

The Hexagon

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Join Carol Higson on a new stage of her journey in faith as she begins to explore and share with us how God is part of all we experience in life on page 7



The Hexagon Editorial Team wish our advertisers and readers a Happy Christmas

We wish you a peaceful and joyful Christmas.

In the sixth month, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary. The angel said, "Greetings, you who are highly favoured! The Lord is with you." Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. But the angel

said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, you have found favour with God. You will be with child and give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever; his kingdom will never end." "How will this be," Mary asked the angel, "since I am a virgin?" The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God. For nothing is impossible with God."

"I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May it be to me as you have said." Then the angel left her.

Some months later, everyone went to his own town to register. So Joseph

also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.



And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town

of David a Saviour has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger." Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, ***"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to all on whom his favour rests."***

Reverend Andrew Rhoades, December 2011.

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From the Church Registers

Funerals



Mrs Ivy May **MARLOW**
aged 96 years
31st October 2011 at All Saints,
Husbands Bosworth and Kettering
Crematorium

Mr Roger Frank Bourne **OUSEY**
aged 75 years
15th November 2011 at St Nicholas, Mowsley

Interment of Ashes

Mrs Alice Gray **LOW** aged 91 years
2nd November 2011 at St Marys, Bruntingthorpe

"God be in our heart and in our thinking. God be at our end and at our departing".

Candlelit Christingle Services for All Ages on 11th December

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

Come and start your Christmas celebrations in services for all ages at **11:00am at All Saints, Husbands Bosworth or 4:00pm at St Mary's, Bruntingthorpe**, followed by refreshments. We make Christingles from oranges, sweets and candles and raise funds for The Children's Society. Collecting candles are available from All Saints Church or contact Rev'd Andrew Rhoades on 01858 460150.



May the joy of the angels, the wonder of the shepherds, and the peace of the Prince of Peace, fill your hearts this Christmas time.

Reverend Andrew Rhoades

Celebrate this joyful and holy season at our Hexagon Carol Services.

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

Come and join the celebration, hear the Christmas story and sing Christmas Carols, followed by refreshments.



11th December	4pm	All Saints, Theddingworth
18th December	6pm	Joint service at the Baptist Chapel, Arnesby
18th December	6pm	St Mary's, Bruntingthorpe
18th December	6pm	Joint service at All Saints, Husbands Bosworth
18th December	6pm	St Mary Magdalene, Shearsby
20th December	7pm	St Nicholas, Mowsley



School Carol Services will be held at 2pm on 14th December at St Peter's Church, Arnesby and at 2:30pm on 20th December at All Saints Church, Husbands Bosworth

Children's Christmas Crib Services on 24th December.

"Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us." Come and join our Children's Christmas Eve celebrations as we put together our crib and nativity scene in a short service followed by refreshments: at 3pm at All Saints, Theddingworth; 4pm at St Peter's, Arnesby and 5pm at All Saints, Husbands Bosworth.



Bring the peace and joy of Christ into Christmas Eve and Christmas Day

"And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger".



Benefice Midnight Holy Communion starts at 11:30pm on 24th Dec

At All Saints Church, Husbands Bosworth. All are welcome to our service of Holy Communion taking us into Christmas Day.

Benefice Christmas Day Holy Communion starts at 10:30am at St Peter's, Arnesby

Everyone is welcome to a time of sharing the peace of Christ before the Christmas Day festivities.

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Wed 7th	Shearsby & Arnesby W.I: "History of Candles/ Candle Making", speaker Marianne Parry	Shearsby village hall	7:30pm
Tue 6th & 20th Dec 3rd, 17th&31st Jan	Mobile Library—Note new time	Old Adult School	Note new time 11:50-12:20pm
Wed 14th Dec 18th Jan	Arnesby book club: <i>The Nine Tailors</i> by Dorothy L Sayers <i>Walking the Amazon</i> by Ed Stafford	Longacre, St Peter's Rd Cambridge House, South Close	7:30pm
Sat 17th Dec	Christmas Concert by Cantamici Choir—see below	St Peter's Church	7:30pm

St Peter's Churchyard Group: We are most grateful to the group of volunteers who are clearing overgrown areas of the churchyard. Help is needed with removal of dead branches, weeding and pruning shrubs; if you can spare some time then contact Judith Mace 2478982, Carol Higson 2478209 or Beryl Cane 2478136. *St Peter's PCC*

Knitters & Stitchers—Arnesby Clickers: Thu 1st Dec & 5th Jan at Jasmin Cottage, The Bank, for coffee, chat & clicking. Next meeting 2nd Feb.

