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The Hexagon Editorial team would like to thank the Arnesby May Fayre Committee for the donation towards computer software upgrade

The season of dreams

My mother always produced an advent calendar at this time of the year and my sister and I would take it in turns each day to open the doors on the calendar to see a picture illustrating the Christmas season culminating in the birth of Christ on Christmas day. We looked forward every morning to opening the next door. By the time I had my own children things had moved on and we were given a large canvas advent calendar with pockets for each day containing a small gift that would be excitedly retrieved each morning by our two daughters. My wife reused the canvas calendar each year and refilled the pockets with gifts sometimes only one day ahead of the children!

This is the time of the year when we look forward and when we dream of what might be or what could be. The shops are full of gift ideas, the television companies announce new schedules to attract our viewing, new movies and music are announced and released and we watch out for the winners of talent competitions fulfilling their own dreams and we give to well publicised charitable causes to help some of those in need have their dreams come true.

The story of God is full of dreams that come to fruition. Abraham and Sarah dreamt of having children until they were too old, at which point Abraham was told he would become the father of all nations and his

dream came true.

People in oppression and exile and dreaming of freedom were told by God's prophets that they would be freed and God's kingdom would break into their world and their dreams came true.

A man called John the Baptist told people to get ready as God's kingdom would be coming, and his dream came true.

A teenage girl called Mary was told she would have a child called Jesus who would be the Son of God and her dreams came true.

This is the season of dreams where we remember the story of God's people, we remember our own story and we celebrate God breaking into this world through the birth of his Son Jesus Christ and we look forward in anticipation to growing in our faith.

Celebrate the season of dreams at our Christingle services in aid of the Children's Society, our Carol services, our Crib services on Christmas Eve and our Midnight and Christmas Day services.

Perhaps you will make someone's dream come true this Christmas and be able to dream a little yourself.

Wishing you a peaceful and joyful Christmas.

**Reverend Andrew Rhoades,
November 2010.**



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IN MEMORIAM

The funeral of **Mrs Madeline HAMPSHIRE** was held at Kettering Crematorium on 11th November 2010

FROM THE CHURCH REGISTERS

Funeral:

All Saints, Husbands Bosworth
20th November 2010

Richard ASTBURY



The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

Experience the beauty of Christingle for all the family at our Services in aid of the Children's Society on Sunday 12th December at All Saints, Husbands Bosworth (11:00am) and at St Mary's, Bruntingthorpe (4pm).



"Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us."

Bring your children and come and see the Christmas story unfold at the Hexagon crib services to celebrate the birth of Christ on Christmas Eve at All Saints Theddingworth (3pm), Husbands Bosworth (5pm) and St Peter's, Arnesby (4pm).



And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God

Celebrate this joyful and holy season at the Hexagon Carol services. See the church pages for details.



And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger
Find the peace and joy of Christmas day at our mid-night communion at St Nicholas Mowsley (11:30pm) on Christmas Eve and at St Mary Magdalene, Shearsby (9:30am) on Christmas Day.

POSADA

To help encourage us to think about what Christmas means to us, we will again be holding a *Posada* Activity. This is inspired by the South American custom of *Las Posadas* (Spanish for "The Inns"). It is a yearly tradition which symbolises the difficulty Mary and Joseph endured before finding a place to stay and where Jesus could be born.

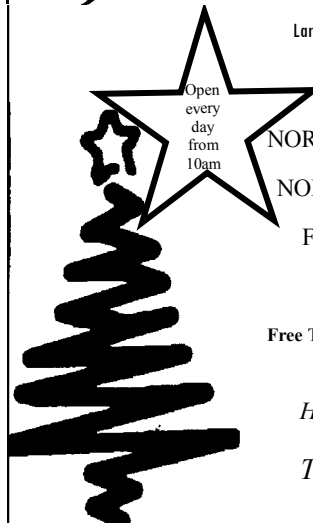
Models of Mary and Joseph will be moving around the village of Theddingworth, staying in a different house every night. Their journey is a great way to think about what Christmas means to your family and a chance to meet new people. We will be sending Mary and Joseph on their way at a special Advent Communion Service at All Saints, Theddingworth on 5th Dec at 11:00am.



