

A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU ALL!

Wellcome, all wonders in one sight!

Eternitie shut in a span,
summer in winter, day in night,
Heaven in Earth, and God in man;
great little one! whose all-embracing birth
lifts earth to heav'n, stoops heav'n to earth.

—Richard Crashaw (1612-1649)



MUSIC AT SERVICES

As singing is allowed, you are encouraged to come ready to sing. While masks are still mandatory for all attending services, even these won't dampen our joy. For those of you planning to come to services based on music, be advised that service will feature different styles of musical worship.

The Nativity and Crib at 3:00 pm on Christmas Eve will feature both traditional carols and contemporary music; the service of Christmas Communion at 9:00 pm on Christmas Eve will feature traditional carols and music; and the service of Midnight Mass at 11:30 pm will feature much-loved carols set to contemporary music. Something for everyone!

UPCOMING SERVICES

Friday 24th December 2021

Christmas Eve

- 3:00 pm Nativity and Carols | Branston
- 6:00 pm Carol Service | Wymondham
- 9:00 pm Christmas Communion | Harston
- 11:30 pm Midnight Mass | Sewstern

Saturday 25th December 2021

Christmas Day

- 8:00 am Christmas Communion | Coston
- 10:00 am Christmas Celebration | Buckminster
- 10:00 am Christmas Communion | Saltby
- 12:00 pm Christmas Celebration | Zoom

Sunday 26th December 2021

The First Sunday of Christmas

Please note that there will be no services until the New Year.

Sunday 2nd January 2022

The Epiphany

- 9:00 am Holy Communion | Branston
- 11:00 am Holy Communion | Wymondham

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THE BENEFICE OF SOUTH FRAMLAND & THE HIGH FRAMLAND PARISH

The Parish Bulletin

SHARING GOD'S LOVE WITH THE VILLAGES OF BRANSTON, BUCKMINSTER, COSTON, CROXTON KERRIAL, EDMONDTHORPE, GARTHORPE, HARSTON, KNIPTON, SALTRY, SAXBY, SEWSTERN, SPROXTON, STAPLEFORD, WYFORDBY AND WYMONDHAM



Christmas Eve

Friday 24th December 2021

Gathering Sentence

cf. Isaiah 9.6

A child has been born for us, a son given to us; and he is named the Prince of Peace.

The Collect

Eternal God, who made this most holy night to shine with the brightness of your one true light: bring us, who have known the revelation of that light on earth, to see the radiance of your heavenly glory; 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.**

(or)

Eternal God, in the stillness of this night you sent your almighty Word to pierce the world's darkness with the light of salvation: give to the earth the peace that we long for and fill our hearts with the joy of heaven through our Saviour, Jesus Christ.
Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 52.7-10

A reading from the Prophecy of Isaiah.

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation, who says to Zion, 'Your God reigns.' Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices, together they sing for joy; for in plain sight they see the return of the Lord to Zion. Break forth together into singing, you ruins of Jerusalem; for the Lord has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem. The Lord has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 98

Refrain: Sound praises to the Lord, all the earth; [break into song and make music].

Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvellous things. His own right hand and his holy arm have won for him the victory. **R**

The Lord has made known his salvation; his deliverance has he openly shown in the sight of the nations. **R**

He has remembered his mercy and faithfulness towards the house of Israel, and all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. **R**

Make music to the Lord with the lyre, with the lyre and the voice of melody. With trumpets and the sound of the horn sound praises before the Lord, the King. **R**

Let the sea thunder and all that fills it, the world and all that dwell upon it. Let the rivers clap their hands and let the hills ring out together before the Lord. **R**

For he comes to judge the earth. In righteousness shall he judge the world and the peoples with equity. **R**

Epistle Reading

Hebrews 1.1-4

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory.

Alleluia.

Gospel Reading

John 1.1-14

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Communion Sentence

John 1.14

The Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

Prayer after Communion

God our Father, in this night you have made known to us again the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ: confirm our faith and fix our eyes on him until the day dawns and Christ the Morning Star rises in our hearts. To him be glory both now and for ever.
Amen.

