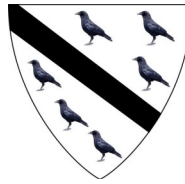


HIGH FRAMLAND NEWS



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

July 2020

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FROM THE PEN OF THE PARISH PRIEST



There has been much angst, confusion and disappointment over the re-opening of our church buildings for private prayer. In truth, this is because the advice for clergy changes on a regular basis, making it difficult for us to say with certainty what needs to be done.

We have seen various versions of risk assessments prepared by the House of Bishops; we have been told prayer must

be supervised; we have been told all buildings must have a deep clean before they can consider opening.

And then these criteria have changed, because we no longer need to ensure private prayer is supervised and it will be sufficient to open the church buildings every 72 hours, rather than cleaning rigorously if we would like to open daily. With the speed at which some things have changed, it could very well be that this article may be out-of-date by the time it lands on your kitchen table.

So what I can tell you at the time of writing is that it is up to each individual PCC to decide whether they would like to re-open. For some, it will be a matter of resourcing the (temporary) changes we need to make to the building; for others a

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matter of who can do the basic cleaning still required; and for others still it will be a matter of whether it would be feasible with church works or given the state of the building thanks to a missing roof. Not all buildings will be able to re-open at this time.

However, one of the advantages to being an area populated with so many church buildings is that it is possible to open enough churches on a rota basis that we can have at least one building open every day. For example, Monday could be Saltby, Tuesday could be Sewstern, Wednesday could be Sproxton And so on. It is my hope that as PCCs come together to decide what they would like to do, we might have enough churches open to allow a pattern for re-opening churches. It will depend entirely on which PCCs choose to re-open which buildings.

If you do wander into one of the church buildings which will be re-opening to pray, then perhaps you could take this sheet with you and take a few moments to quietly pray these words:

Almighty God, to whose glory we celebrate being in this house of prayer: we praise you for the many blessings you have given to those who worship you here; and we pray that all who seek you in this place may find you, and, being filled with the Holy Spirit, may become a living temple acceptable to you; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Should you feel you would like to discuss any of these matters, or simply seek some clarification, then please get in touch with either Julie Hutchinson (if in Branston, Croxton Kerrial, Harston or Knipton) or myself (if in Saltby, Sproxton or South Framland).

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We were sorry to hear of the death of
Rose Marie Wallace at the beginning of the month,
and send our condolences to her husband and son.

We remember her in our prayers.

A necklace was found in the churchyard on Saturday, 6th June.
Please contact Jenny for details.

SPROXTON Churchwarden: - Malise Graham, 01476 860266

It is hoped to start the village hall lunches again on Wednesday, 9th September.

Sproxton Village Hall 50/50 winners

1st D Birch : 2nd S Britten : 3rd N Haycock

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Please would you pass any items for August by **SUNDAY, 19th JULY**

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