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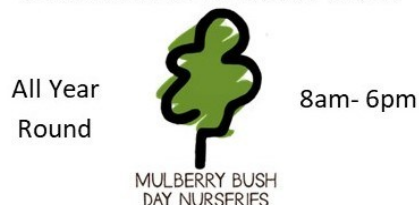
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Parson's Page

It has been an eventful couple of months in my family with a birth, a death and an engagement.

I have been reminded though, that in every season of life, God is present. From the first breath of a newborn to final prayers at a bedside, God remains faithful. He is with us in times of laughter and celebration and with us in times of pain and suffering.

The Bible says that "to everything there is a season" and that each season, however joyful or painful, lies within God's care.

Have you noticed that life rarely moves in a neat straight line? There are moments when joy and sorrow sit side by side, and we must hold both at the same time. I know there have been seasons when I've felt that I'm on a rollercoaster! Yet, even then, we are not alone. God meets us in our questions, steadies us in uncertainty, and teaches us to trust him one day at a time. In the changing pattern of our lives, we can discover that God does not change; he is full of compassion; drawing us towards hope.

So, being part of a family gives us the opportunity to cherish the young, honour the old, comfort the grieving, and rejoice with those who celebrate new life. In all things, and through all things, God is with us. His grace surrounds the whole circle of life, and his love will never let us go.

Reverend Rachel Hayden

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Reverend Rachel Hayden



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Susan Peters Corbett 01508 470539 - St Peter's Swainsthorpe

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Sunday 12th	11:00	Holy Communion - Dawn Davidson
Sunday 19th	11:00	Sunday Space - Rachel Hayden
Sunday 26th	11:00	Morning Worship - Lesley Cox

St Peter's, Swainsthorpe

Sunday 5th	09:30	Swainsthorpe Special Service - Lesley Cox
Sunday 12th	09:30	Holy Communion - Rachel Hayden
Sunday 19th	09:30	Swainsthorpe Special - Philip Simmons
Sunday 26th	09:30	Swainsthorpe Special - Dawn Davidson

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Saturday Village Café
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SUMMER SPACE With the school summer holidays on the horizon, as a church we are gearing up for our Summer Spaces on Thursday mornings in August. In the meantime do give our Sunday Space a try on 19th July!

With the wildlife area coming into its own now is a lovely time to take a contemplative wander around the churchyard, stopping at the prayer stations to reflect and pray and to enjoy the sounds and sights of nature, and yes it is possible to block the sound of the A140!



Kirsten Remer
churchwarden kirstenrem@gmail.com

Newton Flotman Climate Care

Let's be honest - climate change is real. They've been telling us about it for years but now we can sense it for ourselves. Those spells of baking hot weather - those hot sleepless nights. The seasons feel a bit weird with warm spells in the winter. Then there's the stuff on the news. Storms and floods. Forest fires threaten to disrupt our holidays.



Let's be honest - it feels a bit scary. They say it will get worse. What might that mean for us? Floods? Fires? Might food prices go up even more if crops get harder to grow? Will we need air conditioning - and how much would that cost? If it goes on getting hotter what might that mean for our children?

Let's be honest - we can get through this. Across the world countries are going for wind and solar power because it is cheap. We can build wind and solar in the UK. Our energy - made in Britain. Not shipped across the world or polluting our planet. We might even get cheaper electricity eventually. Electric cars are good and getting better. Heat pumps are really efficient.

Let's be honest - change can be tough and big changes are needed. But we can do it. As a country we are strong and resilient. We don't want to pretend it's not happening and leave things as they are. Let's do our bit and support policies which promote a healthy planet.

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It is the summer of 2026 as I write this article. Schools close soon and there is almost a festive mood in the air with the sunshine brightening up our days and plans for holidays. Our article this month is dedicated to **Juvenile Idiopathic Arthritis (JIA)** as this awareness week is held from 7th to 11th July.

Juvenile Idiopathic Arthritis is an umbrella term used to describe different presentations of joint and systemic (affecting the body) symptoms occurring in someone who is less than 16 years old, lasts for more than six weeks and are of unknown cause. It is an autoimmune disorder where the body's natural defences (designed to stop infections) start to attack the joints. This causes inflammation of the joints, leading to pain, discomfort and reduced mobility. It is the most common rheumatologic condition of childhood. It can affect anything between 1 – 4 joints and sometimes 5 or more joints are affected. In some children, it can present as systemic symptoms which means a fever, rash, eye symptoms and arthritis affecting joints.

As I mentioned, there is no known cause. It is thought to be multifactorial with both environmental and genetic factors playing key roles. Stress and maternal smoking have also been reported as contributing factors.

