

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

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# CANDLEMAS DAY 2nd FEBRUARY

If Candlemas Day be dull and black, it carries the winter away on its back. If Candlemas Day be bright and gay, go ye old farmers and buy some more hay.

he above saying often comes very true, so let's hope for a dull and black day to hasten the winter on.

Candlemas is an ancient festival which commemorates the ritual purification of Mary forty days after the birth of her son Jesus. On this day Christians remember the presentation of Jesus in the temple.

Forty days after the birth of a Jewish boy it was the custom to take him to the temple in Jerusalem to be presented to God by his thankful parents.

The name Candlemas was when all the candles that were to be used the next year were brought into the church to be blessed.



February 2015

# AFTERNOON IN FEBRUARY

by H W Longfellow

The day is ending, The night is descending; The marsh is frozen, The river dead.

Through clouds like ashes The red sun flashes On village windows That glimmer red.

The snow recommences; The buried fences Mark no longer The road o'er the plain;

While through the meadows, Like fearful shadows, Slowly passes A funeral train.

> The bell is pealing, And every feeling Within me responds To the dismal knell;

Shadows are trailing My heart is bewailing And tolling within Like a funeral bell.

Copies of this newsletter can be found at www.highframland.org.uk and www.saltbyvillage.co.uk. Would you pass on any items for March

by SUNDAY, 8th February, please, to either Nick Cooke, email na.cooke1@gmail.com or Sue Watford, tel 01949 861256, email SueWatford@aol.com,

# IN THE PARISHES

**BRANSTON** Readers: Cleaning: **Churchwarden:** 1st February 1st February Susan Wells, 870240 OT Susan Wells; NT tba. To be arranged

All help possible with hovering, cobwebbing (spiders not very active at the moment!), polishing, brasses and flowers please.

<b>CROXTON</b> <b>KERRIAL</b> Readers: Altar flowers:	<b>Churchwardens:</b> 8th February 22nd February 8th February 22nd February	Nalda Shipman, 870258 Anne Markham, 870053 OT Audrey Hatch; NT Suzanne Pennells OT Diane Bursnall; NT Kim Ranns Mrs A Markham Mrs S Morris
HARSTON Readers:	<b>Churchwardens:</b> 15th February	<b>William Hurrell, 870123</b> <b>Barrie Grice, 870452</b> OT Maureen Jones; NT Rosalie Grice

### **REMEMBRANCE LILIES**

There will be an opportunity to have a remembrance lily for a loved one displayed at Harston Church on Easter Day. Can any names and contribution go to Paulina Purse on 01476 860522 or p.purse@btconnect.com to be received by Friday, 27th March.

SALTBY	Churchwardens:	Mrs S Hill, 860398 Mr D Tebb, 562019			
Cleaning:		Mrs A Skinner and Mrs J Doona			
Flowers: Visiting bellringers:	First fortnight Mrs J Doona Tuesday, 24th February: Nottingham Ringers, 6.00 pm Other Tuesdays: Grantham Ringers at 7.30 pm				
Please may we have some volunteers for cleaning the church, arranging altar flowers and delivering newsletters. Please contact Jenny Tebb, 562019 if you can help. The more people there are, the less often our turn comes round.					

SPROXTON	Churchwardens:	Malise Graham, 01476 860266 Sue Dawson, 01476 860130	
Readers: Cleaning & flowers	1st February	OT Suzanne Jeffreys; NT Sue Dawson To be arranged	

Village Hall 50/50 club -December winners1st A Hollingworth :2nd B Birch :3rd L Purse

Village Hall breakfast.The next breakfast will be on Sunday, 22nd February, from9.00 am to 10.00 am.£3 per head or £10 per family.All welcome.

#### Sproxton, cont ....

<u>Village Hall lunch.</u> Wednesday, 11th February, at 12.45 pm. Main course, dessert, tea/coffee for just £3. All welcome.

**Pop in Coffee Morning.** Pop in Coffee Mornings are being held on the third Thursday or each month (that will be **19th February** this month) at the Village Hall from 10.30 am to 12.00 noon. There is a charge of £1 which will be split between the Church and the Village Hall.

# BENEFICE NOTICES

# THE PASCAL CANDLE IS IN KNIPTON CHURCH

#### **MONTHLY BENEFICE SERVICE**

10.00 am on SUNDAY, 8th FEBRUARY at CROXTON KERRIAL

#### ASH WEDNESDAY, 18th February

There will be a Holy Communion service with Ashing in Croxton Kerrial church at 7.30 pm

#### LENT COURSE - AN INTRODUCTION TO THE OLD TESTAMENT

This course is being held jointly with the Wymondham group on Wednesday evenings from 7.30 to 9.00 pm. The venues will be Wymondham on 25th February, Saltby on 4th March, Buckminster on 11th March, Sproxton on 18th March and Wymonodham on 25th March.

#### **MESSY CHURCH**

The next Messy Church will be held on 22nd February from 4.00 to 5.30 pm on in Knipton Village Hall.

#### **MIDWEEK SERVICES**

- (1) Evening Prayer is said at Sproxton church each Monday evening at <u>6.30 pm.</u> 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.

#### **HOME COMMUNION**

Please let the Revd Rowena know if you would like to receive Holy Communion at home.

### Not to be missed!

SUNDAY, 8th MARCH at 10.00 am in KNIPTON CHURCH

**Celebrant and Preacher: Bishop Tim of Leicester** 

February 2015	1st February Presentation of Christ GOLD or WHITE	8th February 2nd before Lent GREEN	15th February Sunday before Lent GREEN	22nd February Lent 1 PURPLE
Year B	Malachi 3 (1-5) Hebrews 2 (14-end) Luke 2 (22-40)	Proverbs 8 (1, 22-31) Colossians 1 (15-20) John 1 (1-14)	2 Kings 2(1-12) 2 Corinthians 4 (3-6) Mark 9 (2-9)	Genesis 9 (8-17) 1 Peter 3 (18-end) Mark 1 (9-15)
Branston	10.30 am Holy Communion (see note below)	JOINT		
Croxton Kerrial		SERVICE		10.30 am Holy Communion
Harston		AT CROXTON	9.00 am Holy Communion	
Knipton		KERRIAL		Messy Church 4.00 pm Village Hall
Saltby		10.00 am	10.30 am Holy Communion	
Sproxton	4.00 pm Holy Communion			*10.00 am Village Hall Service

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

NB. The Branston service on 1st February will be held at Croxton Lodge Farm, Knipton Road, Branston. The house is situated on the road between Knipton and Branston, on the double bend. Turn onto the farm track between stone walls and green metal gates. Take the right fork in the drive.

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