

Partnership

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

November 2026



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Parson's Page

Each November, our churches and communities pause to remember. We gather around memorials, wear poppies and keep silence for those who served, suffered and died in war. It is right that we honour individual lives, costly service and the grief carried by families through generations.

Remembrance also turns our attention to the present. Around the world, people still endure war, displacement and bereavement. So, our silence should become prayer, and our prayer should shape action: seeking reconciliation, welcoming the stranger, challenging prejudice and nurturing peace in our homes and neighbourhoods. Even small acts of patience and kindness resist the divisions from which conflict grows.

The act of remembering lies at the heart of Christian faith. When we share Holy Communion, we remember Jesus' words, "Do this in remembrance of me," recalling the love he showed through his life, death and resurrection. This kind of remembrance does not leave us trapped in sadness; it gives us hope and encourages us to live with compassion, courage and a renewed commitment to peace.

This Remembrance Sunday, let's take time to be thankful for the courage and sacrifice of others, and to remember all those whose lives have been affected by war. But let's not stop there. We can each help to build peace through the way we speak, listen and care for people around us. May Christ, the Prince of Peace, help us to choose kindness over division and hope over fear.

Reverend Rachel Hayden

Holy Communion at Home

Are you unable to get to church but would like to receive Holy Communion at home? There is a tradition in the Church of England that Holy Communion is taken to those at home who are unable to get to church because of illness or other circumstances.

Home Communion normally takes place once every four to six weeks and can be on a one-off or regular basis. If you would like to receive Holy Communion at home or find out more, please contact me on 01508 826971 and I will be happy to have a chat or arrange a visit.

Reverend Rachel Hayden



FANCY A COFFEE OR A CUPPA?
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Church Contact Details

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

Rev'd Dawn Davidson (Team Rector),
dawndavidson@btinternet.com tel: 498924 The Rectory, The Street,
Saxlingham Nethergate, NR15 1AJ

Rev'd Rachel Hayden (Curate) **revrachelhayden@gmail.com** 01508 826971

Church Buildings and Church Yards

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
Susan Peters Corbett 01508 470539 - St Peter's Swainsthorpe

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

To donate to Newton Flotman Parish Church Council: sort code 08-92-99 a/c 67438770; 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 – 01508 471580 **kirstenremer@gmail.com**

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. If you wish to leave a legacy please visit for further details

St Peter's Church Community Centre

Swainsthorpe Community Centre is situated within St. Peter's Church on Church Road in Swainsthorpe. The centre is available for hire on a one off or regular basis at £8 per hour. There is a well-equipped kitchen area with cutlery, crockery and glasses to serve 40 people. The entrance and toilet have wheelchair access.

For enquiries please contact: Jackie Baker 01508 470415

Church Room for Hire Newton Flotman

The Church room at St Mary's in Newton Flotman is available for hire at £7 per hour. It is suitable for meetings and small birthday parties. It has kitchen facilities and disabled access. Please call Caroline Wolfe on 01508 471238 for availability.

Newton Flotman Village Centre

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bookings@newtonflotmanvillagecentre.co.uk

Worship Events in November **St Mary's, Newton Flotman**

Sunday	Nov 1st	11:00	Holy Communion with the commissioning of William Ball as Authorised Worship Assistant - Dawn Davidson
Sunday	Nov 8th	10:45	Remembrance Sunday Service - beginning at the war memorial - Kirsten Remer
Sunday	Nov 15th	11:00	Sunday Space - Kirsten Remer & team
Sunday	Nov 29th	15:00	Benefice Advent Carol Service at Saxlingham

St Peter's, Swainsthorpe

Sunday	Nov 8th	10:45	Remembrance Sunday Service - William Ball
Sunday	Nov 22nd	11:00	Holy Communion - Rachel Hayden
Sunday	Nov 29th	15:00	Benefice Advent Carol Service at Saxlingham

For services in other churches in the Tas Valley benefice, including Shotesham, Saxlingham Nethergate and Tasburgh, please visit www.tasvalley.org

Articles Wanted for Partnership

- ! We welcome any articles (including photographs) from our readers for publication in Partnership magazine.
- ! Please email copy to caroline@uv6.com or pop hard copy through the door of Hazelwood, Flordon Road, Newton Flotman.