Around 1 in every 1,600 children and young people under the age of 16 have JIA. That is around 8,000 children in the UK alone.

There is quite a lot of research centred around JIA happening in the UK and around the world. At present there is no cure. The treatment of JIA is based on controlling the inflammatory process by decreasing the number of actively affected joints and improving the quality of life. The management of JIA is led by the Rheumatology team at the hospital with involvement of various other health professionals.

For information and support see <https://events.versusarthritis.org/> or JIA-at-NRAS | Supporting children and families affected by juvenile arthritis

Enjoy your summer. Ensure that you stay safe with the appropriate use of SPF creams/lotions and keep well hydrated.

Mini Nelson

Articles Wanted for Partnership

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Deadline for copy for the Aug/Sept edition is 7th July.

Could You Live On £2.23 A Day?

The average person in the UK spends around £40 a day on essentials such as food, housing, transport and household bills. While many of us have felt the effects of the cost-of-living crisis, we can easily forget how fortunate we still are. Yet around 831 million people worldwide live in extreme poverty, surviving on less than £2.23 per day.

My name is Jess Day. I live in Swainsthorpe and am currently volunteering with The Borgen Project, a non-profit organisation that advocates for policies to reduce global poverty. Through this work, I have learned how overseas aid can transform lives and create opportunities for some of the world's most vulnerable people.

Our community has a long tradition of helping those in need. Whether through supporting local charities, volunteering, fundraising events or church initiatives, many of us understand the importance of extending a helping hand to others.

However, poverty is not only a local issue. Across the world, families struggle to access clean water, healthcare, education and reliable sources of food. Poverty contributes to hunger, preventable disease, lack of educational opportunity and increased vulnerability to conflict and violence.

This is why I am asking for your support for the UK's Official Development Assistance (ODA) programme. Overseas aid helps provide vaccinations, improve access to education, support farmers, respond to humanitarian crises and strengthen communities so that people can build more secure futures for themselves and their families.

Compassion does not stop at our borders. If you would like to support effective overseas aid and help reduce global poverty, please consider contacting our MP, Ben Goldsborough, through The Borgen Project's advocacy campaign:

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Jess Day
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Parliamentary Petition Concerning The A140/Flordon Road Junction

Discussions regarding the improvement of the A140/Flordon Road junction have been ongoing for some years. In late May a traffic flow study was commissioned and carried out by Norfolk County Council Highways.

Following conversations with MP Ben Goldsborough he has put together a parliamentary petition as follows;

"To the House of Commons.

The petition of residents of the constituency of South Norfolk,

Declares that the junctions on the A140 with Flordon Road, Short Street, Old Street and Cargate Lane are unsafe and pose a risk to motorist and pedestrian safety; and further declares that upgrades are needed to improve the safety of these junctions.

The petitioners therefore request that the House of Commons urge the Government to encourage Norfolk County Council to commit to upgrading the junctions on the A140 with Flordon Road, Short Street, Old Street and Cargate Lane, and to improving safety for road users."

Residents are encouraged to sign the petition. It can be signed at Parish Council meetings, the Cherry Tree Café [Wednesdays 10am-12pm in the Village Centre], Village Café [Saturdays 10am-12pm in the church room], the doctor's surgery, the Social Club and at the village fete. Parish Councillors will take the petition to the residents of Newton Flotman knocking on doors so they can be given the opportunity to sign the petition if they have not done so already,

It is hoped that the petition will be submitted to the House of Commons in September, subject to timetabling.

Meetings

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

Tuesday 14th July, 7:30pm, Church Room; no meeting in August,

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 – www.newtonflotman-pc.gov.uk

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Maria Hutson, Clerk to the Parish Council



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This year we will be raising funds for 'Little Lifts', a Norfolk based charity which aims to provide thoughtfully handpicked gift boxes to people affected by breast cancer.

We meet twice a month – every first Wednesday afternoon and every 3rd Saturday morning, in Newton Flotman church room. We quite often have the materials needed for items to be made, so there needn't be any cost to individuals.

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St Peter's Church, Swainsthorpe - Jumble sale

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Susan Peters Corbett

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You need to be a library member to use the mobile libraries - remember to bring your library card with you. We look forward to welcoming you on board. For any questions about mobile libraries, email the team at central.mobiles.lib@norfolk.gov.uk.