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Wed 1st	Shearsby & Arnesby W.I. Speaker Mrs J. Henderson, on "Magic"	Arnesby village hall	7:30pm
Tue 7th & 21st	Mobile Library		11:30am-12:00
Sat 4th	Baptists Christmas coffee morning	Baptist Chapel	10:00am-12:00
Sun 12th	United Carol Service—with Countesthorpe College Chamber Choir	St Peter's church	6:30pm

Book Club: all at 7:30pm

Wed 8th Dec: At Rose Cottage, South Close, *Northanger Abbey* by Jane Austen

Wed 19th Jan: At Arnesby House, St Peter's Rd, *Bring a poem that you've enjoyed*

Flicks in the Sticks: 7:30pm in the village hall

14th Dec: *Cabaret*, sinister musical comedy, 1972

11th Jan: *The Lavender Hill Mob*, 1950's

25th Jan: *Run Lola Run*, German with subtitles

Swap Shop: Sat 11th Dec & 15th Jan 10am to 12noon in the village hall. Come along to swap books, videos, toys or just for a coffee and a chat..

Knitters & Stitchers: Arnesby Clickers, Thu 2nd Dec & 6th Jan at Jasmin Cottage, The Bank, for coffee chat & clicking.

Keep Fit & Pilates: Monday evenings in the village hall. Final classes of 2010 on Mon 20th Dec. Why not join the sessions which restart on Mon 10th Jan? Aerobics 6:30-7:30, Pilates 7:30-8:30. For more information contact Andy Osborne 07771 655447.

Carol Singing in Arnesby: We will be singing carols again on Christmas Eve. Anyone is welcome to join us. Meet at the Baptist Chapel at 7pm. Collection is again for 'Cancer Research UK'. *Maurice Bown*

Arnesby C.E. Primary School: In this half term the children have been learning about Diwali, Guy Fawkes and Remembrance Day. Year 3 and Year 4 children performed a wonderful class assembly for parents and friends last week about the rain forest and we have hosted the Life Education Van this week for all classes to enjoy. Children are busy rehearsing for the Carol Concert and Nativity Services.

The governors are preparing to advertise for a new Head-teacher to be in post in the next academic year. This school has a lot to offer a prospective candidate who will take the school forward in both strength and vision. We

will keep you informed of progress with the recruitment. Interim Headteacher: *Marie Sandford*

REGULAR EVENTS

Morning Prayer - Tuesdays, 9:45am, in church

Baptist church Coffee Morning—Baptist Conference Centre, Tuesdays 10.30 am-12.00pm-last one in 2010: Dec7

Parent & Toddler Group — village hall Fridays 10.00am -12.00 noon (*contact 0116 2478745*)

Arnesby Church Bells (*contact 0116 2478982*)



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Date	Event	Place	Time
Wed 8th & 22nd	Mobile Library		11:30-11:45am
Sun 12th	Christingle Service- See below	St Mary's Church	4:00pm
Sun 19th	Carol Service- See below	St Mary's Church	6:00pm

Saint Mary's Church: The PCC is pleased to announce that they have recommended that Stephen Gillies be appointed churchwarden. Although final ratification by the diocese is awaited we would like to welcome Steve to share the position with Andy White and thank him for offering his services. Steve and Lorna Gillies and their three young daughters moved to Bruntingthorpe from Broughton Astley last year.

Christingle: The Teatime service will be a special one: keeping the Christingle tradition alive. Come and celebrate the Christingle story, make your own Christingle, and make a contribution to 'The Children's Society' Christmas appeal. Christmas starts here!



Carol Service: All the familiar carols and readings in the candle-lit church, for all the village to join in. Afterwards there will be an opportunity to gather at The Plough for mince pies and the draw for the Christmas Hamper (and other prizes). See you there!



20.10 for 2010 Jars: Please bring your jars filled with as many 10p and 20p pieces as you can fit in with you to the church or The Plough before the end of the year. Alternatively, take it to Richard Kettell at Bruntingthorpe Motors, or contact either churchwardens to arrange collection.