Christmas Concert by Cantamici: Sat 17th Dec in St Peter's church at 7:30pm. A light classical choral concert of Christmas music with mince pies & mulled wine in the interval. Tickets £6 from Brian & Sue Spriggs. Proceeds to be divided between the Leicester Gondar Link, St Peter's Church & Cantamici.

Village Carol Singing— For "Cancer Research": On 24th Dec. Meet at Baptist Chapel at 7pm.

"Turkey & Tinsel" Christmas Lunch: Sat 3rd Dec, 12:30pm in the village hall.

Swap Shop: Sat 10th Dec **cancelled**—let's go to the Baptist Chapel Christmas Coffee Morning.

Sat 14th Jan & Sat 4th Feb—bring along any books, CDs & jigsaws you've finished with and join us for a coffee and a chat 10-12noon in the village hall.

Welcome to Arnesby: To Kirsty, Chris and children who have moved to Well House, St Peter's Rd. ☺



Work in progress in St Peter's Churchyard

The Children's Society Collection Boxes: The total collected was £168. Thank you to all who contributed.

Table Top Sale: Sat 28th Jan 10am-1pm in the village hall. Hire a table for £5 and sell unwanted gifts, or other items in good condition. **Arnesby & other Hexagon villagers only—No traders.** To book a table contact Judith Mace 0116 2478982 or mace.j917@yahoo.co.uk Refreshments available, proceeds to St Peter's Church.

Flicks in the Sticks: In the village hall

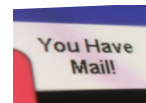
Tue 6th Dec: *The King's Speech* at 7:30pm

Tue 3rd Jan: *Fantasia* at 6:30pm- **All the family welcome**

Tue 24th Jan: *Baaria* (2009) at 7:30pm

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Please join the children and staff at our Christmas events:

Mon 5th Dec: Nativity concert in Arnesby Baptist Chapel at 10am and on **Wed 7th Dec** at 10am in St Mary Magdalene, Shearsby with coffee afterwards in the village hall.

Wed 14th Dec: Carol Concert in St Peter's Church at 2pm, with refreshments afterwards.

Mon 19th Dec: Community Coffee Morning in school at 10am.
Headteacher, *Chris Dorian-Hurst*

REGULAR EVENTS

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

Baptist church Coffee Morning— Tuesdays 10.30-12.00

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

Arnesby Church Bells (*contact 0116 2478982*)

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Wed 7th & 21st 4th & 18th Jan	Mobile Library	The Plough	11:30-11:45am
Sun 11th Dec	Christingle Service—See p.3	St Mary's Church	4:00pm
Sun 18th	Carol Service—See below	St Mary's Church	6:00pm

Carol Service: All the familiar carols and readings. Afterwards everyone is invited to The Plough for the Christmas Raffle draw and mince pies.

Bruntingthorpe Gingerbread Festival: 12th & 13th Nov.

All the entries in the first ever Festival looked amazing and clearly lots of thought, patience and hard work went into every one. Thank you to all who entered or supported the event by either supplying lots of gingerbread associated goodies and/or time and especially every visitor to the event. The Festival raised around £400 for Church funds. Prize winners: Adult section: Sally Kettell (Nativity), winning a long weekend in the Lake District; Children's section: Tate Cottom (Mr Potato Head), winning a Toys R'us gift card; Special award: Flo Timms & Mavis Jeffries, whose entry (Christmas Tree) came second overall. Get thinking about your entries for next time...it will be back.



Bonnie Kettell

Images speak without words

Psalm 19:1-4 tells us that the heavens are telling the Glory of God. Carol explores in this series how imagery in our everyday life can bring us close to God.

Breaking with convention:

I am beginning to feel the pressure of Christmas already. This reminds me of the story in the Bible of Jesus' first visit to the home of Mary and Martha in Bethany (Lk.10). He was invited for a meal. This put a lot of pressure on Martha

whose responsibility it was to make the occasion a success. On the day she was very upset and moaned incessantly at her sister, Mary, who just sat around listening and talking to Jesus instead of helping her with the chores.



But Jesus got up, comforted Martha and brought her over to the fireside. "Never mind the dinner," he said, "we can eat later, or make do somehow. What's important at the moment is that we can sit and talk together". Jesus showed concern for Martha and I can imagine how her stress drained away.

Like Martha, I was moved one day by a similar human gesture of concern, and it is by imagining myself in the story being told that I have begun to get to know God better. In his book "God in All Things" Gerard Hughes speaks about recognising God "in the ordinary, in the joy, and in the sadness of things" in life; and about the knowledge that God cannot be separated from whatever we experience.

When consumed by the workload this Christmas, will we take up Jesus' kind invitation to keep things simple and leave time to listen to him as Mary did that day in Bethany?