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

Newton Flotman Allotment Society

Newton Flotman has a wonderful allotment site at the top of the village. If you are struggling for space in your own garden and would like an allotment plot please consider joining the friendly band of allotmenters. For more information please email Paula Way on paulaway@hotmail.co.uk

If a whole allotment plot is a bit too much for you then you could have a smaller section in the community allotment plot, currently looked after by Jo Luxton. If this is more your thing, please text Jo Luxton on 07857 367093. There are some raised beds on this plot as well as some established plants. You don't need any prior experience or tools - you just need some energy!

If you are ever walking along the footpath from Alan Avenue to Exchange Road and you happen to see bags of veg or fruit hanging from the fence, please help yourself. Allotment plots often produce gluts and it is great to share!



FIGS
Afternoon Tea

3PM-5PM SUNDAY 23RD AUGUST 2026

**'THE CROFT', 60 CHURCH ROAD,
SWAINSTHORPE**

Enjoy a delicious afternoon tea, including classic scones and cakes.

£12 per person to include complimentary tea/coffee.
£15 per person to include a glass of prosecco.

Bookings are essential as numbers will be limited!

*Please contact Sheena - swainsthorpefigs@gmail.com
or 07758155959*

Partnership Deadline

The next edition of Partnership will be a joint edition for August and September 2026. Deadline for this will be earlier than usual, on 7th July. Contributions by email to caroline@uv6.com or call **07855 838553**. The editor reserves the right to edit copy and print as space permits.

What's On In Our Villages

Social Club - Newton Flotman Village Centre

Friday 3rd July - Peaky Pizzas
Friday 10th July - JP's Street Food
Friday 17th July - Live Music with Shaun - Tatos Food Van
Friday 24th July - Marky D's Food
31st July - Snack 'N' Dash

Youth Club - Newton Flotman Village Centre

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

Cherry Tree Café

Wednesdays - 10am to 12 midday - Newton Flotman Village Centre

Village Café

Saturdays - 10am to midday - Newton Flotman Church Room

Film Night - Newton Flotman Village Centre

Tuesday 21st July - One Battle After Another
Bar open from 7pm; Film starts at 7.30pm

Summer Events

Saturday 4th July - Swainsthorpe Village Fete - 1-4pm
Puddleducks Preschool Summer Fayre - 1-3pm 11th July
FIGS Afternoon Tea - at 'The Croft', Swainsthorpe - Saturday 23rd August
Sunday 30th August - Newton Flotman Village Fete - 12-4pm
Including Wacky Walkies Dog Show from 12pm

Outreach Post Office

Wednesdays 11:30am -12:30pm - Newton Flotman Church Room

Mobile Library

Wednesday 15th July

Crafting for a Cause

1st Weds of the month, 2 - 4pm, Newton Flotman Church Room
3rd Saturday of the month - 10-midday at Village Café

Village Walks

2nd Saturday of the month

For more details contact Richard Beach 07963006091

Parish Council Meetings

Tuesday 14th July, 7:30pm - Newton Flotman Church Room
Wednesday 8th July, 7.30pm - Swainsthorpe St Peter's

Room Booking - see page 4

From Our MP

Applications are now open for my very first South Norfolk Summer School: a two-day programme designed to give young people across South Norfolk a hands-on insight into politics, Parliament, campaigning, and public service. I am delighted to be hosting the event this July at Wymondham Rugby Club.



Taking place on 27th and 28th July, the Summer School is open to students in Years 11, 12, and 13 who live in the South Norfolk constituency. Across the two days, participants will hear from guest speakers, take part in interactive workshops and discussions, and gain practical experience designing and developing their own campaign.

Participants will also have the opportunity to take part in a range of engaging sessions delivered by people working across politics, local government, and community organisations. Alongside learning more about the role of an MP and how decisions are made, they will also develop valuable skills in advocacy, teamwork, leadership, and public engagement. The aim of the programme is simple: to help young people better understand how politics and public life work, while also building confidence and transferable skills that will benefit them in the future.

Whether you, or a young person you know, are already interested in politics, passionate about community issues, or simply looking to gain new experiences and strengthen your CV or university applications, I would strongly encourage you to apply.

One of the things I care most about as South Norfolk's MP is ensuring young people feel empowered, listened to, and able to shape the future of their communities. Too often, politics can feel distant or inaccessible, particularly for younger generations. I hope this Summer School will help open that world up and show young people that there are many ways to make a positive difference, both locally and nationally.

To apply, please email me at ben.goldsborough.mp@parliament.uk with a short supporting statement explaining why you would like to attend. Applications are now open and places are limited and, if applications exceed capacity, spaces will be offered on a first-come, first-served basis.

Ben Goldsborough MP

Newton Flotman Fete - Sunday 30th August

It's not too late to book a stall, but be quick as spaces are limited!

For more information message

steven.halstead911@gmail.com