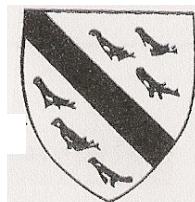


HIGH FRAMLAND NEWS

PARISHES OF
BRANSTON : CROXTON KERRIAL : HARSTON
KNIPTON : SALTBY : SPROXTON



The Revd Rowena Bass — tel. 01476 870749 **November 2012**

Little Gidding

Midwinter spring is its own season
Sempiternal though sodden towards sundown,
Suspended in time, between pole and tropic.
When the short day is brightest, with frost
and fire,
The brief sun flames the ice, on pond and
ditches,
In windless cold that is the heart's heat,
Reflecting in a watery mirror
A glare that is blindness in the early afternoon.
And glow more intense than blaze of branch, or
brazier,
Stirs the dumb spirit: no wind, but Pentecostal
fire
In the dark time of the year. Between melting
and freezing
The soul's sap quivers. There is no earth smell
Or smell or living thing. This is the spring time
But not in time's covenant. Now the hedgerow
Is blanched for an hour with transitory
blossom
Of snow, a bloom more sudden
Than that of summer, neither budding nor
fading,
Not in the scheme of generation.
Where is the summer, the unimaginable
Zero summer?

Quick now, here, now, always -
A condition of complete simplicity
(Costing not less than everything)
And all shall be well and
All manner of things shall be well
When the tongues of flame are in-folded
Into the crowned knot of fire
And the fire and the rose are on.
Lines from Little Gidding by T S Eliot

A thought about the poem.

This poem is well worth a full read through.
The complete work is on the internet if you
don't have a copy on paper. It is long and
the rhythms display Eliot's wonderful crafts-
manship. If the lines give you goose
pimples, you are not alone! There is still a
retreat house at Little Gidding, in the
Cambridgeshire fens, and it was a visit in
1942, in the midst of war, which inspired
Eliot to write this poem as the last of the
Four Quartets.

Inspiration is found in this poem from the
description of the still winter weather at a
depressing time of year. Dank mists and
fenland fogs lower the spirits and yet
through them all there is the "Pentecostal
fire" in the first part and the optimistic last
two lines.

Would you please pass any items for the December newsletter
(by Sunday, 11th November, please) either to:

Nick Cooke (tel 01476 860745, email sproxttonchurchwardens@gmail.com) or
Sue Watford (tel 01949 861256, email SueWatford@aol.com).

**Copies of this newsletter can be found at
www.sproxtton.org.uk and www.saltbyvillage.co.uk.**

IN THE PARISHES

BRANSTON Churchwardens: **Edmund Robb, 870809**
Susan Wells, 870240
Readers: 25th OT Mary Bircham NT Susan Wells
Brasses: Susan Wells
Cleaning: Jeannie Scholefield

CROXTON Churchwardens: **Nalda Shipman, 870258**
KERRIAL **Barbara Jefferson, 870073**
Readers: 4th OT Suzanne Pennells NT Graham Hudson
Altar flowers: 11th Mrs S Pennells 25th Mrs K Ranns

RIDE & STRIDE

Thank you to Ann Markham and Christine Fitch for taking part and raising £205.00 for the
Leicestershire Historic Churches Trust and Croxtton Church. Well done!

HARVEST

Many thanks to everyone who helped and supported the Harvest Supper, which raised £540.00
for church funds. The Harvest Festival produce donated by the school and the church was
taken to Dove Cottage, for which they were very grateful.

HARSTON Churchwardens: **William Hurrell, 870123**
Barrie Grice, 870452
Readers: 25th OT Maureen Jones NT Rosalie Grice

KNIPTON Churchwardens: **Freda Hart, 01949 842732**
Readers: 18th OT Joan Bradley NT Edmund Robb
Sideswoman: Mrs Freda Hart

The **Paschal Candle** is in Knipton Church

VILLAGE HALL LUNCHEON - KNIPTON VILLAGE HALL

Wednesday 14th November, 12.00 noon to 1.30 pm. Cost £3.00.

