

HIGH FRAMLAND NEWS

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



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Some February facts, folklore and traditions

Weather sayings

'February fill-dyke' springs to mind first of all. So true after the soggy winter so far, although we have been fortunate compared to so many. However, if we want it dry, bear in mind 'Of all the months of the year, curse a fair February', and 'When a cat lies in the sun in February, she will creep behind the stove in March', and finally 'If February gives much snow, a fine summer it doth fore-show'. Who knows? Only time will tell.

2nd February is Candlemass Day

40 days after the birth of a Jewish boy it was the custom for the mother to attend the temple for ritualistic purification and then the baby was presented to God in the temple in Jerusalem by the thankful parents.



When Mary and Joseph took Jesus to the temple, Simeon met them and held the baby in his arms, saying 'this is the Light of the World'. He then uttered the beautiful prayer which we now know as the Nunc Dimittus, having been told by the Holy Spirit that he would not die until he had seen the Lord's Christ: "Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace".

In pagan times it was a festival of light as this day marks the midpoint of winter, half-way between the winter solstice and the spring equinox. A turning point when the sun begins to regain strength and we look forward to the end of darkness. Gradually this festival developed into a Christian service of blessing all the candles to be used throughout the year in church - hence "Candle mass"!

14th February, Valentine's Day

St Valentine was a bishop and martyr in the 3rd century. Little is reliably known about him, apart from the fact that he was a Christian Roman and was imprisoned for helping other Christians, being put to death on the 14th. He was thought to have performed marriages for Roman soldiers when it was forbidden, and therefore was credited with love and compassion.

This was the day it was believed that birds chose their mates and began nest building. Many superstitions and stories have developed over the ages, but traditionally it is a day of love and happiness.

May we all find love and happiness in the days ahead, an end to the mud (or will it be snow when this is circulated?) and pleasure in looking forward to spring.

Copies of this newsletter can be found at

www.highframland.org.uk and www.saltbyvillage.co.uk.

Would you please pass any items for March by Sunday, 16th February, please, either to Nick Cooke, tel 01476 860745, email na.cooke1@gmail.com or Sue Watford, tel 01949 861256, email SueWatford@aol.com.

IN THE PARISHES

BRANSTON Churchwarden: Susan Wells, 870240
Readers: 23rd February To be arranged
Flowers/brasses: To be arranged
Cleaning: To be arranged

**CROXTON Churchwardens: Nalda Shipman, 870258
KERRIAL Barbara Jefferson, 870073**
Readers: 2nd February OT Audrey Hatch; NT Suzanne Pennells
Altar flowers: 2nd February Mrs A Hatch
16th February Mrs R Hibbins

If this newsletter is received in time, a Burn's Night Celebration is being held in Waltham Village Hall on Saturday, 25th January at 7.00 pm, with live music and bagpipes by "Something nasty in the Woodshed" and traditional 3 course meal.

Proceeds will be divided between the 1st Waltham Scouts and Croxton charities.
Tickets, £20 from Susan (01664 464506) and Hannah (01476 870229).

**HARSTON Churchwardens: William Hurrell, 870123
Barrie Grice, 870452**
Readers: 23rd February OT Virginia Hurrell; NT Maureen Jones

KNIPTON Churchwarden: Freda Hart, 01949 842732

THE PASCAL CANDLE IS IN KNIPTON CHURCH

**SALTBY Churchwardens: Mrs S Hill, 860398
Mr D Tebb, 562019**
Cleaning: Mrs A Skinner and Mrs J Doona
Flowers: 1st fortnight Mrs S Hill
Visiting bellringers: Tuesday, 25th February at 6.00 pm - Nottingham Ringers

**SPROXTON Churchwardens: William Ennis, 07584 255340
Malise Graham, 01476 860266**
Readers: 2nd February OT Wayne Searle; NT Malise Graham
9th February OT Margaret Cooke; NT Stanley Birch
Cleaning & flowers February Margaret and Nick Cooke
March Daphne Birch

PARISH NOTICES

SPROXTON

I hope that you enjoyed the seasonal look to www.highframland.org.uk. The latest development is the addition of a Prayer Section. The idea for this came from the excellent and well attended course on Prayer that Rowena ran for the four weeks of Advent. You will find links to well laid out pages from the Church of England site for Morning Prayer, Evening Prayer and Compline in the newer version and in the traditional Book of Common Prayer version. There are as many pages as needed for favourite prayers suggested by anyone who would like to send me some. Do email or write to Rowena or email me (na.cooke1@gmail.com) with your own favourite. The last page is for prayer intentions. If you would like to have yourself, a loved one or a situation prayer for, then contact Rowena or me and it can be added to the site.

