundraising and grants.

How to Give If you are able to make a donation towards the maintenance of the church building please do consider making a regular donation: to Newton Flotman Parish Church Council sort code 20-62-53 a/c 70651028 it is classed as a business account. Please reference it 'Fabric'. To give regularly why not become a 'Friend of St Mary's'- contact Kirsten Remer – see contacts page.

To contribute to the running costs of the church and provision of clergy please go to **DofN.org/donate** to donate to our Parish Share. Please, give a regular amount if you can. Thank you



We are holding our next Memories Event at the Village Café on 26th March 10-12.

We'd particularly like to hear about your memories of how the village celebrated the Coronation and the Silver Jubilee in 1977 to provide us with information for our planned exhibition for the Platinum Jubilee weekend.

The visit to the site of Blundeville Manor on the Shotesham Estate takes place on 13th March (please note the date change) meet in the A140 layby 2pm for a 2.15pm start. The visit will be led by Stephen Heywood with kind permission of Edward Bailey. Numbers are limited so please get in touch if you would like to join us kirstenremer@gmail.com



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International Women's Day



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Social Club Trial At The Village Centre



You told the Parish Council in the market research programme they undertook last summer that you wanted to have a social club in Newton Flotman. As the Village Centre Committee runs the Village Centre, we are ALAN KING PLAYING FIELD taking up this request and will be holding a trial social club on Tuesday 8th March from 7.30pm

to 10.00pm. We want to find out from you what type of social club you want to have. Do you want a sports bar with sky tv and sports playing constantly while the social club is open? Or do you want somewhere to have a quiet drink with your family and/or friends while your children play on the play equipment?

On 8th March we will have the discussion, so we want you to come and give us your views. We also want to know if you would be happy to help run the social club. The committee membership is small now so we will need assistance to turn the idea of running a social club into a reality.

The first twenty minutes of the evening will be the annual general meeting for the Village Centre. We must legally conduct this meeting to report on the activities over the last year and elect the committee members. Do come along especially if you want to help to run the Village Centre, as without your support and a larger committee, we will not be able to organise events such as a village fete. We look forward to seeing you on 8th March.

Drainage Issues on Village Centre Site - Support Needed

The Newton Flotman Village Centre and Playing Field Committee is trying to sort out the drainage problem with the ditch along the side of roadway into the Village Centre which, in the recent past, has the filled up and then flooded the car park and path down to the top of Alan Avenue. We also want to install drainage into the playing area to the east of the Village Centre near the play equipment which is often a guagmire in the winter after heavy rainfall.

To enable us to hire contractors to do the work, we are going to apply for funding from the Mick George Community Fund. The main criteria they use to assess an application are:

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#LovetoRead calls on Wednesdays, normally every 28 days. This month the planned date is 2nd March. The timetable is as follows:

Stop number	Village	Arrival time	Departure time	Stop name	Postcode
2	Swainsthorpe	09:50	10:05	The Church	NR14 8PN
18	Newton Flotman	14:30	15:30	School Road	NR15 1PR
20	Newton Flotman	15:35	16:05	Grove Dale	NR15 1QG
22	Newton Flotman	16:10	16:50	Joy Ave	NR15 1RD

LOCAL WALKS

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Saturday March 19th 9.30 am

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Walks are about 6k along footpaths and quiet roads. Sometimes there are stiles and often there is mud!

(Sorry, not suitable for buggies)

Return to Village Cafe, Newton Flotman church room for drinks and bakes @ the Village Cafe.

admin@newtonflotmanvillagecentre.co.uk expressing your support for the project and the benefits you will get from the improvement to the site drainage. This would be very much appreciated.

We would hope that, having resolved the drainage issues, we would be able to put more items on the playing area including a skate park and/or BMX track, if the Parish Council gives us their approval.

The Friends of Newton Flotman Primary School charity No 1072382 www.facebook.com/FriendsOfNewtonFlotmanPrimarySchool



This year the Friends of School are raising funds to send the current year 6 children to the Hippodrome Circus in Great Yarmouth as part of their end of year celebrations before they head off to high school. We also want to send all the school children to this year's Christmas Pantomime at the Norwich theatre Royal.

We are aiming to raise £3000 to cover performance seats, refreshments and transport.

This school year to date we have raised approximately £644. Our recent 'Bag2school' campaign raised £144 so a big thank you to everyone who supported this.

We will be collecting again for 'Bag2school' in the summer terms so please keep hold of any unwanted clothes, linen, bags and shoes between now and then.

We are also hoping to support the school to bring children's story authors into the school to engage the children in the awe of the written word and the world it opens up.

Finally in this edition we would like to say a huge and awesome thank you to Caroline Wolfe who has been the heart and soul of the Friends of Newton Flotman Primary school charity for over 15 years. Caroline has hung up her clipboard and leaves us with lots of inspiration to work towards in her absence. Thank you Caroline, we will all miss you being part of the team.

