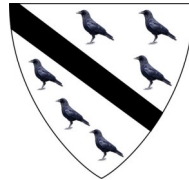


HIGH FRAMLAND NEWS

COVERING THE PARISHES OF

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



March 2020

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FROM THE PEN OF THE PARISH PRIEST



Dear Friends,

Joseph of Nazareth is one saint who is so very often overlooked. It's not helped that his feast day (19th March) always falls during Lent, nor that it falls a few days after the better-known St Patrick's Day (17th March). It might also have something to do with the fact that we don't really know that much about him.

He makes only a few brief appearances in the first few chapters of the Gospels of Matthew

and Luke, and he's very much in a supporting role. He doesn't even have any speaking lines!

Joseph might only appear on a few pages of the Bible but he's clearly an astonishing man. The writer of the Gospel of Matthew tells us Joseph was a righteous man who, even when he discovered Mary was pregnant with a child he knew wasn't his, was still unwilling to expose her to public disgrace. We're so used to the stories of Jesus' birth that we so quickly pass over the deeper details.

We don't often stop to think what it must have been like for Joseph to discover his future wife was carrying a child that wasn't his. This is astonishing because Joseph was living in a heavily patriarchal society where it meant everything for your line to continue. In that time and place, you survived through your descendants - and still Joseph was unwilling to expose Mary to public disgrace.

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What's more, Matthew hints that Joseph didn't make his decision hastily, telling us 'just when Joseph had resolved to do this'. Joseph must have been a careful thinker who took his time to think about what he was going to do before making up his mind. What an extraordinary man, even by today's standards. No wonder he was chosen to be the one who would look after Jesus and Mary.

The Gospels tell us that these things made Joseph a righteous man. This word doesn't mean being morally smug as it can often mean nowadays; he was righteous in the sense of living rightly with others, of treating people with dignity and compassion. Where else do we think Jesus learned these things?

Jesus may have been God, but he was also human, and he will have needed to learn how to live in this world. Joseph will have helped teach Jesus to live righteously by treating all people with dignity and compassion. We see

this so clearly in the rest of the Gospels, because that's exactly what Jesus did; he treated everyone with dignity and compassion in a world that so often strips people of their humanity and of the beautiful God-given image we've each been created to bear.

Jesus may have plied the family trade and become a carpenter like his old man, but that wasn't his true inheritance; what Jesus really inherited was Joseph's righteousness. Joseph's influence lives on in the life of the child he took as his own anyway, who would grow up to treat every person with dignity and compassion.

Definitely a saint worth celebrating ■

David Cowie
Priest-in-Charge

IN THE PARISHES

BRANSTON

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CROXTON KERRIAL

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Flowers: First fortnight - Mrs A Fairbrother 2nd fortnight - Mrs M Fraser

HARSTON

Churchwarden: William Hurrell, 01476 870123

Readers: 15th March OT Virginia Hurrell; NT Maureen Jones

KNIPTON

Acting churchwarden: Penny Foster, 01476 870427

Friday, 31st January - Celebration of life and burial of Barbara Taylor

Thursday, 19th March, 6.30 pm. At Knipton Village Hall - All Saints Church APCM (Annual Parochial Church Meeting). All welcome to hear reports and plans for the future of the church. Plus refreshments.

Saturday, 21st March. Alpha Group - Day at Launde Abbey

Sunday, 22nd March. Mothering Sunday Family Service. Flowers for the ladies.

Sunday, 29th March. Service of Holy Communion

A community event is planned for Easter - watch this space

Any help with flowers and cleaning in the church would be much appreciated.
Please contact Penny Foster on 870427.

SALTBY

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

Cleaning: Mrs E Freegard

Flowers: No flowers in Lent

Visiting bellringers: Tuesday, 24th March at 6.00 pm - Nottinghamshire ringers

SPROXTON

Churchwarden: Malise Graham, 01476 860266

⇒ **Village Hall breakfast.** Sunday, 22nd March from 9.00 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 £4. Everyone welcome.

⇒ **Sproxton Village Hall 50/50 winners**

1st C Haylock : 2nd C Jeffreys : 3rd P Wright

The 6th March is WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

A service will be held at 2.30 pm at Holy Trinity Church, Sewstern

All are welcome

CHURCH SERVICES MARCH 2020

SUNDAY, 1st MARCH Lent 1 PURPLE

Readings: Genesis 2(15-17)-3(1-7); Psalm 32; Romans 5(12-19); Matthew 4(1-11)

9.00 am	Morning Prayer (BCP)	BRANSTON - Sue Dawson
10.00 am	Benefice Communion	SEWSTERN - Revd David Cowie
10.30 am	Holy Communion	SPROXTON - Revd Canon Julie Hutchinson

SUNDAY, 8th MARCH Lent 2 PURPLE

Readings: Genesis 12(1-4a); Psalm 121; Romans 4(1-5, 13-17); John 3(1-17)

9.30 am	Holy Communion	BUCKMINSTER - Revd Canon Julie Hutchinson
10.30 am	Benefice Communion	SALTBY - Revd David Cowie
11.00 am	Morning Prayer (BCP)	WYMONDHAM - Sue Dawson

SUNDAY, 15th MARCH Lent 3 PURPLE

Readings: Exodus 17(1-7); Psalm 95; Romans 5(1-11); John 4(5-42)

9.00 am	Morning Prayer (BCP)	SALTBY - Revd David Cowie
9.30 am	Morning Prayer (BCP)	SEWSTERN - Jean Lee
10.30 am	Holy Communion	HARSTON - Revd Canon Julie Hutchinson
11.00 am	Holy Communion	WYMONDHAM - Revd David Cowie

SUNDAY, 22nd MARCH Lent 4 (Mothering Sunday)

Readings: Exodus 2(1-10) or 1 Samuel 1(20-28); Psalm 34(11-20) or Psalm 127(1-4); 2 Corinthians 1(3-7) or Colossians 3(12-17); Luke 2(33-35) or John 19(25-27)

9.30 am	Holy Communion	BUCKMINSTER - Revd David Cowie
10.30 am	Mothering Sunday Service	KNIPTON - Revd Canon J Hutchinson
11.00 am	Mothering Sunday Service	WYMONDHAM - Revd David Cowie
6.00 pm	Evening Prayer (BCP)	COSTON - Sue Dawson

SUNDAY, 29th MARCH Lent 5 Purple

Readings: Ezekiel 37(1-14); Psalm 130; Romans 8(6-11); John 11(1-45)

10.00 am	Benefice Communion	WYFORDBY - Revd David Cowie
10.30 am	Benefice Communion	KNIPTON - Revd Stuart Foster

SUNDAY, 5th APRIL Palm Sunday Red

Readings: Matthew 21(1-11); Isaiah 50(4-9a); Psalm 31(9-16) or Psalm 31(9-18); Philippians 2(5-11); Matthew 26(14)-27(66)

9.00 am	Morning Prayer (BCP)	SPROXTON
9.30 am	Holy Communion	SEWSTERN - Revd David Cowie
10.30 am	Holy Communion	BRANSTON - Revd Canon Julie Hutchinson
11.00 am	Holy Communion	WYMONDHAM - Revd David Cowie

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Please would you pass any items for April by **SUNDAY, 8th MARCH**
to either Nick Cooke, email na.cooke1@gmail.com
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