

# The Hexagon

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## Christianity and the Urban Cow

The streets are bustling with people, cycles, motorbikes, buses and cars. Shops selling kitchen pots, clothes, jewellery, accessories and food line both sides of the streets and everywhere there is colour and noise. I was on a mission to buy a gift for my wife and two daughters and was struggling to see where I was and where the shop was that I had been pointed to with an assistant who spoke English and who might be able to help me. The sun beat down and the heat became oppressive and humid as I

of my path so I plunged myself into the crowds out of its way, seeing the smiles and the laughter as the crowd made room for me and welcomed me back into their midst. It was then that I saw the real faces, the ones of friendliness and of hospitality and I remembered my colleagues telling me that you couldn't get to understand South India unless you went shopping! We spent 2½ weeks working with the Church of South India seeing Christianity flourish in its engagement with other faiths and its work amongst the poor, the oppressed, the children, those living and working in remote rural areas and those

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continually sipped from the water bottle that replaced my fluids, conscious that I was a white stranger amongst many faces and experiences and lifestyles that were very different from my own. Then the crowd parted in front of me and I seemed to find some space to get my bearings and there it was 'the urban cow' wandering towards me, owning the street, searching for food and looking as though it didn't have a care in the world. Clearly it wasn't going to move out

rebuilding their lives after the Tsunami. Our Lent talks this year will be a series on 'Faith in Foreign Places' and include this visit to South India. The details are in this issue of the Hexagon and I hope you might be able to come and listen.

**Reverend Andrew Rhoades**  
**February 2011**



British Summer time starts on Sun 27th March—so don't forget to put clocks FORWARD one hour.

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March			
<b>Fri 4th</b>	Women's World Day of Prayer— Speaker Miss Ruth Atkins	Arnesby Baptist Chapel	10:30am
<b>Thu 17th</b>	Husbands Bosworth Primary School Awards Service	All Saints, Husbands Bosworth	2:30pm
<b>Sun 20th</b>	Benefice Family Communion	St Nicholas, Mowsley	11:00am

### **Buggy Service at St Mary's, Bruntingthorpe for preschool children and their carers**

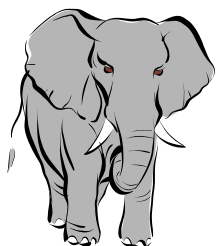
All pre-school children and their parents and carers are warmly invited to our informal Buggy Service with stories for children, fun activities, singing and a chance to meet together over a cup of tea and coffee with biscuits on Thursday March 10th from 2:30pm to 3:30pm and then on every second Thursday in the month. **More details from Alex and Lorna in Bruntingthorpe or Reverend Andrew Rhoades.**



### **Pancake Party on Tuesday 8th March for all those of primary school age.**

Join us for a fun filled party with food and drink for all those of primary school age, at the Community Church Hall in Husbands Bosworth between 4pm and 6pm. **Contact Reverend Andrew Rhoades on 01858 460150 if you would like to book your place.**

### **Local talks by local people on faith in foreign places.**



Many of our local people have explored their Christian faith in foreign lands engaging with different cultures to help in difficult situations or have engaged with the vibrancy of faith in other countries. Our Lent talks this year are open to everyone to come and listen to these remarkable stories and to be challenged in our own outlook. All the talks will start at 7:30pm and will be followed by a simple night service or compline, aiming to finish between 8:30 and 9:00pm.

<i>Thu 17th March</i>	<b>Faith in action on the Tsunami hit coast and rural areas in South India</b>	Reverend Andrew Rhoades	St Peter's, Arnesby
<i>Thu 24th March</i>	<b>Bible courier trips to China and the Middle East</b>	Gordon Herbert	Husbands Bosworth Church Hall
<i>Thu 31st March</i>	<b>Faith and medical aid on the Afghan/Pakistan Border</b>	David & Liz Austin	St Peter's, Arnesby
<i>Thu 7th April</i>	<b>Faith in Auschwitz</b>	Reverend David Hebblewhite	Husbands Bosworth Church Hall
<i>Wed 13th April</i>	<b>Faith and social work in a small rural community in Tamil Nadu, South India</b>	Brian & Sue Spriggs	St Peter's, Arnesby

