

HIGH FRAMLAND NEWS

PARISHES OF

BRANSTON : CROXTON KERRIAL : HARSTON
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So, Lent is nearly upon us. This is the time in the Church's year when Christians traditionally give up something they enjoy for a period of about 40 days. In mediaeval times this season of fasting would mean no meat, no fish, no dairy produce, no sweet treats and no wine!

In recent times chocolate has been a favoured item to forego, and some Christians feel that Lent should be a time when they don't give up anything, but do something extra - like give to charity or spend more time in prayer and reflection.

Why do we make Lent a special season? Well, Lent is based on the time Jesus spent in the wilderness, fasting and enduring temptations, and this has evolved into a time of fasting before we celebrate the most important feast of the Christian year - Easter.

The point of making Lent different (either by fasting or doing something extra) is to make us more aware of ourselves; to

examine our strengths and weaknesses. It's not just a test of whether we can do without chocolate or meat for 40 days, but also a chance to look at how we are doing in the light of God's love and purpose for us.

Just as we might have an annual review in secular employment, Lent is a time when we can look at ourselves - what are we doing really well, and what needs improvement?

We are all a mixture of saint and sinner, and in Lent we can perhaps make one change, do something different, and jolt ourselves out of complacency.

So whether you are practically perfect, or a work in progress, have a go at doing something different in Lent. You can join our Lent course on Wednesday evenings at Saltby Methodist church, or give up chocolate.

Whatever you do, make Lent count, and let God's grace work in you.

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

Would you pass any items for **APRIL's HF NEWS by SUNDAY, 16th MARCH, please.**

to either Nick Cooke, tel 01476 860745, email na.cooke1@gmail.com

or Sue Watford, tel 01949 861256, email SueWatford@aol.com,

to allow plenty of time for it to be photocopied and distributed before the end of the month.

IN THE PARISHES

BRANSTON Readers: Flowers/brasses/cleaning:	Churchwarden: 2nd March To be arranged	Susan Wells, 870240 To be arranged To be arranged
CROXTON KERRIAL Readers: Altar flowers:	Churchwardens: 9th March 23rd March No flowers in Lent	Nalda Shipman, 870258 Barbara Jefferson, 870073 OT Diane Bursnall; NT Kim Ranns OT Audrey Hatch; NT Suzanne Pennells

THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING will take place on Monday, 10th March, 7.00 pm, in the church vestry.

HARSTON Readers:	Churchwardens: 16th March	William Hurrell, 870123 Barrie Grice, 870452 OT Rosalie Grice; NT Alice Epton
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KNIPTON	Churchwarden:	Freda Hart, 01949 842732
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THE PASCAL CANDLE IS IN KNIPTON CHURCH

SALTBY Cleaning: Flowers: Visiting bellringers: PCC AGM:	Churchwardens: Mrs S Hill, 860398 Mr D Tebb, 562019 Mrs J Tebb No flowers in Lent Tuesday, 25th March at 6.00 pm - Nottinghamshire Ringers The Saltby PCC AGM will be held on Tuesday, 4th March 2014, at Homecroft at 7.00 pm
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SPROXTON Readers: Cleaning & flowers	Churchwardens: 2nd March March	William Ennis, 07584 255340 Malise Graham, 01476 860266 OT Pam Graham; NT Nick Cooke Daphne Birch
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Many thanks to all who have arranged flowers and cleaned the church in the past year. The Parochial Church Council is very grateful and hopes that you will be able to continue in 2014.

ST BARTHOLOMEW'S ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING will be held in the Village Hall on 31st March at 7.00 pm,.

PUBLIC MEETING

Sunday, 9th March, 11.00 am, in Croxton Kerrial Church

The Rector and churchwardens invite you to a public meeting to discuss the installation of toilets and kitchen facilities in St Botolph and St John the Baptist church.

Please come and let us know what you would like to see in your local church. We value your input and vision for the future in order to make this beautiful building more accessible to the community. If you are unable to attend, please let Revd Rowena know of any ideas or comments you would like to make.

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BENEFICE NOTICES

MONTHLY BENEFICE SERVICE

Your joint Benefice Service this month will be at 10.00 am on 9th March at CROXTON KERRIAL.

ASH WEDNESDAY

There will be a service on Ash Wednesday at 7.30 pm at Branston.

MIDWEEK COMMUNION

On most Wednesdays of the month Rowena celebrates Holy Communion in Croxton Kerrial at the home of Mrs Anne Markham (870053) at 9.30 am. 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.

PARISH NOTICES

KNIPTON

The monthly freewill for the year 2013 amounted to £345.00.
Thanks to Mrs Dorothy Broughton and Mrs Rose Harrison who collect it every month.

SPROXTON

COFFEE MORNING - SPROXTON VILLAGE HALL

Saturday 29th March, from 10.00 am to 12.00 noon

In aid of Sproxton Village Hall funds. Please contact Suzanne Jeffreys on 01476 860 788.

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

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

ST MARY'S CHURCH, BOTTESFORD

invites you to their

Women's World Day of Prayer service

on FRIDAY, 7th MARCH at 7.00 pm

This year's service, "Streams in the Desert", has been written by the women of Egypt and our speaker for the evening will be

Revd Rowena Bass. Refreshments will be served following the service.

We hope that you will be able to join us.

Judith Wells, 01949 842804

Nick and Margaret Cooke would like to thank you all for the very kind wishes at the joint Holy Communion on 9th February. Nick enjoyed the ringing before the service and we both enjoyed the beautiful singing of the choir. We will be proud to hang the lovely presents of framed pictures in our new home. They will remind us of so many kind friends in all our villages. The cake was magnificent! For those who were not able to get, there are some pictures on www.highframland.org.uk.

	2nd March Sunday before Lent GREEN	9th March Lent 1 PURPLE	16th March Lent 2 PURPLE	23rd March Lent 3 PURPLE	30th March Lent 4 PURPLE
March 2014 Year A	Exodus 24 (12-end) 2 Peter 1 (16-end) Matthew 17 (1-9)	Genesis 2(15-17) and 3(1-7) Romans 5(12-19) Matthew 4 (1-11)	Genesis 12 (1-4a) Romans 4 (1-5, 13-17) John 3 (1-17)	Exodus 17 (1-7) Romans 5 (1-11) John 4 (5-42)	1 Samuel 16(1-13) Ephesians 5(8-14) John 9 (1-end)
Branston	9.00 am Holy Communion	JOINT SERVICE at CROXTON KERRIAL 10.00 am			JOINT SERVICE at KNIPTON 10.00 am
Croxton Kerrial				9.00 am Holy Communion	
Harston			10.30 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 March:
Coffee and biscuits at 10.00 am, service starts 10.15 am**

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE: 7.30 pm at BRANSTON

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