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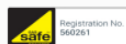


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November is a season when we remember and honour all who gave their lives in conflict and those who currently serve to defend our way of life. Perhaps you will be wearing a poppy, taking some time to be silent or gathering with others at Church to give thanks to God for the freedom we enjoy.

Remembering is an important concept in Christian tradition; we are told to remember all that God has done and to thank him for the meaning and hope he brings to our lives.

I have recently moved to Newton Flotman as Assistant Curate (trainee Vicar) in the Tas Valley Benefice and have been so grateful for the welcome I have received. While I am excited about living and working in this beautiful part of Norfolk I have also found myself reflecting on the past, and remembering God's goodness to me throughout my life. I have much to be thankful for.

I wonder what memories make you feel thankful? What you are thankful for today?

I look forward to getting to know you all and hearing your stories.

Love and prayers,

Rev'd Rachel Hayden

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Rev'd Austin Uzoigwe

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Worship Events in November

St Mary's, Newton Flotman

Sunday	3rd	11:00	Morning Worship - Lesley Cox
		18:30	Remembering Loved Ones - Dawn Davidson & Austin Uzoigwe
Sunday	10th	10:45	Remembrance Service - Kirsten Remer
Sunday	17th	11:00	Morning Worship - Lesley Cox
Sunday	24th	11:00	Holy Communion - Austin Uzoigwe

St Peter's, Swainsthorpe

Sunday	3rd	9:30	Swainsthorpe Special - Rachel Hayden (with Dawn Davidson)
Sunday	10th	10:45	Remembrance Service - Lesley Cox
Sunday	17th	9:30	Holy Communion - Austin Uzoigwe
Sunday	24th	9:30	Swainsthorpe Special - Philip Simmons

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Thank you to the Parish Councils of Newton Flotman and Swainsthorpe for the grants to support this village magazine. Thanks too, to Cllr John Cook for his support. Partnership is produced by church members from Newton Flotman for the people of the villages of Newton Flotman, Saxlingham Thorpe and Swainsthorpe, promoting church and village activities, events, businesses and Parish Council news. It is posted on the village Facebook pages in the files section for reference too. Thank you to the band of volunteers in the villages who deliver this to your door.

Thank you to those that joined the working party at the end of October to repaint the church and to David Wharton for co-ordinating this project. The work being done by this group has attracted the attention of the Diocese in terms of encouraging volunteers! Talking of which, please join us for the Churchyard Maintenance morning on 2nd November - you will be well rewarded with cake at Village Cafe!

Timed to be close to All Souls Day, the annual **Remembering Loved Ones Service is on the evening of Sunday 3rd November** – do check the service list for times. All are welcome to this thoughtful and reflective service to remember those we have loved and lost.

The following week, continuing the season of remembrance we have our **Village Service of Remembrance 10th November 10.45am at the church where our village war memorial is housed.** As has become our tradition, we will link live via radio to the Cenotaph for the national Act of Remembrance.

Getting ready for the big day! Alongside Village Café on **30th November we have our annual Wreath Making Workshop 10-12 in the church room.** We will provide greenery for you to use but if you have any evergreen or interesting shrubbery with berries that you could bring along it would be appreciated. There is no charge, but we really would appreciate a donation in the Village Café bottle. We thank Caroline and her team for putting this on. It is a lovely hands on event for all ages! If you would like to come along, please message **caroline@uv6.com** to book your space.

Other festive dates for the diary: Saturday 21st Christmas Space 10-12; Sunday 22nd 6.30pm Carols on the Green; Village Carol and Crib Service Christmas Eve 4pm. It is almost **Posada time**...Joseph and Mary will soon be needing to book their overnight stays round the village so look out for news of how you can host them!



Newton Flotman and Saxlingham Thorpe Heritage Group

NFaST will be hosting Village Café in St Mary's church room, 10-12pm on Saturday 9th November for Remembrance Weekend.