### **Ash Wednesday Services**

*Wed 9th March* – Holy Communion and Ashing – 9:15am All Saints, Husbands Bosworth and 7:00pm at St Peter's, Arnesby



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Wed 2nd	Shearsby & Arnesby W.I. Speaker Sue Lobb, "Wine tasting"	Arnesby village hall	7:30pm
Tue 1st, 15th & 29th	Mobile Library	Old Adult School	11:15-11:45am
Sat 12th	Leicester Organist Association. Information from Judith Mace	St Peter's Church	2:00pm
Wed 16th	Arnesby book club: <i>Snow Falling on Cedars</i> by David Guterson	The White Cottage, Robert Hall Rd	7:30pm

**Compline:** Wednesdays at 7:30pm in Lent. Please join us for this short, peaceful, contemplative service in St. Peter's Church on 16th, 23rd, 30th March and 6th & 13th April.

**Clickers & Knitters:** Thu 3rd March, 7:30pm at Jasmin Cottage, The Bank. All welcome.

**Zumba Comes to Arnesby:** Village hall on Fridays, commencing 4th March 6:30-7:30pm. Latin-inspired FUN dance/fitness class...all abilities and ages welcome. £24 for 6 week block or £5 per session. Call Natalie 07968 944968 or just show up on the night.

**Let's Clean up Arnesby:** Sat 19th March 10-12noon. Annual litter pick around the village and approach roads. Meet at village hall, wearing old clothes, gloves and fluorescent jackets (if you have one). Refreshments provided. No litter pick if wet—just Swap Shop and coffee.

**Swap Shop:** Sat 19th March 10-12noon. Entrance 50p to cover cost of hall hire (free to Litter Pickers). Swap books, DVDs & videos or just come for a coffee and chat.

**Folk Concert:** Thur 24th March at 8pm in the village hall. An acoustic folk concert by Blackheart male/female duo; profits to village hall extension fund. Tickets £6, includes soft drinks and interval refreshments, from Sue Spriggs 2478559. Bring your own alcohol.

**Note: Change of date for Moira Choir:** Now Sat 2nd July in Arnesby Baptist Chapel.

**Arnesby May Fayre:** Meeting to discuss plans for this year's Fayre on Tue 1st March at 8pm in the village hall. Ideas or offers of help to Jacque 2478728, Terry 2478776, Lisa Welton or Graham Middleton.

**Flicks in the Sticks:** Arnesby village hall at 7:30pm  
8th Mar: *Etre et Avoir*, Documentary following lives of French schoolchildren for a year.

22nd Mar: *The Lives of Others*, A writer is spied on by the Stasi in former E.Germany. 2006 Academy winner.

### Arnesby C.E. Primary School:

On behalf of the Governing Body, I am pleased to inform you that Mrs Dorian-Hurst has been appointed as Headteacher of Arnesby CE Primary School from May 4th 2011. The vast majority of the children met Mrs Dorian-Hurst during the recruitment process. As usual, their behaviour was impeccable. I know Mrs Dorian-Hurst is looking forward to working with the children, staff, governing body and parents to provide the much needed stability to lead Arnesby from "good" to "outstanding".

Interim Headteacher: *Marie Sandford*

**Vacancy for Community Governor:** Details in February Hexagon. Closing date for expressions of interest Fri 18th March. To discuss this vital role contact Kim Hall, Chair of Governors 2478214 or Beryl Cane 2478136.

### REGULAR EVENTS

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

**Baptist church Coffee Morning**—Baptist Conference Centre, Tuesdays 10.30 am-12.00pm

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

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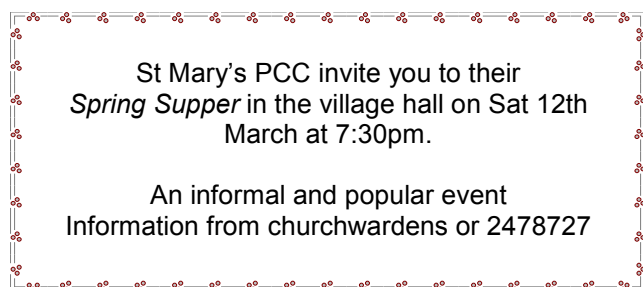
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Wed 2nd, 16th & 30th	Mobile Library	The Plough	11:30-11:45am
Tue 8th	St Mary's Church AGM	In church	7:30pm
Thu 10th	"Buggy Service" - See below	St Mary's Church	2:30-3:30pm



