

HIGH FRAMLAND NEWS

PARISHES OF

BRANSTON : CROXTON KERRIAL : HARSTON
KNIPTON : SALTBY : SPROXTON

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“O come, O come Emmanuel” - so starts the great Advent hymn, which we will be singing during the weeks leading up to Christmas.

Emmanuel means “God with us” and at Christmas we will be celebrating the arrival of the incarnate God on earth, in the person of the baby Jesus, born in that stable all those years ago. Countless children will dress up in angels’ wings, tea towels, long robes or donkey costumes and act out the marvellous, magical story of that holy night in Bethlehem. And hopefully, most of us here in High Framland will have a peaceful and jolly time as we celebrate Christmas with family and loved ones.

But as I write this, news comes through of worshippers being attacked and murdered in a synagogue in Jerusalem, pictures of more IS beheadings flood the internet, and Ebola is still rife in west Africa. Humanity does not seem to have progressed much in terms of peace and goodwill over the last 2000 years. We have to wonder why God would want to send his baby son to be with us on earth, why he wishes to bind himself irrevocably to humanity through the birth of Jesus to Mary.

Well, firstly, God keeps his promises, and all the way through the Old Testament he tells his people that he will not fail nor forsake them, that he will be faithful when they are unfaithful, and even when they seek to abandon him, he will not change.

And secondly, he loves us. Even if that seems incomprehensible when we look at the world around us, and indeed when we take a good long hard look at ourselves, it is seen to be true in the events of Christmas. Because, to quote Rowan Williams, the sending of his precious, only son tells us that “God lives and works eternally as though there were nothing more important in the universe than us, his confused, unimpressive, self-deluding, unfathomably loveable creatures” - that’s us, you and me, and God says at Christmas that he simply “will not be without us”.

And so we sing with confidence “O come O come Emmanuel”.

With best wishes for a peaceful Advent and very happy Christmas.



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

Would you pass any items for the
NEW YEAR by SUNDAY, 14th DECEMBER, please.

to either Nick Cooke, email na.cooke1@gmail.com
or Sue Watford, tel 01949 861256, email SueWatford@aol.com,

IN THE PARISHES

BRANSTON Churchwarden: **Susan Wells, 870240**
Readers: 7th December OT Susan Wells; NT tba
Cleaning, Hoovering: Mel King, Jeannie Scholefield
Sweeping, cobwebbing, polishing, etc: Jan Backett, Susan Wells
Brasses: Mary Bircham (if possible, otherwise tba)
VOLUNTEERS ALWAYS WELCOME
Flowers: No flowers in Advent
The Pascal candle is in Branston church

CROXTON KERRIAL Churchwardens: **Nalda Shipman, 870258**
Barbara Jefferson, 870073
Readers: 28th December OT Audrey Hatch; NT Suzanne Pennells
Altar flowers: No flowers in Advent

HARSTON Churchwardens: **William Hurrell, 870123**
Barrie Grice, 870452
Readers: 21st December OT Derek Carruthers; NT Carol Scrimshaw
24th December OT Serena Bradbeer; NT William Hurrell

KNIPTON

SALTBY Churchwardens: **Mrs S Hill, 860398**
Mr D Tebb, 562019
Mrs J Tebb
Cleaning: No flowers in Advent; all for Christmas
Flowers: Tuesday, 23rd December at 6.00 pm - Nottingham ringers
Visiting bellringers: Other Tuesdays at 7.30 pm - Grantham ringers

SPROXTON Churchwardens: **Malise Graham, 01476 860266**
Sue Dawson, 01476 860130
Readers: 7th December OT Gillian Ennis; NT Roisin Ennis
Cleaning & flowers: ALL

PARISH NOTICES

CROXTON KERRIAL

“A CHRISTMAS CONCERT” *Music and readings for the festive season*
Friday, 5th December at 7.30 pm in Croxton Kerrial Church
Tickets: £3 adults/£2 children - including refreshments
For tickets and information, contact
Helen Watts on 870876 or Kate Evans on 879230

BURNS NIGHT : Saturday, 24th January 2015 : 7.00 pm until late

With traditional 3 course meal. Tickets available from Hannah Patterson, 0789 654 1991

SALTBY

The Village are very sad that the Methodist Chapel and Community Centre closed on 22nd October 2014. There was a final service of thanksgiving on that day, which was very well attended. We all have such happy memories of the Chapel in days gone by and remember especially the Jesson, Everitt and Lord families who were so faithful in their worship.