Now A Prayer:

Lift us above the duties and responsibilities of our daily lives so that we may see them in the light of your loving purposes and broaden our imaginations so that now and eternity may be seen through your eyes. **AMEN**

Carol Higson

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Wed 7th Dec	Historical Society : Christmas party & quiz—bring some food to share & your own drinks	Community church hall— contact Heather on 880165	7:30pm
Wed 4th Jan	“Story of the Package Holiday—from Thomas Cook to Tenerife” speaker Bob Gibson		
Tue 13th Dec 10th & 24th Jan	Mobile Library		3:05-4:00pm
Wed 14th Dec Wed 18th Jan	Methodists coffee morning—visitors welcome	12 Butt Lane 25 High St	10:00-12:00
Sun 18th	Joint Churches Carol Service	All Saints Church	6:00pm
Tue 20th	Husbands Bosworth School Carol Service	All Saints Church	2:30pm
Wed 21st	Village Lunch: Price unknown. Raffle in aid of Loros. Contact Janice to book or cancel (01858 880668)	Kilworth Springs Golf Club (24 hours notice needed)	12:30pm

Classic Film Nights: In the community church hall at 7:30pm on Fri 9th Dec and on Fri 13th Jan.

Christmas Festival Exhibits: A reminder that all trees/exhibits need to be removed from All Saints Church by twelfth night (Jan 6th). We will be cleaning the church on Sat 7th Jan and need to have it clear by then. Many thanks.

Husbands Bosworth Methodist Church: Carol Service on Sun 11th Dec at 6:30pm taken by Mr Michael Mays. Christmas Eve service at 4:00pm. No service on Christmas Day.

There will be a United Service for the three churches on Tue 24th Jan during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity at St Mary’s Roman Catholic Church at 7:30pm.

Husbands Bosworth C. of E. Primary School:

We are nearing the end of a very busy term and currently rehearsing for our nativity which is on 14th & 15th Dec. Attendance is by invitation only. However, we will once again be inviting a number of villagers. The proceeds from this year’s nativity will be donated to the Brook House mini bus appeal. We are also working with Rev’d Andy Rhoades in preparing our school Christmas service at All Saints Church, which as always you are all very welcome to attend on Tue 20th Dec. Thank you to the church and village for your continued support. I wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy new year.

Headteacher: *Matthew Bown*

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Date	Event	Place	Time
Thu 1st Dec	Heritage Society: "Who do you think you are?" Bring any family anecdotes	Village hall—mince pies and wine	7:30pm
Thu 1st Dec	Afternoon teas: Not in Jan, but resumes on 2nd Feb	St Nicholas Church	3:00-4:30pm
Wed 7th, 21st Dec 4th & 18th Jan	Mobile Library	Phone box	12:45-1:10pm
Tue 6th Dec	Gardening Club: Christmas lunch	The Shires, Peatling Parva	12:30pm
Tue 17th Jan	"When time Stood Still" speaker Ken Whittaker	Village hall—visitors welcome	7:30pm
Tue 20th Dec	Carol Service: mulled wine & mince pies after the service	St Nicholas church	7:00pm
Sun 22nd Jan	Refresh @ Mowsley	Village hall	9:30-11:30am

IN MEMORIAM Roger OUSEY

Roger Ousey was a very active and willing member of the community, being a dedicated supporter of St Nicholas Church, and serving on the PCC and on the village hall committee. Cricket was his passion and he was an active member of the Laughton & Mowsley Cricket Club, voluntarily coaching the younger members to improve their game.

Roger will be sadly missed, and our thoughts are with Ros, Richard and Robert and their families at this very sad time. We must thank God for his life and that we were blessed with his friendship and expertise for so many years.

Friends and Parishioners of Mowsley

Village Carol Singing:



Thu 22nd Dec, from 6:30pm at Pauline & Rob Dawes home, 'Glenbrook', Saddington Rd, for mulled wine & mince pies, then setting off round the village at 7:00pm. Proceeds to "Barnardo's". Bring a torch and wear warm clothes.

Pauline Dawes

Village Hall Events:

Village Christmas Party on Sat 10th Dec, and **Coffee Morning** on Sun 11th Dec. Further information from any member of the village hall committee.



MOWSLEY REGULAR EVENTS

Morning Prayer - Thursdays, 9:45am in church

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



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Date	Event	Place	Time
Tue 6th & 20th Dec 3rd, 17th & 31st Jan	Mobile Library	Post Box	10:45-11:05am
Sun 18th	Christmas Carol Service: with the Wigston Band, followed by refreshments	St Mary Magdalene Church	6:00pm

Arnesby School Christmas Nativity: Wed 7th Dec at 10:00am in Shearsby church, followed by refreshments in the village hall.

Carols around the Christmas Tree: On Christmas Eve at 6:00pm on the village green. Come and sing your favourite carols; mulled wine and mince pies will help to get Christmas off to a great start!

