

# HIGH FRAMLAND NEWS

*February 2012*



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

## CANDLEMAS

The Christian Festival of Lights  
2nd February

This ancient festival marks the midpoint of winter, halfway between the shortest day and the spring equinox.

Candlemas is a traditional Christian festival that commemorates the ritual purification of Mary forty days after the birth of her son Jesus. On this day, Christians remember the presentation of Jesus in the temple. Forty days after the birth of a Jewish boy, it was the custom to take him to the temple in Jerusalem to be presented to God by his thankful parents.

In pre-Christian times, this day was known as the "Feast of Lights" and celebrated the increased strength of the life-giving sun as winter gave way to spring.

It was the day of the year when all the candles that were to be used in the church during the coming year, were brought into church and a blessing was said over them - so it was the Festival Day (or 'mass') of the Candles.

Candles were important in those days, not only because there were no electric lights; some people thought they gave protection against plague and illness and famine. For Christians, they were (and still are) a reminder of something even more important. Before Jesus came to earth, it was as if everyone was 'in the dark'. People often felt lost and lonely. Afraid. As if they were on their own, with no one to help them. Then came Jesus with his message that he is with his followers always ready to help and comfort them, like a guiding light in the darkness.

Christians often talk of Jesus as 'the light of the world', and candles are lit during church services to remind Christians of this.

### Weather Proverbs

*If Candlemas Day be bright and gay,  
Go you old farmers and buy some more hay.  
If Candlemas day be dull and black,  
It carries the winter away on its back.*

*A farmer should, on Candlemas Day,  
Have half his corn and half his hay.*

*On Candlemas Day if the thorns hang a drop,  
You can be sure of a good pea crop.*

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## IN THE PARISHES

**BRANSTON** Churchwarden: Edmund Robb, 870809  
Readers: )  
Brasses & flowers: ) To be notified  
Cleaning: )

**CROXTON KERRIAL** Churchwardens: Nalda Shipman, 870258  
Barbara Jefferson, 870073

Readers: 12th February—OT Graham Hudson; NT Kim Ranns  
19th February—1. Lorraine Carnell; 2. Andrew Gill  
Altar flowers: 5th February—Mrs J Thurlby; 26th February—Lent

**HARSTON** Churchwardens: William Hurrell, 870123  
Barry Grice, 870452

Readers: 26th February: 1. Barrie Grice; 2. Virginia Hurrell

### KNIPTON

Readers: 26th February—OT Joan Bradley; NT Edmund Robb  
Sideswoman: Mrs Joan Bradley

### KNIPTON CHURCH ROOF APPEAL

We have had so many kind donations which are helping with the Roof Appeal, but one deserves a special mention. Linda Carey sent a Christmas card to her uncle, Mr Dennis Newton, in Suffolk (whose parents were married in Knipton church) giving all the Knipton News. Mr Newton responded with a generous donation and we would like to thank him and his family for remembering Knipton.

### VILLAGE HALL LUNCHEON

There will be no luncheon in February: it is hoped they will be resumed in March.

**SALTBY** Churchwardens: Mrs S Hill, 860398  
Mr D Tebb, 562019

Cleaning: Mrs J Tebb  
Flowers: 5th February: Mrs S Hill (no flowers in Lent, from 22nd February  
Visiting bellringers: Tuesday, 28th February at 6.00 pm—Nottingham ringers  
AGM Saltby AGM will be held on Saturday, 25th February,  
10.30 am, at Homecroft, Saltby.

### COFFEE MORNING—SALTBY METHODIST COMMUNITY CENTRE

First Saturday of each month, from 10.00 to 11.30 am  
Everyone welcome for a coffee and chat

**SPROXTON Churchwardens:** **William Ennis, 07584 255340**  
**Nick Cooke, 01476 860745**  
 sproxtonchurchwardens@gmail.com

Readers: 19th February: OT Tracey Bridges-Webb; NT Ruth Powdrill  
 Flowers & cleaning: Nick and Margaret Cooke

**SPROXTON VILLAGE HALL LUNCH**  
**Wednesday, 8th February at 12.45 pm**

Main course, dessert and tea/coffee for £3.00. ***All welcome.***

**SPROXTON VILLAGE HALL 50/50 CLUB (November winners)**

1st Penny Dodds; 2nd Janet Coleman; 3rd Judy Haylock

**CENTRE STAGE presents The NEW ROPE STRING BAND in concert**

**Thursday, 23rd February, 7.30 pm in Sproxton Village Hall**

Tickets: adults - £9, children under 18 - £5.