KNIPTON

On Sunday, 21st December, from 6.00 to 6.30 pm, there will be carols round the Christmas tree in Knipton church, followed by mulled wine.

SPROXTON

Pop-in Coffee Morning. Sproxton Village Hall are holding a 'Pop in Coffee Morning' on the 3rd Thursday of every month. This month it will be held on Thursday 18th December from 10.30 am to 12.00 noon. There will be a charge of £1 per adult and 50p for children, with proceeds being split between the Church and Village Hall. Everyone welcome.

Village Hall 50/50 club - winners for October

1st M & P Jones : 2nd E Purse : 3rd A Hollingworth

Village Hall breakfast. The next breakfast will be on Sunday, 28th December, from 9.00 am to 10.00 am. £3 per head or £10 per family. All welcome.

Village Hall lunch. Wednesday, 10th December at 12.45 pm. Turkey and trimmings, dessert, mince pies, tea/coffee for just £3.. All welcome.

BENEFICE NOTICES

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Edward Birch, Adam Wells, Evangeline Searle, Emma Freegard,
Lizzie Watts, Keely Fitch and Mia Jones

**who were confirmed by Bishop Christopher Boyle
at Croxton Kerrial on 26th October,
and to:**

Hannah Birch, William Green, Teja Jones and Catherine Wells
who were admitted to Holy Communion

The confirmation service was a truly wonderful occasion and
we pray that all the candidates may grow and flourish as Christians.

MONTHLY BENEFICE SERVICE

10.00 am on SUNDAY, 14th DECEMBER at SALTBY

MESSY CHURCH

The next Messy Church will be held from 4.00 to 5.30 pm on
Sunday, 7th December at 4.00 pm in Knipton Village Hall.

MIDWEEK SERVICES

- (1) Evening Prayer is said at Sproxton church each Monday evening at **6.30 pm**. All welcome.
- (2) 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.
- (3) On most Wednesdays of the month Rowena celebrates Holy Communion in Croxton Kerrial church at 9.30 am. On the 4th Wednesday Matins or Morning Prayer is led by a parishioner.

December 2014 Year B	7th December Advent 2 PURPLE	14th December Advent 3 PURPLE	21st December Advent 4 PURPLE	28th December The Holy Innocents RED
	Isaiah 40 (1-11) 2 Peter 3 (8-15a) Mark 1 (1-8)	Isaiah 61(1-4,8-end) 1 Thess 5 (16-24) John 1 (6-8,19-28)	2 Samuel 7(1-11, 16) Romans 16 (25-end) Luke 1 (26-38)	Jeremiah 31(15-17) 1 Cor 1 (26-29) Matthew 2 (13-18)
Branston	10.30 am Holy Communion	JOINT SERVICE at SALTBY 10.00 am		
Croxton Kerrial				10.30 am Holy Communion
Harston			9.00 am Holy Communion	
Knipton	Messy Church 4.00 pm (Village Hall)		6.00 pm Carols	
Saltby			10.30 am Holy Communion	
Sproxton	9.00 am Holy Communion			*10.00 am Village Hall Service

* Sproxton Village Hall service: coffee/biscuits 10.00 am, service starts 10.15 am.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Sunday, 14th December at 6.00 pm **Joint Carol service at Sproxton**
Sunday, 21st December at 6.00 pm **Carols round the Christmas tree at Knipton**
Wednesday, 24th December, 11.30 pm **Midnight Mass at Harston**
Readings: Isaiah 52 (7-10), Hebrews 1 (1-4), John 1 (1-14)
Thursday, 25th December at 10.00 am **Christmas Day Eucharist at Saltby**
Readings: Isaiah 9 (2-7), Titus 2 (11-14), Luke 2 (1-14)

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