Heritage Group: The post war generation tend to think that before our time people were well behaved in such places as church or school. Therefore it was a surprise to read that in 1931 a churchwarden resigned as he couldn't keep order at the back of the church. What was going on we wonder!

We have a record of an outing on Thu 8th Aug 1929 when about 70 scholars and friends went on buses to Wicksteed Park. This would have been ambitious as the Park was probably the first amusement park in England

when it opened in 1921. Does anyone know when the last Sunday school outing was?

maryarkell@tiscali.co.uk *Mary Arkell*

Gilmorton Chandler C.E.School: As you may know Gilmorton Chandler School serves the parishes of Ashby Magna, Bruntingthorpe, Gilmorton, Kimcote cum Walton, Peatling Parva, Upper Bruntingthorpe and Willoughby Waterleys. We are keen to develop communications with all the parishes we serve. In addition to completing a number of curriculum projects this term the children have been actively raising funds for Fareshare and for LOROS.

We are now planning for Advent and Christmas celebrations.

The Friends of Gilmorton Christmas Fair is being held on Fri Dec 3rd 6-8pm, with stalls, crafts for children, Santa's grotto, mulled wine, mince pies and hot refreshments. An evening not to be missed.

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Wed 1st	Historical Society– Christmas buffet and quiz. Please bring something to share. Wine/soft drinks provided.	Comm. Church hall	7:30pm
Tue 14th	Mobile Library		3:05-4:00pm
Wed 15th	Methodists coffee morning	25 High Street	10:00-11:45am
Wed 22nd	Luncheon Club—Christmas lunch, see below	Kilworth Springs Golf Club	12:30pm
Wed 5th Jan	Historical Society: “Slums of Leicester” speaker Ned Newitt	Comm. Church hall	7:30pm
Wed 19th Jan	Methodists coffee morning	25 High Street	10:00-11:45am
Thu 27th Jan	Luncheon Club	Kilworth Springs Golf Club	12:30pm

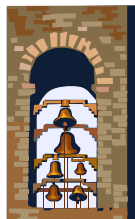
December Luncheon Club: The cost will be £10 per person. There will also be a raffle in aid of LOROS and any prizes you might like to donate would be appreciated. Further details or to book a place contact Janice on 01858 880668. 24 hours notice required.

Husbands Bosworth PCC: We are looking for a new Treasurer and a new Secretary from early 2011. Anyone interested in either post, please contact Lorrie on 01858 880281 or Pat on 01858 880823. *Lorrie Forman*

Husbands Bosworth Methodist Church: Thank you to all who have supported us throughout the year and wishing you all a peaceful Christmas and a happy new year.

Margaret Scurrah

All Saints Bell Ringers: On the evening of Remembrance Day, Thu 11th Nov, we attempted to ring a half-muffled quarter peal of Plain Bob Minor at All Saints Church. After about 30 minutes of good ringing, the muffle on the Treble - the lightest bell, worked loose and stopped doing its job. The “open” (loud) sound at both strokes of this bell became very off-putting to several of the ringers, so the ringing “collapsed”, with only about 12 minutes to go...
 Tower Captain: *Geoff Armitage*



REGULAR EVENTS

Mid-week Holy Communion service—Wednesdays at 9.15 am, All Saints Church

All Saints Church Bells (contact 01858 880066)

Hand Bell Ringers - Tuesdays 7.30pm at Orchard Cottage, Honeypot Lane (contact 01858 880668)

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Thu 2nd & 16th Dec	Tea and cake	St Nicholas Church	3:00pm-4:30pm
Wed 8th & 22nd	Mobile Library		12:45-1:10pm
Tue 14th	Carol Service followed by mulled wine & mince pies	St Nicholas Church	7:00pm
Thu 13th & 27th Jan	Tea and cake	St Nicholas Church	3:00pm-4:30pm

Harvest Sale: The proceeds were given to "Christian Aid".



Heritage Society: Thu 2nd Dec at 7:30pm in the village hall. Gary Robinson will talk about "Weather in Mowsley". Mince pies and drinks. No meeting in January.

Gardening club: Tue 7th Dec, Christmas lunch at Foxton Locks Inn at 12:30pm.

