

	3rd March Lent 3 Purple	10th March Lent 4 Purple	17th March Lent 5 Purple	24th March PALM SUNDAY Red	31st March EASTER SUNDAY
March 2013 Year C	Isaiah 55 (1-9) 1 Cor 10 (1-13) Luke 13 (1-9)	Exodus 2 (1-10) 2 Cor 1 (3-7) Luke 2 (33-35)	Isaiah 43 (16-21) Philippians 3 (4b-14) John 12 (1-8)	Isaiah 50 (4-9a) Philippians 2 (5-11) Luke 22 (14) to end of 23	Isaiah 65 (17-end) Acts 10 (34-43) John 20 (1-18)
Branston				9.00 am Holy Communion	JOINT SERVICE at BRANSTON 10.00 am <u>Please remember the clocks go forward on 30th March</u>
Croxton Kerrial	10.30 am Holy Communion	JOINT			
Harston		SERVICE		10.30 am Holy Communion	
Knipton		at	9.00 am Holy Communion		
Saltby		HARSTON	10.30 am Holy Communion		
Sproxton	9.00 am Holy Communion	10.00 am		10.00 am Village Hall service	

Sproxton Village Hall service on 24th March
Coffee and biscuits at 10.00 am, service starts 10.15 am

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HIGH FRAMLAND NEWS

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

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March 2013

March is upon us already, and still the autumn pruning is not finished! The seasons fly so swiftly by for those of us now in our "mature" years, and the seemingly ever-earlier advent of spring shows in the multitude of eager new buds and shoots which defy each late burst of snow, hail and gale.

Already, after winter cold and gloom, our hopeful anticipation fixes on the future joy and celebration of Easter, which will close our Lenten restraints.

Despite current worries and fears that our Christian church must be in terminal decline, and that the youth of today, who are its future, appear to neither know nor care much about it, I found the Christmas services at Southwell Minster and Harston church to be a source of hope and encouragement.

Both venues were packed, indeed Harston, on Christmas morning, filled every seat, including the choir stalls, with people squashed together and standing in the tower. Many of these were young people, including children perched on their parents' knees, their hearty singing and infectious happiness filling the air. It was a joy to see, and a reminder not to concentrate only on the adverse criticisms of youth, but to recognise that faith and hope are still alive and kicking.

With dissent amongst the clergy, falling congregation numbers, and the rapid growth of other religious sects, we might be tempted to think that active Christian belief and worship in our country is doomed to vanish beneath the onslaught, but if you need conviction that we can ride this out and eventually rise again, then read Roy Strong's book "A Little History of the English Country Church" (2007).

He recounts the traumas and terrors of violently opposed religious movements imposed on English Christians throughout the turbulent reigns of King Henry VIII, Edward VI, Queen Mary I and Elizabeth I, and the savage intolerance of the Reformers and Puritans. Yet, despite all the fear and repression, the torture and burnings, the vandalism and uncertainty, the Church survived and eventually welcomed into it all the differing Christian forms of worshipping God.

The churches of High Framland witnessed and experienced all these trials (if you look carefully at the buildings, you may see some of the outward physical signs of their struggles), and obviously triumphed over them. Let us take heart from this, and, in harmony with the new life of Nature all around us, look forward to a strengthening of Christian Faith in the years ahead.

HAPPY EASTER

Would you please pass any items for the April newsletter (by Sunday, 10th March, please) either to:

Nick Cooke (tel 01476 860745, email na.cooke1@gmail.com) or

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

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

IN THE PARISHES

BRANSTON	Churchwarden:	Edmund Robb, 870809 Susan Wells, 870240
Readers/Cleaning:	To be arranged. Normal service will be resumed as soon as possible.	
CROXTON KERRIAL	Churchwardens:	Nalda Shipman, 870258 Barbara Jefferson, 870073
Readers:	3rd March OT Suzanne Pennells, NT Graham Hudson	
Altar flowers:	31st March Mrs D Bursnall	
HARSTON	Churchwardens:	William Hurrell, 870123 Barrie Grice, 870452
Readers:	24th March OT Angela Skailes, NT Derek Carruthers	
KNIPTON	Churchwarden:	Freda Hart, 01949 842732
	The Paschal Candle is in Knipton Church	
Readers:	17th March Edmund Robb	
	31st March Edmund Robb	
SALTBY	Churchwardens:	Mrs S Hill, 860398 Mr D Tebb, 562019
Cleaning:	Mrs J Tebb	
Flowers:	No flowers during Lent; Easter Day, 31st March—all	
Visiting bellringers:	9th March at 10.00 am—Lincolnshire Ringers 26th March at 6.00 pm—Nottinghamshire Ringers	
SPROXTON	Churchwardens:	William Ennis, 07584 255340 Malise Graham
	sproxtionchurchwardens@gmail.com	
Readers:	3rd March OT Nick Cooke, NT William Ennis	
Cleaning & flowers:	Mrs D Birch	