We are having a Christmas Lunch on 12th December.

If you would like to join us, please contact Freda by 4th December on 01949 843732.

All in aid of Knipton Church

SALTBY Churchwardens: **Mrs S Hill, 860398**
Mr D Tebb, 562019
Cleaning: Mrs J Tebb
Flowers: 1st fortnight: Mrs J Tebb 2nd fortnight: No flowers (Advent)
Visiting bellringers: Saturday, 10th at 2.00 pm, Lincolnshire ringers
Saturday, 17th at 3.30 pm, Beeston ringers
Tuesday, 27th at 6.00 pm, Nottingham ringers

Saltby, cont

SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE

There will be a service of remembrance by the memorial on the Saltby Airfield at 10.45 am on Sunday, 11th November.
All are welcome.

COFFEE MORNING—SALTBY METHODIST COMMUNITY CENTRE

First Saturday of each month, from 10.00 to 11.30 am
Everyone welcome for a coffee and chat

SPROXTON Churchwardens: William Ennis, 07584 255340
Nick Cooke, 01476 860745
sproxtontchurchwardens@gmail.com

Readers: 4th OT Suzanne Jeffreys NT Sue Dawson
Flowers & Cleaning: Monica Stevenson and Claire Capstick-Dale

SPROXTON VILLAGE HALL 50/50 CLUB WINNERS (September draw)

1st—Ms B Graham; 2nd—Mrs S Bagshaw; 3rd—Ms L Graham

SPROXTON VILLAGE HALL LUNCH

Wednesday, 14th November at 12.45 pm. Main course, dessert, tea/coffee for £3.00
All welcome

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

The amount of £475.00 was raised at the recent
Coffee Morning held at Sproxtton Village Hall for Macmillan Cancer Support.
Many thanks to all those who supported this event in any way.
Barbara Moore and Gillian Cunningham

SPROXTON GALA DAY

Many thanks to all who helped or attended the recent Sproxtton Gala 2012.
The weather didn't hinder us very much and we were pleased to stay mostly dry!
Total profits for the day were £3,507.49. A donation of £160 was much to each of
Dove Cottage Hospice and Leicester, Rutland and Derbyshire Air Ambulance.
The profits are divided equally between the Church, the Cricket Club and the Village Hall.

HARP RECITAL—FRIDAY, 9th NOVEMBER

7.30 pm in HARSTON CHURCH

One hour of music followed by wine and nibbles. £5/£2.50 on the door.
Proceeds to Harston church/community group
Further details from Peter Carr on 870076, email peter.carr@hotmail.com

November 2012 Year B	4th November All Saints Gold/White	11th November Remembrance Red/Green	18th November 2nd before Advent Green	25th November Christ the King Red
	Wisdom 3 (1-9) Revelation 21 (1-6a) Mark 12 (28-34)	Jonah 3 (1-5, 10) Hebrews 9 (24-end) Mark 1 (14-20)	Daniel 12 (1-3) Hebrews 10(11-14, 15-18, 19-25) Mark 13 (1-8)	Daniel 7(9-10, 13-14) Revelation 1 (4b-8) John 18 (33-37)
Branston				9.00 am Holy Communion
Croxtton Kerrial	10.30 am Holy Communion	3.00 pm Remembrance service		
Harston				10.30 am Holy Communion
Knipton	3.00 pm All Souls service	10.45 am War memorial service	9.00 am Holy Communion	
Saltby			10.30 am Holy Communion	
Sproxtton	9.00 am Holy Communion	10.45 am Remembrance service		10.00 am Village Hall service

**Sproxtton Village Hall service on 25th November:
coffee and biscuits 10.00 am, service starts 10.15 am**

JOINT SERVICE 9th DECEMBER

Bishop Christopher will be coming to preach and celebrate at this service,
which will be held at 10.00 am in Sproxtton church

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