

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 Fourth Sunday of Easter**

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2024

## Gathering Sentence

John 10.11

Jesus said, 'I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.' Alleluia.

### The Collect

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

(or)

Risen Christ, faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep: teach us to hear your voice and to follow your command, that all your people may be gathered into one flock, to the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

### Acts Reading

Acts 4.5-12

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

The Jewish rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, 'By what power or by what name did you do this?' Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, 'Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is "the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone." There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.'

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 23

**Refrain: The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.**

The Lord is my shepherd; therefore can I lack nothing. He makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters. **R**

He shall refresh my soul and guide me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. **R**

You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; you have anointed my head with oil and my cup shall be full. Surely goodness and loving mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever. **R**



## Epistle Reading

1 John 3.16-24

A reading from the First Letter of John.

We know love by this, that the Son of God laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God’s love abide in anyone who has the world’s goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

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## Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

‘I am the good shepherd,’ says the Lord.

‘My sheep hear my voice.

I know them, and they follow me.’

**Alleluia.**

## Gospel Reading

John 10.11-18

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

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said to the Pharisees: ‘I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Communion Sentence

John 10.14, 15b

Jesus said, ‘I am the good shepherd. I know my own sheep and my own know me, and I lay down my life for the sheep.’ Alleluia.

## Prayer after Communion

Merciful Father, you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd, and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again: keep us always under his protection, and give us grace to follow in his steps; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## ALLELUIA, CHRIST IS RISEN!

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He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

## CHURCH SERVICES—WHERE AND WHEN

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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. Please do keep an eye out for any changes, as details do change every once in a while.

## CLERGY WORKING HOURS

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I will be away from my desk from the afternoon of Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April through till the evening of Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April. Night Prayer will happen as normal on Tuesday evening, and I will return in time for Wyfordby's APCM on Wednesday evening. I will aim to pick up urgent messages, but will otherwise look to respond to emails and answer phone messages on my return.

## NIGHT PRAYER

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Tuesdays | 9:00 pm | Zoom

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

## CROXTON KERRIAL COFFEE MORNING

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Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April | 10:00 am until 12:00 pm

The church in Croxton Kerrial is delighted to be hosting coffee mornings on the last Thursday of every month from 10:00 am until 12:00 pm. All are welcome.

## WYFORDBY COFFEE MORNING

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Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April | 10:00 am until 12:00 pm

The church in Croxton Kerrial is delighted to be hosting a coffee morning on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April, from 10:00 am until 12:00 pm. Come along for some great company, coffee and cake, as well as eggs and all sorts of other offerings. All are welcome.

## ECO-CHURCH AWARD TO BRANSTON

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Congratulations to the church in Branston, who have been awarded a Bronze Eco Church Award in recognition of their efforts to care for God's creation.

## UPCOMING SERVICES

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### Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2024

*The Fourth Sunday of Easter (Good Shepherd Sunday)*

9:00 am Holy Communion | Harston

11:00 am Holy Communion | Wymondham

### Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2024

9:00 pm Night Prayer | Zoom

### Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2024

*The Fifth Sunday of Easter*

9:00 am Holy Communion | Wymondham

11:00 am Morning Prayer | Croxton Kerrial

### Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2024

9:00 pm Night Prayer | Zoom

### Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2024

*The Sixth Sunday of Easter*

9:00 am Holy Communion | Branston

11:00 am Holy Communion | Sewstern

### Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2024

9:00 pm Night Prayer | Zoom

### Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2024

*Ascension Sunday*

9:00 am Holy Communion | Knipton

9:00 am Morning Prayer | Buckminster

11:00 am Morning Prayer | Wymondham

1:00 pm Holy Baptism | Sproxton

### Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2024

*Matthias the Apostle*

9:00 pm Night Prayer | Zoom

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