

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

Tanwary 2021

PRIEST-IN-CHARGE

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FROM THE PEN OF THE PARISH PRIEST

Dear Friends,

A New Year brings with it the hope of new beginnings - and after a year like last year we'll all be looking for new beginnings. And the hope that things are on the turn is already before us. Day by day, little by little, the days will start to get longer and the nights shorter; a vaccine is being rolled out; and we've found in the run-up to Christmas that in spite of ever-shifting plans, we can still find joy in the sharing of love between our families and friends.

So we look forward, thankful for what things have been good over the past year, and of the love that's kept us going in some of the bleakest times in living memory. We look forward, remembering those in our family and friends and communities we've lost, and not just from COVID, continuing to cherish the memory of them as a reminder of the love that makes us human. We look forward, doing our best to let go of the aches and pains and hurts caused by isolation and weariness and broken relationships, to embrace those changes needed within ourselves to grow through difficult times.

As we step into the New Year, we do so in the hope that this year is going to be different and better. The beginning will probably be tough, and there may be some unforeseen changes on the horizon, but we've come so far and we only have so far to go. We keep our eyes looking forward to the hope of what lies ahead: to seeing family and friends; to embracing and to being embraced, no longer held at arm's length; to the joy of coming together in what ways we can, as soon as we can.

We step into the world that's been forged through the trials of the past year - but we step into this world together, undefeated by the trials and separations of our past, and trusting in God's promises to renew and reshape the world around us as we play our part in bringing peace and joy into the lives of those around us.

I wish you all every blessing for the year ahead, and I look forward to being amongst you as the hope of good things to come unfolds around us.

David Cowie Priest-in-Charge

A Prayer for the New Year

O God, by whose command the order of time runs its course: forgive our impatience, perfect our faith and, while we wait for the fulfilment of your promises, grant us to have a good hope because of your word; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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Sproxton Village Hall - November 50/50 winners

1st V Graham: 2nd V Sharp: 3rd R Bennett

CHURCH SERVICES

The following services will be conducted by Revd Canon Julie Hutchinson:

Sunday, 3rd January

10.30 am Harston New Year Service

Sunday, 10th January

10.30 am Knipton Prayers for Plough Sunday

and Baptism

Sunday, 17th January

(Final service by Revd Canon Julie Hutchinson)

10.30 am Croxton Kerrial Celebrate the life of our villages

Wednesdays 6th and 13th January

10.45 am Sproxton Holy Communion

Fridays, 8th and 15th January

10.00 am Branston Holy Communion

These services will be taken by Revd David Cowie:

Sunday, 24th January

9.00 am Knipton Matins

Sunday, 31st January

9.00 am Saltby Matins

Thursday, 21st January

10.00 am Sproxton Holy Communion

Thursday, 28th January

10.00 am Branston Holy Communion

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Please would you pass any items for February by

SUNDAY, 17th JANUARY

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