Saturday
Village Café
Church Room 10-12



**Come and join us in Newton Flotman for
homemade bakes & a cup of something hot.**

Room Booking

Newton Flotman Village Centre:
Martin Brooks 07454 573410

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Newton Flotman Church Room: Caroline Wolfe 01508 471238

Swainsthorpe St Peter's: Jackie Baker 07858 740763



**NEWTON FLOTMAN OUTREACH
POST OFFICE
WEDNESDAY MORNINGS
11:30am - 12:30pm
(Newton Flotman church room)**



ST MARY'S CHURCH Newton Flotman

It hasn't been a quiet Autumn so far at St Mary's! We are navigating a few changes including our service pattern, new directions for some of our church members and the

retirement of our church architect. It was a bit of a baptism of fire for our new architect when it was discovered that St Mary's has sprung a leak! *I don't think it will be the last time you hear of this as we may well need to call upon village resources to sort this out!*

The time felt right to have a church get together to talk about moving forward, which we did over breakfast at the end of September. It was a productive time; volunteers came forward to fill some posts and there was a meeting of minds to endeavour to provide the village with opportunities to encounter God's love in action in all that we do. Keep watching this space!

We've been talking to village organisations about co-ordinating a 'Welcome Week' in the Spring, with a focus on introducing new residents and those who may be wanting to get more involved in village life - an opportunity to find out more.

But before all that we have our Remembrance Service at 10:45 am on 8th November where we will link up with the radio commentary at the Cenotaph.

And then all the Christmas festivities! We start with Wreath Making on 28th November. There is the chance to host the Posada as it takes its journey round the village, there's the school Christmas card competition, Christmas Space on 20th, Carols on the Green on 22nd and our Christmas Eve service on 24th December.

As well as all that, our local MP Ben Goldsbrough is holding a 'surgery' at Village Cafe on 12th December!

Thank you to the Masters family for their kind donation to Village Café in memory of their mother, Joyce, who loved to pop in on a Saturday and enjoy a slice of cake!

Friday Prayers - Members of St Mary's church family meet on zoom every Friday at 9am to pray. If you would like to join them or if you have a prayer request please contact William Ball william@tasvalley.org

NFaST
Heritage Group

Newton Flotman and Saxlingham Thorpe Heritage Group NFaST will be hosting Village Café on 7th November for Remembrance Weekend. You have the opportunity to view the village archive and weather permitting go up the church tower! The 2027 calendar will be out this month – pre-orders accepted (cost will be £5) Contact nfasthg@outlook.com (monitored at least weekly). We are grateful to the Parish Council for funding the hosting of our website <https://www.nfasthg.com/> for the next three years, during which we are intending to explore pooling resources by moving our content to the Parish Council website.

Kirsten Remer - kirstenremer@gmail.com



Christmas Wreath Making Workshop

*Get creative, learn a new skill
and make your own beautiful
Christmas wreath!*

 Saturday 28th November 1 – 4pm	 Newton Flotman Church Room	 Cost: £15
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Booking essential
 by email at caroline@uv6.com

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Crafting For A Cause

We are a small, friendly group which meets to bring and share crafting skills that are fit to use to raise money for good causes.

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

If this sounds like something you would like to be involved in, give us a call and be part of our fundraising efforts. Please call Vicky on 07598 325840 or Hilary on 07806 762296.

We will be supporting the Saxlingham Nethergate Scouts at their Christmas Fair on Saturday 21st November, 1-4pm, so please come and see us there!

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

Newton Flotman Parish Council - Meeting Notes

Hedges and footpaths

As we move into the cooler months and nesting season is over, now is a good time to trim back hedges. Please ensure that hedges and trees are not over hanging footpaths and the paths are free from obstructions to keep them safe and usable for all.

Lighting on A140

At the September Parish Council meeting the switching off of the streetlights along the A140 was discussed. There were concerns that by switching the lights off it has made the road significantly more dangerous to road users, especially those on foot. It was agreed to send a letter of objection to County Councillor Karl Catchpole asking for the lighting to be reinstated. At the time of writing the Parish Council is waiting for further updates.

Budget setting

The November meeting will see the budget for 2027/28 discussed and agreed. Following this, the precept for the year will be set. Members of the public are invited to attend the meeting and listen to the discussions around the budget and other issues. The agenda will be posted on the website and on the noticeboards at least three days before the meeting.

Meetings

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

Tuesday 24th November, Village Centre, 7:30pm

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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Contacting the Council

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Maria Hutson, Clerk to the Parish Council

"Life starts all over again when it gets crisp in the fall."

— F. Scott Fitzgerald, The Great Gatsby (1925)



LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL

Hethersett 'District' Lions Club (CIO)

Your Local Lions Group: Charity No:1179036

Thanks to the people attending our recent quiz night at Newton Flotman Village Centre. It enabled us to make almost £400 for the East Anglian Air Ambulance, which we will make up to £500 to donate to them.

Some of our members took part in the 'Feed The 5000' at the Forum in Norwich on Sunday 12th October. This special event saw Richard Bainbridge, Chef-Patron of Benedicts Norwich, turn surplus food into a tasty hot meals, with the aim of feeding 5000 people while raising awareness of food waste, sustainability and environmental action.

