

	3rd February Candlemass Gold or White	10th February Sunday b. Lent Gold	17th February Lent 1 Purple	24th February Lent 2 Purple
February 2013 Year C	Malachi 3 (1-5) Hebrews 2 (14-end) Luke 2 (22-40)	Exodus 34 (29-end) 2 Corinthians 3(12) to 4(2) Luke 9 (28-36)	Deuteronomy 26(1-11) Romans 10 (8b-13) Luke 4 (1-13)	Genesis 15 (1-12, 17-18) Ph'prians 3(17)-4(1) Luke 13 (31-end)
Branston		JOINT SERVICE at CROXTON KERRIAL 10.00 am		10.30 am Holy Communion
Croxton Kerrial	9.00 am Holy Communion			
Harston				9.00 am Holy Communion
Knipton			10.30 am Holy Communion	
Saltby			9.00 am Holy Communion	
Sproxton	10.30 am Holy Communion			10.00 am Village Hall service

**Sproxton Village Hall service on 24th February:
Coffee and biscuits at 10.00 am, service starts 10.15 am**

Would you please pass any items for the March newsletter (by Sunday, 10th February, please) either to:

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

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HIGH FRAMLAND NEWS

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



The Revd Rowena Bass — tel. 01476 870749

February 2013

*If Candlemas Day be fair and bright
Winter will have another fight.
If Candlemas Day brings cloud and rain,
Winter will not come again.*

Thus goes the traditional rhyme for weather predictions, centred around the ancient feast of Candlemas, 2nd February. Let's hope Candlemas day "brings cloud and rain"! Candlemas was a time (before the use of electricity) when the candles were blessed and put away after the dark winter months.

2nd February is also when we remember the ritual purification of Mary, 40 days after the birth of her son Jesus, and the presentation of Jesus in the Temple at Jerusalem.

2nd February is the feast of St Brigid, or St Bride, the mythical midwife of Mary.

So the beginning of February is a time when we reflect on new life, the coming of Spring, regeneration and renewal of hope. We will

soon see buds on the trees, spring flowers, longer days, lambs in the fields. Hopefully we have recovered from the excesses of Christmas, and the credit card bills are diminishing.

Before we arrive at Ash Wednesday with its sombre reminder of our mortality, and the fasting of Lent, we can rejoice in the feast of Candlemas; rejoice that we are alive and that the countryside around us is bursting into new life as the cycle of the seasons brings light and warmth.

Happy Candlemas!



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IN THE PARISHES

BRANSTON

Churchwardens: **Edmund Robb, 870809**
Susan Wells, 870240

Readers: 24th February) To be announced
Cleaning:)

CROXTON KERRIAL

Churchwardens: **Nalda Shipman, 870258**
Barbara Jefferson, 870073

Readers: 3rd February OT Kim Ranns, NT Lorraine Carnell
10th February OT Suzanne Pennells, NT Graham Hudson
Altar flowers: 3rd February Mrs A Botterill
17th February LENT

Please also see notice opposite regarding Education Sunday

HARSTON

Churchwardens: **William Hurrell, 870123**
Barrie Grice, 870452

Readers: 24th February OT Rosalie Grice, NT Alice Epton

KNIPTON

Churchwarden: **Freda Hart, 01949 842732**

Readers: 17th February Edmund Robb

The **Paschal Candle** is in Knipton Church

SALTBY

Churchwardens: **Mrs S Hill, 860398**
Mr D Tebb, 562019

Cleaning: Mrs A Skinner and Mrs J Doona
Flowers: Mrs J Pruden 1st February until Ash Wednesday, 13th February
Visiting bellringers: Tuesday, 26th February at 6.00 pm - Nottingham Ringers

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

sproxtionchurchwardens@gmail.com

Readers: 3rd February OT Nick Cooke, NT William Ennis
Cleaning & flowers: Nick and Margaret Cooke

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

1st (14) Mrs S Britten : 2nd (37) Mr M Hazard : 3rd (69) Mr M Rayson

Sproxtion, cont.

SPROXTON VILLAGE HALL LUNCH

Wednesday, 13th February at 12.45 pm. Main course, dessert, tea/coffee for £3.

All welcome

VILLAGE HALL BREAKFAST — SUNDAY, 24th FEBRUARY AT 9.00 am

Sausages and baked beans with fruit juice, tea, coffee and toast & jam.

LATE NOTICE - EDUCATION SUNDAY

There will be a service on Education Sunday, 27th January, at 3.00 pm
in **CROXTON KERRIAL CHURCH, with the CROXTON SCHOOL CHILDREN**

All welcome

HIGH FRAMLAND PCC MEETING

Tuesday, 19th February at Croxton Kerrial Village Hall

Coffee at 7.00 pm : Meeting starts 7.30 pm

John Orridge, the Diocesan Treasurer, will be at the meeting, and will talk about the new proposals for allocating the Parish Share to be introduced in 2014.

JOINT LENT GROUP

Saltby Methodist Church, 10.30 am to 12.00 noon

Mondays: 18th, 25th February and 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th March

A course looking at Prayer, Fasting, Scripture, The Lord's Supper, Fellowship

ALL WELCOME

Further information from Rev'd Rowena and

Judith Gardner, 01476 401125, judithgardnerhl@gmail.com

FIRST COMMUNION PREPARATION

Rev'd Rowena is planning another First Communion group in the New Year. This is for children 7 years and above who would like to receive Holy Communion and who already attend church with their families. Please let me know if you would like your children to be part of this group, or have any questions regarding first communion.

MUMS & TOTS

CROXTON VILLAGE HALL

Tuesdays in term time,
from 9.00 to 11.00 am

Only £1 per session

First session: Tuesday, 8th January

All welcome!

Further details from
the Rev'd Rowena Bass
on 01476 870749

BIBLE STUDY AND DISCUSSION GROUP

The group got off to a fine start on 9th January.

We will be meeting on the

2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month
from 7.30 to 9.00 pm. Different members of
the group will host the meeting.

If you would like to come,
please contact Rowena or Nick for the venue
for the next meeting.