*Available from Suzanne Jeffreys on 01476 860293.*

**The HIGH FRAMLAND AGM will take place at**  
**CROXTON KERRIAL VILLAGE HALL on**  
**TUESDAY, 14th FEBRUARY, at 7.00 pm.**

**INSTALLATION OF NEW INCUMBENT**

We have much pleasure in welcoming our new incumbent, Rowena Bass. Her installation will take place at St Botolph's and St John the Baptist's parish church, Croxton Kerrial, at 7.30 pm on Thursday, 8th March 2011.

Do please join us there and enjoy refreshments and a chat afterwards.

**The RADCLIFFE-ON-TRENT DRAMA GROUP presents**

**Noel Coward's hair raising comedy: BLITHE SPIRIT**

Tuesday 21st to Saturday 25th February, at 7.30 pm

In Grange Hall, Radcliffe-on-Trent

**TICKETS £7.00—available from The Revd Canon Alan Haydock, tel. 07944 569661,**  
 who, incidentally, is taking part *(or via [www.radcliffe-on-trentdramagroup.co.uk](http://www.radcliffe-on-trentdramagroup.co.uk))*

**CONTACT NUMBERS**

**The new Rural Dean is the Revd Kevin Ashby**

He can be contacted on 01664 410393, email: [rector@meltonparish.org.uk](mailto:rector@meltonparish.org.uk)

**Judith Wells** 01949 842804

**Fr Alan Haydock** 01949 875805

**The Archdeacon of Leicester** *Secretary: Gillian Buckingham*  
*Archdeacon—0116 261 5319*

February 2012 Year B	5th February GREEN 3rd b Lent	12th February GREEN 2nd b Lent	19th February GREEN Sun b. Lent	26th February PURPLE Lent 1
	Isaiah 40 (21-end) 1 Cor 9 (16-23) Mark 1 (29-39)	Proverbs 8 (1,22-31) Col 1 (15-20) John 1 (1-14)	2 Kings 2 (1-12) 2 Cor 4 (3-6) Mark 9 (2-9)	Genesis 9 (8-17) 1 Peter 3 (18-end) Mark 1 (9-15)
<b>Branston</b>	9.00 am MP Fr Alan Haydock	10.00 am  Benefice  Holy Communion  KNIPTON  Fr Alan Haydock		
<b>Croxton Kerrial</b>			9.00 am MP Fr Alan Haydock	
<b>Harston</b>				9.00 am MP Revd Harriet Orridge
<b>Knipton</b>				11.00 am HC Fr Alan Haydock
<b>Saltby</b>	11.00 am HC Fr Alan Haydock			
<b>Sproxton</b>	9.00 am C'wardens		11.00 am HC Fr Alan Haydock	11.00 am C'wardens

**Sproxton Village Hall service on 26th February:**  
**coffee and biscuits 10.00 am, service starts 10.15 am**

**ASH WEDNESDAY, 22nd February at 10.30 am**  
**Distribution of Ashes - at Saltby church**

**HOME COMMUNIONS**

The Revd Canon Alan Haydock would be happy to take communion to any who are ill and housebound or in hospital. Please contact either the Revd Haydock by telephone, or your churchwarden, who will pass on the message.

Would you please pass any items for the March newsletter  
 (by Sunday, 12th February, please) either to:  
 Nick Cooke (tel 01476 860745, email [sproxtonchurchwardens@gmail.com](mailto:sproxtonchurchwardens@gmail.com)) or  
 Sue Watford (tel 01949 861256, email [SueWatford@aol.com](mailto:SueWatford@aol.com)).

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