

NIGHT PRAYER

Tuesdays | 9:00 pm | Zoom

These quiet and contemplative services feature silence and music, to help settle our minds and hearts at the end of the day. If you would like to join, please email for details.

CHURCH SERVICES—WHERE AND WHEN

Please do read, mark, learn and inwardly digest the parish bulletin as it comes out each week, not least so you have the most up-to-date information of where and when services are going to be. It does happen every once in a while that changes need to be made, and this is the best place to find these.

CAROL SERVICES

Sunday 4th December 2022

6:00 pm Carol Service | Edmondthorpe

Sunday 11th December 2022

11:00 am Carol Service | Buckminster

6:00 pm Carol Service | Wyfordby

Sunday 18th December 2022

10:30 am Carol Service | Branston

10:30 am Carol Service | Sewstern

6:00 pm Carol Service | Coston

Saturday 24th December 2022

6:00 pm Carol Service | Wymondham

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Saturday 24th December 2022

3:00 pm Crib Service | Branston

6:00 pm Carol Service | Wymondham

9:00 pm Christmas Communion | Knipton

11:30 pm Midnight Mass | Sewstern

Sunday 25th December 2022

8:00 am Christmas Communion | Wyfordby

10:00 am Christmas Communion | Buckminster

10:00 am Christmas Communion | Sproxtton

UPCOMING SERVICES

Sunday 27th November 2022

The First Sunday of Advent

10:30 am Morning Prayer | Croxton Kerial

11:00 am Morning Prayer | Sewstern

Tuesday 29th November 2022

Eve of Andrew the Apostle

9:00 pm Night Prayer | Zoom

Sunday 4th December 2022

The Second Sunday of Advent

9:00 am Holy Communion | Sproxtton

11:00 am Holy Communion | Wymondham

6:00 pm Carol Service | Edmondthorpe

Tuesday 6th December 2022

Nicholas, Bishop of Myra

9:00 pm Night Prayer | Zoom

Sunday 11th December 2022

The Third Sunday of Advent

9:00 am Holy Communion | Croxton Kerial

11:00 am Carol Service | Buckminster

6:00 pm Carol Service | Wyfordby

Tuesday 13th December 2022

Lucy, Martyr at Syracuse

9:00 pm Night Prayer | Zoom

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PLEASE TAKE THESE NOTICES AWAY WITH YOU.

THE BENEFICE OF SOUTH FRAMLAND & THE HIGH FRAMLAND PARISHES

The Parish Bulletin

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



The First Sunday of Advent

Sunday 27th December 2022

Gathering Sentence

Romans 13.11

Now is the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers.

The Collect

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

(or)

Almighty God, as your kingdom dawns, turn us from the darkness of sin to the light of holiness, that we may be ready to meet you in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 2.1-5

A reading from the Prophecy of Isaiah.

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In days to come the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.' For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 122

Refrain: I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord.'

I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord.' And now our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem. **R**

Jerusalem, built as a city that is at unity in itself. Thither the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord. **R**

As is decreed for Israel, to give thanks to the name of the Lord. For there are set the thrones of judgement, the thrones of the house of David. **R**

O pray for the peace of Jerusalem: 'May they prosper who love you. Peace be within your walls and tranquillity within your palaces.' **R**

For my kindred and companions' sake, I will pray that peace be with you. For the sake of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek to do you good. **R**

Epistle Reading

Romans 13.11-14

A reading from the Letter to the Romans.

Brothers and sisters, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.

Alleluia.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 24.36-44

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus spoke to his disciples: 'But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Communion Sentence

Revelation 22.20

Our Lord says, 'Surely, I come quickly.' Even so; come, Lord Jesus.

Prayer after Communion

O Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful as we await the coming of your Son our Lord; that, when he shall appear, he may not find us sleeping in sin but active in his service and joyful in his praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

(or)

Eternal God, for whom we wait, you have fed us with the bread of eternal life: keep us ever watchful, that we may be ready to stand before the Son of man, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

