

HIGH FRAMLAND NEWS

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

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So we are in the season of Lent; the word lent is derived from an Anglo Saxon word 'lencten' which simply means spring. Spring-cleaning comes to mind, and it might be that you want to spend Lent tidying, dusting, polishing and hoovering. If that doesn't appeal, have a think about these words from Rowan Williams, who writes that Lent is a time to:

"Sweep and clean the room of our own minds and hearts so that the new life really may have room to come in and take over and transform us at Easter".

Here we are minded that Lent is a time of preparation for Easter; a time to sweep away the old and make room for the new. So how do we do this?

It may be that giving up something you like (and chocolate is an old favourite) enables you to create that space for the new life and transformation of Easter. Or you could try praying - praying every day in Lent in an

organised and planned way. Many of us will have computers, mobile phones, or ipads, and there are many websites with short daily prayers.

You could try www.sacredspace.org, or www.loyolapress.com, which has a "3 minute retreat" for each day. If you have more time, you could go to www.highframland.org, and press the Prayer pages link for the daily prayers of the Church of England, or www.universalis.com for the Roman Catholic version.

If you don't have a computer you could spend a few minutes each day praying for the people in the headlines of the news, or for your families and neighbours. Praying for others often illuminates things in our own lives that perhaps we need to sweep or clean.

But if you do want to spend Lent spring-cleaning, you would be very welcome at the vicarage at any time!

Revd Rowena Bass

Copies of this newsletter can be found at
www.highframland.org.uk and
www.saltbyvillage.co.uk.

Would you pass on any items for April
by **SUNDAY, 8th March, please.**
to either Nick Cooke, email na.cooke1@gmail.com



IN THE PARISHES

BRANSTON

Churchwarden: Susan Wells, 870240

Readers: 1st March tba **Please see note (1) on back page**

The church needs cleaning and general tidying prior to April when services resume. To be arranged at the end of the month. All available help needed please.

Branston PCC AGM. The AGM will be held at The Wheel Inn on Thursday, 19th March at 11.00 am. All welcome. See posters.

Water Aid. Jar labels and posters are being circulated around the parishes for collecting money towards the Lent charity. Please contact Susan Wells if more jar labels are needed. Let's hope we can raise sufficient funds again to provide another village with water. Thank you.

CROXTON KERRIAL

Churchwardens: **Nalda Shipman, 870258** **Anne Markham, 870053**

Readers: 22nd March OT Kim Tsund; NT Audrey Hatch

Altar flowers: 8th March Mrs S Pennells

22nd March Mrs K Ranns

Christmas Concert. Kate and Helen would like to thank everyone who supported the Christmas Concert on 5th December. The event raised £251.00, which was split equally between Croxton Kerrial Church and Dove Cottage Hospice in Stathern.

Croxton Kerrial PCC Annual Meeting. The Annual Meeting will be held on Monday, 16th March 2015 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall. Everyone is most welcome to attend.

HARSTON

Churchwardens: **William Hurrell, 870123** **Barrie Grice, 870452**

Readers: 15th March OT Alice Epton; NT Angela Skales

29th March OT Derek Carruthers; NT Carol Scrimshaw

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.

KNIPTON

Churchwarden: **Darren Goodey, 07891 379177**

Readers: 8th March OT Pam Aust

Free will offering. Free will offerings collected last year, 2014, amounted to the sum of £408.00. Many, many thanks to Mrs Dorothy Broughton and Mrs Rose Harrison who collect it every month. It is a great help to the church. If anyone would like to give to the Free Will, it doesn't matter how small the contribution, it will be gratefully received.

SALTBY

Churchwardens: **Mrs S Hill, 860398** **Mr D Tebb, 562019**

March cleaning: Mrs E Freegard

Flowers: No flowers during Lent

Visiting bellringers: Tuesday, 24th March : Nottingham Ringers, 6.00 pm

Other Tuesdays: Grantham Ringers at 7.30 pm

Annual Parochial Church Council Meeting will take place on Thursday, 12th March, at 6.00 pm at Homecroft, Saltby.

SPROXTON

Churchwardens: Malise Graham, 860266 Sue Dawson, 860130
 Readers: 1st March OT Wayne Searle; NT Malise Graham
 Cleaning & flowers Daphne Birch

Village Hall 50/50 club - January winners
 1st D Birch : 2nd L Sully : 3rd H Hazard

Village Hall breakfast. The next breakfast will be on Sunday, 22nd March, from 9.00 am to 10.00 am. £3 per head or £10 per family. All welcome.

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

Pop in Coffee Morning. Thursday, 19th March in 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.

Carol singing. The carol singing raised £180.00 for the Melton Mowbray charity "Make do and mend". Thank you to everyone who took part and donated.

BENEFICE NOTICES

THE PASCAL CANDLE IS IN KNIPTON CHURCH

MONTHLY BENEFICE SERVICE

10.00 am on SUNDAY, 8th MARCH at KNIPTON - Guest speaker: Revd Tony Pick
 10.00 am on SUNDAY, 29th MARCH at HARSTON PALM SUNDAY

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 are Saltby on 4th March, Buckminster on 11th March, Sproxton on 18th March and Wymonodham on 25th March.

MESSY CHURCH

There is no Messy Church this month. The next will be held on Sunday, 26th April, 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 **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.

**ADVANCE NOTICE: CONCERT IN KNIPTON CHURCH
 FRIDAY, 24th APRIL, 7.30 pm**

8ctave - Britain's only fully ordained choir
 Tickets: £5 adults, £2 under 16s, including refreshments. Details from Revd Rowena

**BBC GARDENERS' WORLD LIVE and BBC GOOD FOOD SHOW—SUMMER
 NEC Birmingham: Wednesday 11th June**

Booking now — only 6 tickets left.
 Coach calling at Croxton, Saltby, Stonesby, Waltham and Melton
 Call Mary Copley on 01476 870279 if interested

	1st March LENT 2 Purple	8th March LENT 3 Purple	15th March LENT 4 Purple	22nd March LENT 5 Purple	29th March PALM SUNDAY Red
March 2015					
Year B	Genesis 17 (1-7 and 15-16) Romans 4 (13-end) Mark 8 (31-end)	2 Timothy 4 (1-8) John 2 (13-22)	Exodus 2 (1-10) 2 Cor 1 (3-7) Luke 2 (33-35)	Jeremiah 31 (31-34) Hebrews 5 (5-10) John 12 (20-33)	Isaiah 50 (4-9a) Phil 2 (5-11) Mark 14 (1) to end of 15
Branston	9.00 am (1) Holy Communion	JOINT SERVICE at KNIPTON 10.00 am Guest speaker: Revd Tony Pick	JOINT SERVICE at SALTBY 10.00 am		JOINT SERVICE at HARSTON 10.00 am
Croxton Kerrial				9.00 am Holy Communion	
Harston					
Knipton				10.30 am Holy Communion	
Saltby					
Sproxton	10.30 am Holy Communion			10.00 am Village Hall service (2)	

**SUNDAY, 10th MAY at 10.00 am: KNIPTON CHURCH
 BISHOP TIM STEVENS**

- (1) **BRANSTON HOLY COMMUNION - 1st MARCH**
Please note that, as there is no boiler at present in the church, this service will again be held at Croxton Lodge, Knipton Road, Branston, Grantham, NG32 1RT.
 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.
- (2) **Sproxton Village Hall service:** coffee/biscuits 10.00 am, service starts 10.15 am

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