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal: Gwen Page would like to thank the people of Shearsby for their kind donations to the Poppy Appeal this year, which raised £163.

Christmas Coffee Morning
In Shearsby Village Hall
Saturday 3rd December 9:30—Noon

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Theddingworth, All Saints Church

Churchwardens: Pam Skinner 01858 880236 Ginny Beeby 01858 880386

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Date	Event	Place	Time
Sun 4th	Family Communion	All Saints	11:00am
Tue 6th & 20th Dec 3rd, 17th & 31st Jan	Mobile Library	Station Road	12:45-1:00pm
Wed 14th	W.I: Speaker Ellie Barsby from "Blue Butterfly Glass".	The Beeches, Main St, Theddingworth: visitors welcome- £3 includes seasonal refreshments	7:45pm

Village Christmas Party: Sat 3rd Dec in the village hall from 8:00pm. Bring festive food and your own drinks.

Theddingworth Congregational Chapel: Carol Service: Sun Dec 18th at 6:00pm. Mulled wine & mince pies after the service. All welcome. **Christmas Day Service:** An informal celebration at 11:45am.

Carol Singing Around Theddingworth: Fri 23rd Dec. Meet at All Saints Church at 6:30pm, bring a torch. Proceeds will go to "Rainbows".

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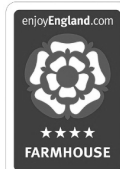
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Sun. 1st <i>2nd of Christmas</i>	Benefice family Communion	St. Mary M'lene	Shearsby	11:00am
Sun. 8th <i>Epiphany</i>	Family Communion	St. Mary M'lene	Shearsby	9:30am
	Family worship	St. Peter's	Arnesby	9:30am
	All-age worship	All Saints	Hus. Bosworth	11:00am
	Teatime all-age worship	St. Mary's	Bruntingthorpe	4:00pm
	Evening worship (BCP)	St. Nicholas	Mowsley	6:00pm
Sun. 15th <i>Epiphany 2</i>	Benefice Family Communion	All Saints	Theddingworth	11:00am
<i>Wed. 18th</i>	<i>Arnesby school service</i>	<i>St. Peter's</i>	<i>Arnesby</i>	<i>11:15am</i>
Sun. 22nd <i>Epiphany 3</i>	Holy Communion (quiet)	All Saints	Hus. Bosworth	8:00am
	Family Communion	St. Mary's	Bruntingthorpe	9:30am
	Morning Worship (quiet)	St. Mary M'lene	Shearsby	9:30am
	Refresh	Village hall	Mowsley	9:30am-11:30am
	Family Communion	St. Peter's	Arnesby	11:00am
Tue. 24th	Service of Christian Unity	Roman Catholic Church	Hus. Bosworth	7:30pm
Sun. 29th <i>Candle-mas</i>	Benefice Family Communion	All Saints	Hus. Bosworth	11:00am

OTHER DENOMINATIONS**Arnesby Baptist Chapel**

Pastor Johnny Hutton, The Manse
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Church Services—December 2011

Services at 10:45am and 6:00pm every Sunday. For full details of services see notice board in the Chapel.

Sunday School and Bible Classes every Sunday morning during 10:45 am service.

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

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

Coffee morning: Tuesdays, 10:30-12:00

A.B.C. Toddler Group at the Chapel
10:30-12noon
(at the same time as the coffee morning)

'Youth After Church' on Sundays at
7:00pm

Mon 5th Dec, 10am School Nativity

Tue 6th Dec, Last Coffee Morning

Christmas Coffee Morning
Sat 10th Dec, 10am-12noon
Stalls, Santa in his grotto

Sun 11th Dec, 10:45am Service
4:00pm visit to The Chestnuts

Sun 18th Dec, 10:45am Children's
Christmas Service 6:00pm United
village Carol Service

Sun 25th Dec, Service 10:30am

Sun 1st Jan, Family Covenant Service

Husbands Bosworth Methodist Church

Minister: Rev'd Brian Kennard
01858 462889

Service: 6:30 pm every Sunday

Husbands Bosworth St Mary's Roman Catholic Church

Father Owen O'Neill 01858 462359
Service: 8:30am every Sunday

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You created the
world, yet were
born in a humble
stable and shared our
human experiences.
Lord Jesus, help us to
come to you with the
same humility this
Christmastime.

Amen



December 2011

Table with columns: Date, Type of service, Church, Village, Time. Rows include Sun. 4th, Sun. 11th, Wed. 14th, Sun. 18th, Tue. 20th, Sat. 24th Christmas Eve, Sun. 25th Christmas Day, and January 2012.

Mid-week 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

Please note there will be no mid-week services between Christmas and New Year,
or during the first week of January.