Thank you for continuing to recycle your used spectacles by placing them in the bin at the doctor's surgery.

We continue to support the food bank in Norwich run by the Trussell trust that covers the local villages as well as Norwich by donating £200/month.

We now hold our monthly Wednesday meetings at the Church Room in Newton Flotman, so if you wish to know more about what Lions get up to, feel free to come along on the last Wednesday of the month at 8pm.

Club Secretary John Hewitt

01508 570392

www.e-clubhouse.org/sites/hethersettuk

Mobile Library for November

The mobile library will be visiting Newton Flotman and Swainsthorpe on Wednesday 4th November then 2nd December. Use it or lose it!

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

What's On In Our Villages

Social Club - Newton Flotman Village Centre

13th November - JP's Street Food
27th November - Christmas Bingo - Lewis & Co Street
11th December - Christmas Quiz - JP's Street Food

Christmas Events

43rd Saxlingham Nethergate Scouts' Christmas Fair
Saturday 21st November - 1-4pm - Scout HQ
Real Christmas Wreaths Workshop - Newton Flotman Church Room
1-4pm Saturday 28th November
Rag Wreaths Workshop - Swainsthorpe
21st and 28th November - 2-4pm

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 17th November - Tuner
Tuesday 15th December - The Christophers
Bar open from 7pm; Film starts at 7.30pm

Outreach Post Office

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

Mobile Library

Wednesday 4th November - see page 9 for details

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 24th November, 7:30pm - Newton Flotman Village Centre
Wednesday 11th November 7.30pm - Swainsthorpe, St Peter's

Long Stratton Medical Partnership

Swan Lane Surgery, Swan Lane, Tharston, Norwich, Norfolk, NR15 2UY

Autumn update

We were pleased to welcome Dr Lauren Fleming to the Practice on 13th October. She is working six clinical sessions each week (3 days). Dr Fleming joins us from a busy London Practice with over 20,000 patients on its books.

We also have Elaine who joins us as a full-time healthcare assistant (HCA), covering Bernie's maternity leave. When Bernie returns, Elaine will stay as a permanent additional member of the team, giving us more capacity for patient care. We are monitoring the situation with the housing developments and occupation rates closely, and strategically looking to model our care with the future population and demographic changes that this will bring.

Our autumn flu and COVID-19 vaccination campaign is well under way. We encourage patients who are eligible to take up their vaccinations when invited. Thank you to everyone who has attended so far, and to our staff for their work organising and delivering the clinics.

Since introducing total triage in May, many patients have been contacting us through SystmConnect on our website. By the end of August, the system had received more than 14,000 requests. Each request is reviewed so that we can direct patients to the most appropriate help. If you cannot use the website, please telephone or speak to reception; our team can help you submit a request.

We know the telephone can still be busy, particularly on Mondays. Our X-On Surgery Connect figures show that calls averaged 384 per working day before 11 May and 313 afterwards, a reduction of about 19%. Across January to August, the team handled nearly 59,000 calls, spending more than 4,100 hours on them. We will continue to monitor access by phone and online and listen to patients' experiences. The more we can do via our web forms, the lower the call volume will be, meaning that those patients that genuinely cannot use our website can be helped more efficiently.

We are also keen to increase the number of people who download and use the NHS App. As part of the NHS 10 year plan – the App was called "The Doctor In Your Pocket" – you can order repeat prescriptions, see test results and if you sign up for the enhanced access you can see your consultations, documents, vaccination history and much more is being developed. The Long Stratton Library has a drop-in service if you require assistance with downloading and getting started with the App.

Thank you for your continued support and patience as we develop our services. Please, if you have comments or wish to be part of our Patient Participation Group drop an email to **longstrattonppg@gmail.com**

Keith Burnett
Practice Business Manager

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Future Proof Your Home



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Join us on Saturday 21st November from 11am when a representative from Our Power will be at the Village Café in Newton Flotman church room, to chat about future proofing our homes.

Take control of your energy costs with advice on solar panels, heat pumps, grants, draught-proofing, understanding bills & meter readings and more.

More detailed talk from 12:15pm followed by lunch (suggested donation £2 per person).

For more information call William on 07785 264016

Bonfire Night – 5th November

Think about going to an organised display rather than having fireworks at home, It's cheaper and safer! But if celebrating at home, please follow this simple guidance:

FOLLOW THE FIREWORK CODE

If you must have fireworks at home, please follow this safety advice.

