

CHURCH SERVICES DECEMBER 2019

SUNDAY, 1st DECEMBER First Sunday of Advent Purple

<i>Readings:</i>	<i>Isaiah 2(1-5); Psalm 122; Romans 13(11-14); Matthew 24(36-44)</i>	
9.00 am	Morning Prayer (BCP)	SPROXTON - Philip Hutchinson
10.00 am	Benefice Communion	WYFORDBY - Revd David Cowie
10.30 am	Holy Communion	BRANSTON - Revd Canon Julie Hutchinson
6.00 pm	Carol Service	EDMONTHORPE - Revd David Cowie

SUNDAY, 8th DECEMBER Second Sunday of Advent Purple

<i>Readings:</i>	<i>Isaiah 11(1-10); Psalm 72(1-7,18-19); Romans 15(4-13); Matthew 3(1-12)</i>	
9.30 am	Holy Communion	BUCKMINSTER - Revd Stuart Foster
10.30 am	Benefice Communion	SPROXTON - Revd David Cowie
11.00 am	Morning Prayer (BCP)	WYMONDHAM - Sue Dawson
6.00 pm	Carol Service	WYFORDBY - Revd David Cowie

SUNDAY, 15th DECEMBER Third Sunday of Advent Purple

<i>Readings:</i>	<i>Isaiah 35(1-10); Psalm 146(4-10); James 5(7-10); Matthew 11(2-11)</i>	
10.30 am	Holy Communion	HARSTON - Revd Canon Julie Hutchinson
11.00 am	Holy Communion	WYMONDHAM - Revd David Cowie
6.00 pm	Carol Service	BUCKMINSTER - Jean Lee
6.00 pm	Carol Service	SALTBY - Revd David Cowie

SUNDAY, 22nd DECEMBER Fourth Sunday of Advent Purple/Pink

<i>Readings:</i>	<i>Isaiah 7(10-16); Psalm 80(1-8,18-20); Romans 1(1-7); Matthew 1(18-25)</i>	
9.00 am	Morning Prayer (BCP)	CROXTON KERRIAL - Philip Hutchinson
10.00 am	Carol Service	SEWSTERN - Jean Lee
10.30 am	Holy Communion	KNIPTON - Revd Canon Julie Hutchinson
11.00 am	Holy Communion	WYMONDHAM - Revd David Cowie
6.00 pm	Carol Service	COSTON - Revd David Cowie

TUESDAY, 24th DECEMBER Christmas Eve White/Gold

<i>Readings:</i>	<i>Isaiah 52(7-10); Psalm 98; Hebrews 1(1-4)(5-12); John 1(1-14)</i>	
3.00 pm	Crib Service	SPROXTON - Revd David Cowie
4.00 pm	Crib Service	CROXTON KERRIAL - Revd Canon J Hutchinson
6.00 pm	Carol Service	WYMONDHAM - Revd David Cowie
11.30 pm	Midnight Mass	CROXTON KERRIAL - Revd Stuart Foster
11.30 pm	Midnight Mass	SEWSTERN - Revd David Cowie

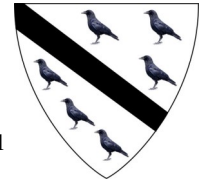
WEDNESDAY, 25th DECEMBER Christmas Day White/Gold

<i>Readings:</i>	<i>Isaiah 52(7-10); Psalm 98; Hebrews 1(1-4)(5-12); John 1(1-14)</i>	
8.00 am	Christmas Communion	WYFORDBY - Revd David Cowie
10.00 am	Christmas Communion	BUCKMINSTER - Revd David Cowie
10.00 am	Christmas Communion	KNIPTON - Revd Canon Julie Hutchinson

SUNDAY, 29th DECEMBER First Sunday of Christmas White

<i>Readings:</i>	<i>Isaiah 63(7-9); Psalm 148; Hebrews 2(10-18); Matthew 2(13-23)</i>	
10.00 am	Benefice Communion	WYMONDHAM - Revd David Cowie
10.30 am	Benefice Communion	SALTBY - Revd Canon Julie Hutchinson

HIGH FRAMLAND NEWS



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St Guthlac's, Branston : St Botolph & John the Baptist, Croxton Kerrial
St Michael & All Angels, Harston : All Saints, Knipton
St Peter's, Salby : St Bartholomew, Sproxton

December 2019

FROM THE PEN OF THE PARISH PRIEST

Dear Friends,

How well do you really know the Christmas story? Do you know, for example, that the stories that make up the nativity come from only two of the Gospels in the BIBLE? The only Gospels that have anything to say about Jesus' birth are Matthew and Luke.

And do you know that the little detail of Mary arriving in Bethlehem on a donkey isn't actually in the Bible? It comes from a book that never made it in, called the Infancy Gospel of James. (However, that's absolutely no reason not to sing 'Little Donkey', and I look forward to the schools coming into our churches to sing this.)

The Church didn't compile the Bible instantly; it took a number of years for the books of the New Testament to be written, and even longer to decide which books should be included and which books chucked out. No small wonder, then, that there were enough other texts floating around that helped add little flourishes and dramatic touches to the story so many of us know and love.