There will be a chance to view the archive and weather permitting pop up the church tower! The 2025 calendar is being produced – pre-orders accepted (cost will be £8 with deals to be had for multiple orders!) Contact nfasthg@outlook.com (monitored weekly)



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Friday 6th December - Christmas Party (ticketed event) with The Brunch Bar

Youth Club - NF Village Centre

For 8 -16 year olds - Wednesdays 6-8 pm (term time)

Stay & Play - NF Village Centre

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Cherry Tree Café

Wednesdays, 9am to 12 midday - Newton Flotman Village Centre

Village Café - Newton Flotman Church Room

Saturdays 10am - midday

Film Night - Newton Flotman Village Centre

Tuesday 19th November - Wilding
Tuesday 17th December - One Love (Bob Marley)
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Wednesdays 9.30 - 11.30am

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Village Walks

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Meetings

Newton Flotman Parish Council:
Tuesday 26th November 7:30pm - Village Centre
Swainsthorpe Parish Council:
Wednesday 13th November - 7.30pm - St Peter's Community Centre.

Book a space:

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Partnership Deadline

The next edition of Partnership will be a joint edition for December/January 2024. Deadline will be 14th November. Contributions by email to caroline@uv6.com or call **07855 838553**. The editor reserves the right to edit copy and print as space permits.

News from Newton Flotman Parish Council

Parish Allotments

The Parish Council has 23 allotments off Exchange Road which are for the residents of Newton Flotman. Allotments are a great place to grow your own fruit and vegetables, get some exercise and enjoy being outside. The allotments are very popular however if you would like to join the waiting list for a plot please use the contact details below;

Paula Way, Chairman/Secretary, Newton Flotman Allotment Society
paulaway@hotmail.co.uk, 01508 470864

or

Maria Hutson, Clerk to Newton Flotman Parish Council
clerk@newtonflotmanpc.co.uk, 01508 447688

Trees and footpaths

As the leaves begin to drop off the trees and with winter around the corner now is the ideal time to ensure that trees and bushes on property boundaries are pruned and not overhanging or impeding footpaths. Please ensure that paths are kept clear to allow pedestrians unobstructed access.

Annual budget setting

At the November Parish Council meeting the 2025/26 budget for the Parish Council will be considered and agreed. The Parish Council are responsible for a number of functions in the village including the emptying of dog waste bins, grass cutting of the village green, the upkeep of a number of assets including grit bins, dog waste bins, noticeboards, bus shelter and benches, managing the allotments and supporting the Youth Club. In addition the Parish Council currently give grant donations to the church for the maintenance of the churchyard and a contribution towards Partnership magazine and a contribution towards grass cutting, and other maintenance costs at the Village Centre

The Parish Council precept, or contribution towards financing the Parish Council budget, is part of the Council tax bill that is collected by South Norfolk Council. It also includes contributions towards Norfolk County Council, South Norfolk Council and The Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner.

Members of the public are welcome to attend the meeting and listen to discussions as the budget for the ensuing year is agreed.

Meetings

The Parish Council meets every month (except August and December) on a Tuesday evening. The next meeting is being held on

Tuesday 26th November at 7:30pm, Village Centre

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Maria Hutson, Clerk to the Parish Council

Newton Flotman Climate Care

Solar panels for your house?

Have you considered having solar panels fitted to your house? With electricity expensive to buy and solar panels getting cheaper it's worth thinking about. Trouble is it can be quite difficult to sort out. Is your roof big enough. Does it face the right way? Is it shaded by other buildings or trees?

Then if you decide to go ahead you really need three quotes from different companies - even then how to decide which is best?

The South Norfolk district council are promoting a business called Solar Together* who can help simplify the process and get a good cheap quote.

<https://solartogether.co.uk/south-norfolk/home>

It's simple enough to register online - they ask you a few questions about your house. They then use the power of group buying to get you a good price. They check out the installer carefully. Then they offer you a price and an installer for your solar panels. You don't have to accept it - you can decide not to go ahead if you wish.

If you do go ahead the installer will contact you and carry out a full survey. Important to note that your contract is then with the installer - Solar Together are an independent company who find the installers and negotiate prices.

It may seem a funny time of year to be talking about solar power for our houses - just as we enter the months when the sun is weakest. But the process of getting solar panels will take a few months - especially as installers are busy.

