	7th April EASTER 2 White	14th April EASTER 3 White	21st April EASTER 4 White	28th April EASTER 5 White
April				
2013	Exodus 14 (10-end);	Zephaniah 3 (14-end)	Genesis 7(1-5, 11-18)	Genesis 22 (1-18)
Year C	and 15 (20-21) Revelation 1 (4-8) John 20 (19-end)	Revelation 5 (11-end) John 21 (1-9)	8(6-18), 9(8-13) Revelation 7 (9-end) John 10 (22-30)	Revelation 21 (1-6) John 13 (31-35)
Branston				10.30 am Holy Communion
Croxton Kerrial	9.00 am Holy Communion	JOINT		
Harston		SERVICE		9.00 am Holy Communion
•• •		at	10.00	
Knipton		SALTBY	10.30 am Holy Communion	
Saltby		10.00 am	9.00 am Holy Communion	
Sproxton	10.30 am Holy Communion			10.00 am Village Hall Service

Sproxton Village Hall service on 28th April Coffee and biscuits at 10.00 am, service starts 10.15 am

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HIGH FRAMLAND NEWS

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

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S o Easter is upon us, and we can enjoy our chocolate eggs (and hopefully some better weather) after the privations of Lent.

Easter is, of course, the most important feast of the Christian year, because it celebrates the Resurrection of Jesus, which is at the very centre of our faith. As St Paul reminds us, without the resurrection of Jesus on Easter Day, our Christian belief founders. Everything hangs on what took place on the first Easter morning. Without Easter, Jesus is a wonderful moral teacher, a great healer, and a remarkable man, but nothing more.

Many people do reduce Jesus to this status, but for Christians this is not enough. The experience of Mary Magdalene, then the disciples, and many others, on the first Easter and in the following days, when they met and talked with the Risen Christ reveal that Jesus is so much more than a good man. The gospel accounts of Easter reveal Jesus to be God Himself, God as he is when He becomes a man, God who has lived a life as we do and has now passed beyond death into a new life.

The gospel accounts spell this out for us, but reading these accounts and teasing out their historical accuracy can never reveal the truth of the Resurrection. This truth is not something the mind can grasp; rather it

is something that can only be known by the heart.

Some things in life are "true" at a deep level of ours beings - much deeper than our minds alone can comprehend. The beauty of a sunrise, the gurgle of a baby, the power of great music or art are just some examples.

The Resurrection is like these. You might decide, after studying the gospels, that you believe the Easter story to be true, but unless you then go and live your life in accordance with what it teaches you and find out what it means to know the love of God for yourself, the Easter story will remain just that - a story.

This Easter we have two new leaders in the church: Pope Francis 1 and Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury. We can see in these leaders, men who have indeed chose to live their lives based on the Resurrection. As we pray for them and wish them every blessing in their new roles, let us also base our lives on the truth of the Resurrection, and experience the new life of Easter for ourselves.

> HAVE A VERY HAPPY EASTER



Would you please pass any items for the May newsletter (by Sunday, 14th April, please) either to:

> Nick Cooke (tel 01476 860745, email na.cooke1@gmail.com) or Sue Watford (tel 01949 861256, email SueWatford@aol.com). Copies of this newsletter can be found at www.sproxton.org.uk and www.saltbyvillage.co.uk.



April 2013

IN THE PARISHES

BRANSTON	Churchwarden:	Edmund Robb, 870809 Susan Wells, 870240
Readers/Cleaning:	To be arranged.	Normal service will be resumed as soon as possible.

CROXTON KERRIAL	Churchwardens:	Nalda Shipman, 870258 Barbara Jefferson, 870073
Readers:	7th April	OT Kim Ranns, NT Lorraine Carnell
Altar flowers:	14th April	Mrs J Durrands
	28th April	Mrs K Evans

HARSTON	Churchwardens:	William Hurrell, 870123 Barrie Grice, 870452
Readers:	28th April	OT Carol Scrimshaw, NT Serena Bradbeer

KNIPTON Churchwarden: Freda Hart, 01949 842732 The Paschal Candle is in Knipton Church

21st April Edmund Robb

SALTBY	Churchwardens:	Mrs S Hill, 860398 Mr D Tebb, 562019
Cleaning:	Mrs S Hill	
Flowers:	2nd fortnight:	Mrs A Skinner
Visiting bellringers:	Monday, 1st April at 10.30 am-Hertfordshire Ringers	
	Tuesday, 23rd April at 6.00 pm—Nottinghamshire Ringers	

SPROXTON Churchwardens: William Ennis, 07584 255340 Malise Graham Malise Graham sproxtonchurchwardens@gmail.com sproxtonchurchwardens@gmail.com Readers: 7th April OT Gillian Ennis, NT Roisin Ennis Cleaning & flowers: Helen Hazard and Rosie Sulley

PARISH NOTICES

CROXTON KERRIAL

Readers:

<u>Church graveyard</u>. We have been asked to carry out a survey of unsafe headstones, and the following are names on memorials which require repair: *Tom Ironmonger, Thomas Fardell, Alfred Marriott, James Ward, Arthur Spencer, William Southern, Albert Heaven, Herbert Jackson, Elizabeth Tipping, Mary Letitia House, Alfred Marriott, John Durrands, Sidney Arthur Auther, Robert Knott, Thomas Bidson, John Gardner Wild, Thomas Wildman, Sarah Elizabeth Knott, Eliza Sessions, Sarah & Bernard Stannage, Tom Cokley, Richard Bursnall, E Mary Handley.* If you know of anyone on the list, will you please contact Mrs N Shipman on 01476 870258 for details.

SALTBY

<u>Mr Alan Meads</u>. It was with great sadness that we heard of the death of Alan Meads who died on 20th February aged 68 years. Alan lived and worked in Saltby for some 20 years, and spent the last 10 years living in Croxton Kerrial. His funeral was held on 7th March at St James's Church, Skillington, where he is buried. We extend our sympathy to his widow Barbara.

<u>Coffee morning</u>. A coffee morning is held on the first Saturday of each month, from 10.00 to 11.30 am at the Saltby Methodist Community Centre. Everyone is welcome for a coffee and chat.

SPROXTON

Village Hall 50/50 Club Winners, February draw.

1st (25) B Graham; 2nd (19) M Cooke; 3rd (50) H Pitcher <u>Village Hall Lunch</u>. Wednesday, 10th April at 12.45 pm. Main course, dessert, tea/ coffee for just £3. All welcome.

<u>Village Hall Breakfast</u>. Sunday, 28th April, 9.00 to 10.00 am. Bacon and scrambled egg with fruit juice, tea, coffee and toast and jam. £3 per head or £10 per family. All welcome.

BENEFICE NOTICES

HIGH FRAMLAND WEB SITE

The new website is up and running at www.highframland.org.uk. Comments and (gentle) criticisms to Nick (na.cooke1@gmail.com). There is still lots that could be included. Please email photos and text with a suggestion as to where you would like it to go on the site. New pages can be added; there are several that need more work. It's your website.

SPRING SONG CONCERT – FRIDAY, 26TH APRIL AT 8.00 PM

Featuring Oakham School's award winning chamber choir and local harpist. Elizabeth Bass

Tickets: £10 (£5 children), including wine and nibbles Available from R Bass at bassrowena@btopenworld.com, Nalda Shipman on 01476 870258 and Oakham School



BIBLE STUDY AND DISCUSSION GROUP



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.

MUMS & TOTS - CROXTON VILLAGE HALL

Tuesdays in term time, from 9.00 to 11.00 am : Only £1 per session All welcome! Further details from the Revd Rowena Bass on 01476 870749