While the Church largely abandoned some books outside the Bible by the time of the Reformation,

they do contain some rather beautiful moments. My favourite comes from the Infancy Gospel of James, where Joseph has popped out of the cave where Mary is giving birth to Jesus for a bit of a breather. As he looks around, he notices the whole of creation has stopped:



'I looked up into the air. With utter astonishment I saw even the birds of the sky were not moving. And I saw sheep being driven, but the sheep were standing still. And the shepherd lifted up his hand to strike them, but his hand remained above them.'

At a time of flurry and bustle, we sometimes fail to stop and pause and let the wonder of Christmas fill us. The Church has been complaining for years that Christmas has lost its true meaning. Even Gregory of Nazianzus - a saint who died about 390 AD - complained that people were making merry with feasting and dancing. But perhaps, instead of complaining, the Church should have been encouraging celebrations, while also encouraging folk to find time and space to wonder at a love so great that God himself would be born as one of us.

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So I wish you every blessing. I wish you all the joy in the world as you celebrate this Christmas. But I also wish you the blessing of wonder as you hear the story unfold once more. And I invite you to come and be part of the wonder that unfolds as we tell the story of God's love in our church buildings. But, whatever else you do this Christmas, don't stop singing 'Little Donkey'.

David Cowie
Priest-in-Charge

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BRANSTON

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CROXTON KERRIAL

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Readers: 22nd December OT Diane Bursnell NT Rosemary Jinks
24th December OT Kim Ranns; NT Suzanne Pennells

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www.highframland.co.uk or if you would like an emailed or a printed copy each month,
please contact Diane Bursnell at mrsbursie@outlook.com*

- ⇒ **Crib Service:** Tuesday 24th December. All welcome. An interactive short service for all ages with carols and Christmas songs.
- ⇒ **Blue Christmas.** In the side chapel within Croxton Kerrial church you will find a small Christmas tree where you are invited to place a prayer. This is particularly for those who are bereaved or for those who find Christmas particularly difficult.
- ⇒ The "Carefree Community Choir" is now up and running. Croxton Kerrial Village Hall, 7.30 pm to 9.00 pm on the second and fourth Monday of each month. There will not be a meeting on the 23rd, but we hope to be in the Geese and Fountain for the Radio Leicester singalong. 6.00 pm for a 7.00 pm start.

HARSTON

Churchwarden: William Hurrell, 01476 870123
Readers: 15th December OT Dr Alan Garrow; NT Angela Skales

KNIPTON

Acting churchwarden: Penny Foster, 01476 870427

- ⇒ **Christmas Day Service at 10.00 am**
- ⇒ **Saturday, 12th October.** Congratulations to Sue Dawson who was licensed as a Lay Reader at Leicestershire Cathedral.
- ⇒ **Sunday, 27th October.** Burial of ashes of Eric and Vera Holden.

Knipton cont/.....

- ⇒ **Monday, 28th October.** Memorial service for Freda Hart who was a past Warden, and loyal member of All Saints Church.
- ⇒ **Saturday, 30th November at 7.00 pm.** Village Hall Christmas Quiz night. Teams of 6 maximum. More information from the Village Post Office.
- ⇒ **Christmas Concert, Saturday, 7th December at 7.00 pm at All Saints, Knipton.** St John's Church, Spitalgate choir will present a selection of seasonal songs for all to enjoy. £10 adults, children free. Mulled wine and mince pies. Tickets from Penny Foster (01476 870427) or Knipton Post Office.
- ⇒ **Volunteers needed** to help with church cleaning, graveyard case, and flower arranging. If you can help in any way, please contact Penny Foster.

SALTBY

Churchwardens: Sue Hill, 01476 860398,
Jenny Tebb, 01476 562019

Cleaning: Mrs J Tebb
Flowers: First fortnight - No flowers in Advent. All for Christmas.
Visiting bellringers: Saturday, 2nd November at 10.45 am - Beeston ringers
Tuesday, 26th November at 6.00 pm - Nottinghamshire ringers

- ⇒ **Benefice Carol Service.** The Benefice Carol Service will be held at Saltby on Sunday, 15th December, at 6.00 pm. Please join us.
- ⇒ Volunteers are needed for flower rota and cleaning rota. Please contact Sue or Jenny.

SPROXTON

Churchwarden: Malise Graham, 01476 860266

- ⇒ **Village Hall breakfast.** Sunday, 22nd December, from 9.00 to 10.00 am. £3 per head or £10 per family. All welcome.
- ⇒ **Village Hall lunch.** Wednesday, 11th December at 12.45 pm. Main course, dessert, tea/coffee for just £4. Everyone welcome.
- ⇒ **Sproxtton Village Hall 50/50 winners**

BENEFICE NOTICE

ALPHA

The opportunity to openly explore the Christian Faith and ask questions. The course will begin on Wednesday, 8th January, venue to be confirmed.: 7.00 pm - starter and pudding; watch a DVD together and chat through with no pressure or expectation.

This is a 10 week course with flexibility if you cannot make each session. For more information, contact Julie on 01476 870083, highframlandrectory@icloud.com.

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Please would you pass any items for January by **SUNDAY, 8th DECEMBER**
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