There don't seem to be grants available for solar panels but loans may be possible from the government via the new "Green deal". The government green deal page also suggests ways of saving energy in your home. Find them on line here:

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Swainsthorpe Parish Council Notes - 11th September 2024

At the meeting we received updates on local green energy projects and proposals:

National Grid: Norwich to Tilbury The official consultation has completed and the decision now lies with the Secretary of State.

Norwich Main Substation Extension This project was approved by South Norfolk District Council and work has commenced on construction.

Orsted – Hornsea 3 Construction of the Converter Station continues apace despite problems with flooding. Orsted have informed SNDC that the BESS to be installed will be one of the largest in Europe.

Equinor – SEP and DEP This project has now been approved by the outgoing Secretary of State, but work has yet to begin.

EDF - Bloys Grove Solar Farm and Cable Connection The Traffic Management Plan has been approved by SNDC and will include HGVs going through the village of Swainsthorpe for the duration of the construction period (likely to be 9 months). A start date has not been confirmed. The cable connection has been approved with 12 conditions covering archaeology, badgers, noise and dust amongst other matters.

EDF – BESS On land north of Hickling Lane No work has started on this, and the field concerned has been left fallow this year.

FPC – BESS on land north of Stoke Lane An application for a second means of access to the site has been approved by SNDC.

Other matters discussed:

Robin Parkinson reported that the Swainsthorpe Community Charity Trust are planning to put an artificial Christmas tree on the green.

It was agreed that the PC should donate £300 p.a. to the Partnership magazine and the first payment has been made.

Our Neighbourhood Plan is under way, and we have secured funding for the whole project. We have a Steering Group of 13 parishioners and have appointed consultants to guide us through the project.

We have requested a TPO online for the Millennium Oak and it is hoped that news will be received soon.

The refurbishment of the telephone box is complete, with grateful thanks to Charles and Rosemary Carron Brown. A defibrillator with locked box has been ordered and once received, training will take place.

The PC has been successful in obtaining £20k from South Norfolk Council, thanks to District Cllr John Cook's help. The outcome of the Lottery grant is still pending.

Since the last meeting there had been five sessions by the Speedwatch team. We are encouraged that more drivers are respecting the 30mph speed limit through the village.

The next meeting has been arranged for Wednesday 20th November 2024 and all residents are warmly invited to attend. Festive refreshments will be provided following the meeting. Council contact: Nicola LeDain (Parish Clerk) - 07855 947797 swainsthorpepc@gmail.com

Crafting for a Cause

We are a friendly group who meet to bring and share skills which are put to use to raise money for good causes. We are currently supporting the work of the Priscilla Bacon Hospice in Norwich.



We now meet twice a month, on the first Wednesday of each month from 2-4 pm and on the third Saturday from 10am to midday at the Village Cafe. Both meetings will be in the Church Room.

Do come along and see what we are up to. We have spare materials for you to have a try at a new crafting skill, if you'd like to have a go. If you would like more information contact Vicky (01508 471506) or Hilary (07806762296). All are welcome.

Would you like to join a monthly Circle Dancing group in Swainsthorpe?

Circle dancing's a gentle form of dancing (in a circle) to celebrate different festivals, seasons, countries and even birthdays!

The dancing would be lead by an experienced dancer, who will guide you through the various dance patterns.

It is simple and uplifting.

There will not be a charge but if you wish to give a donation it would go to help the church bell fund.

It would be on a weekday.

If you are interested please contact Susan on 07912 664066.

Mobile Library for November

The mobile library will be visiting Newton Flotman and Swainsthorpe on Wednesday 6th November. Please note times below. The mobile library is a valuable community resource especially for those without their own transport - use it or lose it!

Village	Stop Name	Arrival Time	Departure Time	Postcode
SWAINSTHORPE	THE CHURCH	09:50	10:05	NR14 8PN
NEWTON FLOTMAN	GROVE DALE	12:00	12:20	NR15 1QG
NEWTON FLOTMAN	JOY AVE	12:45	13:05	NR15 1RD
NEWTON FLOTMAN	SCHOOL ROAD	14:20	15:30	NR15 1PR