DOs

- Only buy fireworks from retailers registered with MFRS
- Keep fireworks in a closed box
- Follow the instructions on each firework
- Light them at arm's length, using a taper
- Stand well back
- Always supervise children around fireworks
- Light sparklers one at a time and wear gloves
- Keep pets indoors

DON'Ts

- Don't drink alcohol if setting off fireworks
- Never go near a firework that has been lit. Even if it hasn't gone off, it could still explode
- Never put fireworks in your pocket or throw them
- Never give sparklers to a child under five
- Don't let fireworks off after 11pm

From Your Local MP, Ben Goldsborough

Road safety along the A140 is an issue residents have raised with me time and again, and it is easy to see why.

Many residents have told me about the difficulties they face joining the A140, particularly at junctions in Newton Flotman. Fast-moving traffic, limited visibility and congestion can make turning in and out feel unsafe. These are longstanding concerns, and residents should be able to use these vital routes with confidence.

As such, I am particularly concerned by Norfolk County Council's recent decision to switch off streetlights along stretches of the A140. With existing safety concerns at these junctions, reducing lighting risks making an already challenging situation worse, particularly as the darker winter months approach. I have contacted Norfolk County Council Highways to set out residents' concerns and to demand an urgent review and will continue to press the Council to reconsider its decision and take residents' safety seriously.

Alongside challenging the street lighting decision, I am working with Newton Flotman Parish Council to secure improvements at the junctions where the A140 meets Flordon Road, Short Street, Old Street and Cargate Lane. These are important routes for the community, and improving their safety must be a priority.

As you may already be aware, we launched a parliamentary petition calling on the Government to urge Norfolk County Council to commit to upgrading these junctions and improving road safety. I am pleased to confirm that the petition has secured more than 500 signatures and will be presented to the House of Commons shortly. This gives us an opportunity to take residents' concerns directly to Parliament and strengthen the case for action and to push for a clear commitment to improvements from Norfolk County Council. Residents deserve action; not simply an acknowledgement of the problems they face.

I also wanted to take this opportunity to thank Newton Flotman Parish Council and everyone who has got behind the campaign so far. Your backing has been vital in building a strong case for the improvements these junctions need, and I am grateful to everyone who has helped push for change.

If you have experienced problems along the A140 or are concerned about the streetlights being switched off, please contact me at **ben.goldsborough.mp@parliament.uk**. With your consent, I can share your views directly with Norfolk County Council to help strengthen our case. Residents in Newton Flotman and the surrounding villages deserve safer roads, and I will keep pressing for the improvements they need.

Ben Goldsborough MP

November Jobs in the Garden and Allotment

November may bring shorter days, chilly mornings and the first frosts, but there is still plenty to do in the garden and allotment. A little preparation now will help protect plants through the winter and give you a head start when spring arrives.

Tidy Up and Protect

Clear away fallen leaves from lawns, paths and patios, as they can become slippery and smother grass. Collect healthy leaves to make leaf mould, an excellent soil conditioner that can be used in the garden in future years. Remove any diseased plant material and add suitable healthy waste to the compost heap. Leave some seed heads and hollow stems standing where possible, as they provide valuable food and shelter for wildlife.

Plant for Spring

November is an ideal time to plant tulip bulbs, provided the soil is not waterlogged or frozen. Plant them at a depth of roughly two to three times the height of the bulb. You can also plant bare-root roses, hedging and fruit trees while they are dormant, as long as the ground is workable.

Look After the Soil

On the allotment, clear spent crops and weeds from empty beds. Spread well-rotted manure or garden compost over the soil to improve its structure and fertility. There is no need to dig every bed; covering the soil with compost or an organic mulch can help protect it from winter weather. Covering unused beds with cardboard or weed-suppressing material can also help keep weeds under control.

Harvest and Store

Continue harvesting winter vegetables such as leeks, kale, Brussels sprouts and parsnips as required. Lift the last of the carrots and beetroot if heavy frosts are forecast, and store sound, undamaged roots in a cool, dark, frost-free place. Check stored produce regularly, removing anything that is rotting.

Protect Plants and Equipment

Move tender pots into a sheltered spot, raise containers onto pot feet to improve drainage, and wrap vulnerable pots in insulating material. Clean and oil garden tools before storing them away, and check that hoses and outside taps are protected against freezing weather.

Make Space for Wildlife

Keep bird feeders topped up and provide fresh water, checking it regularly during freezing weather. Leave a quiet, undisturbed corner with leaves and logs for insects and other garden wildlife. If you have a pond, remove fallen leaves before they accumulate, but avoid disturbing hibernating creatures.

Finally, Plan Ahead!

Use the quieter gardening days to browse seed catalogues, order seeds and plan next year's crops. Rotate vegetable families around the allotment to help reduce the build-up of pests and diseases. A little planning now will make the busy spring season much more enjoyable.

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