Linzi Rawson Chair Friends of School

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thurs
28	1 Shrove Tuesday/ Pancake Day Outreach Post Office at Newton Flotman Church Room 2-4pm	2 Mobile library Ash Wednesday service Swainsthorpe 7.30pm	3 Crafting for a 9.30am in the room
7	8 Outreach Post Office at Newton Flotman Church Room 2-4pm	9	10
14	15 Outreach Post Office at Newton Flotman Church Room 2-4pm Flotman at the Flicks NF Village Centre 7.30pm	16	17
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28	29 Outreach Post Office at Newton Flotman Church Room 2-4pm Parish Council meeting 7.30pm NF Village Centre	30	31

March 2022 Events at a Glance - all calendar content subject to chan_k

Practice Manager at Long Stratton Medical Practice urging them to extend the opening hours of the surgery in Newton Flotman. A response has been received and has been published on the Parish Council's website - https://www.newtonflotmanpc.co.uk/ researchreport

Just so you know ...

The Parish Council continue to push for the bus stop sign outside ARTS and the light on the pedestrian refuge on the A140 to be reinstated. They are also urging the County Council to take action with regards to the van parked on Short Street.

Find out more about what's going on

The Parish Council post up-to-date information including police updates, road closures, and items of general interest on its Facebook page – **@NewtonFlotmanPC**. Please like our page. If you don't do or have access to Facebook, all posts can also be found on the parish council website homepage – https://www.newtonflotmanpc.co.uk/ along with lots more useful information about the Parish Council and the village generally. If there is anything that you would like us to circulate or any information that you think should be included on the website, please get in touch – contact details below.

Next meeting

The next meeting of the parish council will be held on Tuesday 29th March at 7.30pm at the Village Centre. The public are very welcome to attend parish council meetings and there is always an opportunity for you to ask questions and to have your say. Minutes of all meetings are posted on the Parish Council website https://www.newtonflotmanpc.co.uk/agendas-and-minutes

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Julie King, Clerk to the Parish Council

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News from Newton Flotman Parish Council Development of land off Alan Avenue

The Parish Council met on 18th January to consider the application and agreed to recommended that the application be refused. It is now with South Norfolk Council, as the planning authority to determine. The planning application number is 2021/2784, the Parish Council's comments, along with details of the application and other comments received, can be viewed on South Norfolk Council's website

A fond farewell...

Two of the Council's longest standing councillors have stepped back from the Parish Council. At the last Parish Council meeting the chairman expressed thanks, on behalf of the Parish Council and the community, for the work undertaken by Bob McKelvey and Bob Kelf during their more than 30 years in office, adding that they would be sorely missed.

If you would be interested in becoming a Councillor, more details can be found on the website - https://www.newtonflotmanpc.co.uk/ vacancy or get in touch - contact details below.

King's Green

It won't have escaped your attention that several trees have been planted on King's Green. Thanks to sponsorship from Duffield's, and assistance from the South Norfolk Tree Wardens network, these have been provided free of charge. Huge thanks to all involved in the organisation of this and those who turned out on a cold Saturday morning to do the planting. It is the intention to re-wild parts of King's Green and to introduce wild flowers. It will be interesting to see the results as the year progresses.

Platinum Jubilee

There is a small group of people in the village working on providing events for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations at the beginning of June. If you would like to be involved, please get in touch – contact details below.

Research Report

Following the research carried out over the summer, a report on the findings has been produced. Thanks to a grant from our District Councillor, Florence Ellis, copies of the report have been printed. The report makes very interesting reading, if you would like a copy please get in touch – contact details below.

One of the recommendations from the report was to write to the

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	1 April Fool's Day!	Place your birthday event notice or activ the calenda Email details caroline@uv6.	

Sleep

Over the years I've been learning about the impact our habits and behaviours can have on the quality of our sleep. Even slight adjustments can have a big impact. Much of this information can be found on Dr. Chatterjee's podcast, a big favourite of mine, or in his books.

Our bodies love routine, so having a regular sleep/wake pattern and bedtime ritual can help our bodies to get into a rhythm. Having a dark, quiet and cool bedroom can be beneficial. 16-18°C is the ideal temperature.

Being outside in daylight nice and early helps our bodies to know it's morning and 14 hours later sleepy hormones are released to help us begin to wind down towards sleep mode. One very common problem is that many of us are exposed to bright light in the evenings; our eyes drink in the light and our brains think it's daytime still and hold off on producing the sleepy hormone. Having low lighting in the evening and 60-90 minutes of screen free time before bed can be beneficial.

Caffeine is a stimulant and can be disruptive to sleep. It's said that if you drink a cup of coffee at noon, by midnight there's still 1/4 of the caffeine in your system. If my clients are struggling with sleep I always suggest they avoid caffeine in the afternoons and see if it makes a difference. For people who are more sensitive to caffeine cutting back even more could be really beneficial.

Alcohol, though it might aid relaxation, can have a detrimental effect on the quality of sleep, hindering deep sleep, so is best avoided as a asleep aid. There are some good natural remedies that can really help.

Eating foods rich in tryptophan helps our bodies to make serotonin, which is a sleep and mood enhancer. Tryptophan is found in turkey, eggs, cheese, salmon, nuts and seeds.

Having a warm bath is a lovely thing to do to relax before bed, especially if you include some products that have calming essential oils in, such as lavender. One of my favourites is the Weleda Lavender bath Milk.

Reading a book is another great way of relaxing before bed, as long as it's not too stimulating.

There are some lovely guided audio visualisations online that can help calm our minds and relax our bodies ready for sleep.

So, there are a few things you could try if you're having trouble sleeping. I hope they help.

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