Sproxton, cont.

Village Hall 50/50 Club, winners for December 2013

1st - Mrs P Graham (28) : 2nd - Mrs C Jarvis (72) 3rd - Mrs H Hazard (36)

Village Hall Lunch. Wednesday, 12th February at 12.45 pm. Main course, dessert, plus tea/coffee for just £3.00. All welcome.

Village Hall breakfast. Sunday, 23rd February, 9.00 to 10.00 am. £3 per head, or £10 per family. All welcome.

BENEFICE NOTICES

MONTHLY BENEFICE SERVICES

A once-a-month opportunity to worship and grow together as a benefice, and after the service to enjoy the conviviality of a chat and light refreshments. This month the service will be at Sproxton on 9th February, starting at 10.00 am. Please offer lifts to anyone who may otherwise be prevented from attending. *If you haven't been before, why not come along and get to know the congregations from other churches in the benefice*

MESSY CHURCH

in **KNIPTON VILLAGE HALL** : SUNDAY, 23rd FEBRUARY at 4.00 pm
All are welcome to come along

MIDWEEK COMMUNION

On most Wednesdays of the month Rowena celebrates Holy Communion at 9.30 am at Anne Markham's home in Croxton Kerrial. Anne can be contacted on 01476 870053. On the 4th Wednesday Matins or Morning Prayer is led by a parishioner.

DIVINE OFFICE

Rowena says the Divine Office (said, not sung) in Harston Church each Tuesday at 8.00 am. Do join her if you would like to.

"COME & SING" MOZART REQUIEM

Good Friday, 18th April 2014 at Bottesford Parish Church

All welcome - £5 to sing, donations on door from audience

Rehearsal 5.00 pm, charity performance at 7.30 pm

Singers, please book your place by contacting Kate on 01949 843386 or katfisch00@hotmail.com

Music provided if required - please state. Money raised will go to the Tearfund Syria Crisis Appeal.

Once again the Cranmer Company of Singers and Musical Director Deborah Davies are hosting a "Come & Sing". Last year this event, where the organisers freely give their time and talents for the cause, raised a record £762 for Tabora Village. Let's see if the ever popular Mozart Requiem can exceed that for the work of Tearfund who are providing food, shelter, clothing, stoves and hygiene goods in Syria.

Come and re-discover your own passion for this music on Good Friday. Organ accompaniment will be in the hands of Philip Robinson. Singers, if you wish, bring a picnic supper to have in the Church Hall between rehearsal and performance - usually everyone has a good chat. Sober dress please: men - suits and tie; ladies - sober Sunday best. Do please, Come ... and ... Sing, or Come and Listen - you will be made very welcome and we'd love to see you there.

	2nd February Candlemass Gold/White	9th February 4 before Lent Green	16th February 3rd before Lent Green	23rd February 2nd before Lent	
February					
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Year A	Malachi 3 (1-5) Hebrews 2 (14-end) Luke 2 (22-40)	Isaiah 58 (1-9a) 1 Corinthians 2 (1-12) Matthew 5 (13-20)	Deuteronomy 30 (15-end) 1 Corinthians 3 (1-9) Matthew 5 (21-37)	Genesis 1(1)-2(3) Romans 8 (18-25) Matthew 6 (25-end)	
Branston				10.30 am Holy Communion	
Croxton Kerrial	9.00 am Holy Communion	JOINT SERVICE at SPROXTON 10.00 am			
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 23rd February:
Coffee and biscuits at 10.00 am, service starts 10.15 am**

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