18th Jan: A talk by Jill Hadland, "Gardener of the Year" at 7:30pm in the village hall.

Village Hall Events:

Village Christmas Party: on Sat 4th Dec at 7:30pm.

Music, dancing, quiz & raffle. Tickets £10, hot food provided, but bring your own drinks please.

Coffee & mince pies: Sun 5th Dec 11am-1:00pm



Village Carol singing: Wed 22nd Dec, 6:30pm at Rob & Pauline Dawes home, 'Glenbrook', Saddington Rd for mulled wine and mince pies. Setting off round the village at 7:00pm. Proceeds to "Barnardo's". Bring a torch.

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MOWSLEY REGULAR EVENTS

Morning Prayer - Thursdays, 9:45am in church - *Note new day and time.*

Tea and cake (see above) - come and enjoy a chat over a cuppa and delicious cake!

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Date	Event	Place	Time
Sat 4th	Christmas coffee morning—See below Information from Ann 0116 2478853	Village hall	9:30-12:00
Tue 7th & 21st	Mobile Library		11:00-11:20am
Thu 9th	Arnesby School Nativity Service	St Mary Magdalene church	10:00am

Christmas Coffee Morning & Sale: With Gill's famous 'Breakfast Baps' served all morning. Tom bola, raffle, toys & cakes. Any contributions for the stalls appreciated. Proceeds to St Mary Magdalene Church. *Ann Charles*

Theddingworth, All Saints Church

Churchwardens: Pam Skinner 01858 880236 Ginny Beeby 01858 880386

Date	Event	Place	Time
Tue 7th & 21st	Mobile Library		12:45-1:00pm
Wed 8th	W.I. "Being a Coroner" speaker Anne Pemberton. Seasonal refreshments.	"The Beeches"	7:45pm

W.I. There is no meeting in January, our New Year meal is on 12th Jan. *Pauline Rainey*

Church Flowers: Thank you to everyone who has supplied flowers in church this year. I hope you will be able to continue in your usual slot next year. *Pauline Rainey* 01858 880256.

Posada (See p.3): We will be sending Mary and Joseph on their long journey at a special Advent communion Service at All Saints on Sun 5th Dec at 11:00am. This service is for young and the not so young, because Christmas is for everyone! We will then welcome them into the crib on Christmas Eve at the crib service in church at 3pm. Whether you are young in age or young at heart I hope you will take Mary and Joseph for a night in Advent. Please contact Pam Skinner at Laurels Farm 01858 880236.

Carol Singing Around Theddingworth Fri 17th Dec: Please meet outside All Saints Church at 6:30pm. All welcome to join in.

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Halloween night: Thanks to all who attended, helped and made the party so enjoyable. The evening raised £193 towards the village hall funds.
Sylvia Grady

Date for your diary: Valentines Night village party on Feb 11th in the village hall, 8pm onwards. Main course provided by members of the Congregational Chapel. Please bring a pudding and drinks. Tickets £5 from Liz Horton 881250 or Margaret Jones 990442 (we would like an idea of numbers).

Theddingworth Congregational Chapel: Christmas carol service 12th Dec at 6pm with mulled wine and mince pies afterwards. All welcome. Christmas Day Service 11:00-11:45am very informal—all welcome.
Secretary: *Margaret Jones* 880442

Hexagon Benefice Services January 2011 (for December see back page)

Sun. 2nd <i>1st after Christmas</i>	Holy Communion (BCP)	St. Nicholas	Mowsley	8:00am
	Family Communion	All Saints	Husbands Bosworth	9:30am
	Family Worship	St. Mary M'lene	Shearsby	9:30am
	Family Communion	All Saints	Theddingworth	11:00am
	Family Worship	St. Mary's	Bruntingthorpe	11:00am
	Holy Communion	St. Peter's	Arnesby	6:00pm
Sun. 9th <i>Epiphany</i>	Family Communion	St. Mary M'lene	Shearsby	9:30am
	Family Worship	St. Peter's	Arnesby	9:30am
	All-age Worship	All Saints	Husbands Bosworth	11:00am
	Teatime All-age Service	St. Mary's	Bruntingthorpe	4:00pm
	Evening Worship	St. Nicholas	Mowsley	6:00pm
Sun. 16th <i>Epiphany 2</i>	Benefice Family Communion	All Saints	Theddingworth	11:00am
Sun. 23rd <i>Epiphany 3</i>	Holy Communion (quiet)	All Saints	Husbands Bosworth	8:00am
	Family Communion	St. Mary's	Bruntingthorpe	9:30am
	Morning Worship (quiet)	St. Mary M'lene	Shearsby	9:30am
	Family Communion	St. Peter's	Arnesby	11:00am
	Evening Worship	St. Nicholas	Mowsley	6:00pm
Sun. 30th <i>Epiphany 4</i>	Benefice Family Communion	All Saints	Husbands Bosworth	11:00am