PARISH NOTICES

CROXTON KERRIAL

Church graveyard. We have been asked to carry out a survey of unsafe headstones, and the following are names on memorials which require repair: Tom Ironmonger, Thomas Fardell, Alfred Marriott, James Ward, Arthur Spencer, William Southern, Albert Heaven, Herbert Jackson, Elizabeth Tipping, Mary Letitia House, Alfred Marriott, John Durrands, Sidney Arthur Auther, Robert Knott, Thomas Bidson, John Gardner Wild, Thomas Wildman, Sarah Elizabeth Knott, Eliza Sessions, Sarah & Bernard Stannage, Tom Cokley, Richard Bursnall, E Mary Handley. If you know of anyone on the list, will you please contact Mrs N Shipman on 01476 870258 for details.

SALTBY

PCC AGM. The AGM for Saltby PCC will be held on Saturday, 16th March 2013 at 10.30 am at Homecroft, Saltby – all welcome

Electoral roll. The Electoral Roll is to be revised this year. Please let the Electoral Roll Officer, Jenny Tebb, know if you wish to receive a form.

Coffee morning. A coffee morning is held on the first Saturday of each month, from 10.00 to 11.30 am at the Saltby Methodist Community Centre. Everyone is welcome for a coffee and chat.

SPROXTON

Village Hall 50/50 Club Winners, January draw. 1st (8) Mr J Watchorn; 2nd (59) Mrs M Smith; 3rd (37) Mr M Hazard
Village Hall Lunch. Wednesday, 13th March at 12.45 pm. Main course, dessert, tea/coffee for just £3. All welcome.
Village Hall Breakfast. Sunday, at 9.00 am. Sausages and baked beans with fruit juice, tea, coffee and toast & jam.
Sproxtion Carol Singers. The carol singers raised £175.00 for the Dove Cottage Hospice. Thank you to everyone who donated or took part in the singing.

EasyFundRaising (www.easyfundraising.org.uk). This is a way of effortlessly raising money for most charities. Many, many on line shops like Amazon, Ebay, Marks and Spencers, Argos offer a percentage of the price that you pay for their goods and pay it to the charity that you choose. Rather than fill up the newsletter, I will add a few instructions and links on www.sproxtion.org.uk (click on the church button) so that you can see how, with one click you can donate to whichever charity you wish. St Bartholomew's (charity name for easyfundraising: St Bartholomew's Church—Sproxtion) gets very useful extra funds for virtually no effort.

Sproxtion Web site. Designing and maintaining a web site is really good fun and very creative. I have just started on one for the High Framland Benefice which will include stuff for all the churches and the benefice as a whole. I don't want to keep all the fun to myself. If you would like to join in or even take over I can arrange for a cut price version of the software that I use or you can use your own software if you prefer. It would be good to have another Sproxtion person working on the Sproxtion Village web site. Contact Nick Cooke (na.cooke1@gmail.com).

BENEFACTICE NOTICES

SERVICES DURING HOLY WEEK

Monday	Knipton	7.30 pm	Stations of the Cross
Tuesday	Saltby	7.30 pm	Compline
Wednesday	Harston	7.30 pm	Compline
Thursday	Croxtion Kerrial	7.30 pm	Eucharist
Friday	Branston	2.00 pm	Liturgy of Good Friday
Saturday	Sproxtion	7.30 pm	Easter Vigil
Easter Day	Branston	10.00 am	Easter Eucharist

JOINT LENT GROUP

Saltby Methodist Church, 10.30 am to 12.00 noon

4th, 11th, 18th and 25th March

A course looking at Prayer, Fasting, Scripture, The Lord's Supper, Fellowship
ALL WELCOME

*Further information from Rev'd Rowena and
Judith Gardner, 01476 401125, judithgardnerhl@gmail.com*

BIBLE STUDY AND DISCUSSION GROUP

2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month from 7.30 to 9.00 pm.

Different members of the group will host the meeting.

If you would like to come, please contact Rowena or Nick for the venue for the next meeting.

SPRING SONG CONCERT – FRIDAY, 26TH APRIL AT 8.00 PM

Featuring Oakham School's award winning chamber choir
and local harpist, Elizabeth Bass

Tickets: £10 (£5 children), including wine and nibbles

Available from R Bass at bassrowena@btopenworld.com,
Nalda Shipman on 01476 870258 and Oakham School

MUMS & TOTS - CROXTON VILLAGE HALL

Tuesdays in term time, from 9.00 to 11.00 am : Only £1 per session
All welcome! Further details from the Revd Rowena Bass on 01476 870749