OTHER DENOMINATIONS

Arnesby Baptist Chapel

Pastor Johnny Hutton, The Manse 0116 2478392

Church Services—December 2010

Services at 10:45am and 6:30pm every Sunday. Full details of services on the notice board in the Chapel.

Sunday School and Bible Classes every Sunday morning during 10:45am service. Last Youth Clubs for 2010— Dec 17

Fun Club: Fridays, 6:30pm-7:30pm (5-11years)

Youth Club: Fridays, 7:45pm-9:00pm (12+)

Xmas Coffee Morning: 10am-12 on Sat 4th December.

United Carol Service: Sun 12th Dec at St Peter's Church at 6:30pm.

Sun 19th: Children's Christmas Service at 10:45am and at 6:30pm Carol Service with the W.I. choir.

Christmas Day: 10:30am Family Service

Sun 26th Dec: 10:45am, Sunday Service— Pastor

NOTE: Evening Services at Arnesby Chapel will begin at 6pm in the New Year.

Husbands Bosworth Methodist Church

Minister: Rev'd Brian Kennard 01858 462889

Service: 6:30pm every Sunday

Husbands Bosworth St Mary's Roman Catholic Church

Father Owen O'Neill 01858 462359

Service: 8:30am every Sunday

Theddingworth Congregational Church

Contact: Liz Horton 01858 881250

Service: 6:00-7:00pm every Sunday joining with All Saints at their Family Service on the first Sunday of the month.



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December 2010				
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Sun. 5th <i>Advent 2</i>	Holy Communion (BCP)	St. Nicholas	Mowsley	8:00am
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	Family Worship	St. Mary M'lene	Shearsby	9:30am
	Family Communion	All Saints	Theddingworth	11:00am
	Family Worship	St. Mary's	Bruntingthorpe	11:00am
	Holy Communion	St. Peter's	Arnesby	6:00pm
Sun. 12th <i>Advent 3</i>	All-age Christingle	All Saints	Husbands Bosworth	11:00am
	Teatime All-age Christingle	St. Mary's	Bruntingthorpe	4:00pm
	Carol Service	All Saints	Theddingworth	4:00pm
	Evening Worship	St. Nicholas	Mowsley	6:00pm
	Carol Service	St. Mary M'lene	Shearsby	6:00pm
	Carol Service	St. Peter's	Arnesby	6:30pm
Tue. 14th	Carol Service	St. Nicholas	Mowsley	7:00pm
Sun. 19th <i>Advent 4</i>	Benefice Family Communion	St. Peter's	Arnesby	11:00am
	Carol Service	All Saints	Husbands Bosworth	6:00pm
	Carol Service	St. Mary's	Bruntingthorpe	6:00pm
Fri. 24th <i>Christmas Eve</i>	Crib Service	All Saints	Theddingworth	3:00pm
	Crib Service	St. Peter's	Arnesby	4:00pm
	Crib Service	All Saints	Husbands Bosworth	5:00pm
	Midnight Holy Communion	St. Nicholas	Mowsley	11:30pm
Sat. 25th <i>Christmas Day</i>	Family Communion	St. Mary M'lene	Shearsby	9:30am

Midweek services



A short service of prayer and reflection is held at:
St Peter's, Arnesby on Tuesdays at 9:45am &
St Nicholas, Mowsley on Thursdays at 9:45am

A short service of Holy Communion is held at All Saints,
Husbands Bosworth on Wednesdays at 9.15am



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