**Our new "Buggy Service" on Thursday 10th March, 2.30-3.30pm in the Church:** Pre-school children and their carers are warmly invited to the "Buggy Service" at St Mary's Church. There will be story-telling and activities

followed by singing and a chance to meet other families and chat over a cup of tea or coffee. We look forward to seeing you there. *Lorna Gillies and Alex Montgomery*



**Village Hall Committee:** We were delighted to be selected last November as one of 3 charities that Waitrose raises money for each month under their Community Matters Scheme. Through their generosity and the support of the people of Lutterworth and surrounding villages, the green tokens placed in our box raised £387 which will go towards the provision of facilities for the disabled in the village hall. Thanks to everyone who shopped in Waitrose in November who helped contribute to this scheme. *Steve Stratton* on behalf of Bruntingthorpe Village Hall Committee

**Heritage Group: DID YOU KNOW?** A giant sequoia tree on Main St still bears the scars from when a four engined Halifax aircraft crashed through it on 21st Aug 1943 at approx. 1am. It was attempting to land at the airfield after the failure of the two starboard engines. Weather conditions were poor and it crash-landed on a field behind the houses. Regrettably, five of the seven man crew died. The aircraft was based at RAF Ricall in Yorkshire and was on a night training flight. [maryarkell@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:maryarkell@tiscali.co.uk)  
*Mary Arkell*

**Future Events in the Village:** A Charity May Ball at The Plough Inn, raising funds for local charities. More details in the April Hexagon.

**Films in Arnesby village hall in April: Tuesdays at 7:30pm**

5th April: *Little Miss Sunshine*, Hilarious film about an American family taking their daughter to a talent contest.

19th April: *La Vie en Rose*, The extraordinary story of Edith Piaf.

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Wed 2nd	Historical Society : "Leicestershire's Village Cinemas" speaker Brian Johnson. All welcome	Comm. Church hall	7:30pm
Tue 8th & 22nd	Mobile Library		3:05-4:00pm
Tue 8th	Children's Pancake Party	Comm. Church hall	4:00-6:00pm
Wed 9th	Ash Wednesday Holy Communion	All Saints church	9:15am
Wed 23rd	Methodists coffee morning	25 High Street	10:00-11:45am
Thu 24th	Faith Talk: "Bible courier trips", speaker G.Herbert	Church hall	7:30pm
Wed 30th	Luncheon Club: £7.50 each Contact Janice Staples to book (01858 880668)	Kilworth Springs Golf Club (24 hours notice needed)	12:30pm



### Joint Husbands Bosworth School Awards Service with All Saints Church:

Parents & carers of school children and the All Saints congregation are invited to the School awards service at All Saints Church on Wed 2nd March at 2:30pm. A time of worship for the

children and adults, followed by the presentation of awards.

**All Saints, Husbands Bosworth PCC:** The AGM and Vestry Meeting on Wed 16th March at 7:00pm in All Saints Church, followed by a short PCC meeting for any urgent business. Anyone interested in coming onto the PCC should speak to either churchwardens or Rev. Andy for further information. All parishioners are welcome to attend the meeting.

*Lorrie Forman*

**Classic Film Night:** Fri 11th March, *Double Bunk*, 1961 comedy. In the church hall at 7:30pm.

**Husbands Bosworth C.of E. Primary School 01858 880212:**

This term pupils have been very involved in sporting events and competitions. Sport has become a very important part of our school and we are now part of the 2012 Olympic 'Get Set Network'. Next half term work on the school library area will be completed with new furniture and equipment. Planning has begun on a new school playground, filling cracks and holes and resurfacing it. The school council has been looking at new markings and games to be put on the new surface.

I am pleased to report that we have been successful in our application to have a Dutch Elm tree planted in our field area. This is a great privilege as this is the first time in over 30 years these trees have been planted. Please visit [www.leics.gov.uk/pressrelease.htm?id=195841](http://www.leics.gov.uk/pressrelease.htm?id=195841) for more information about this.

We are once again collecting various vouchers for school—Nestle box top vouchers, Tesco and Sainsbury's vouchers. Last year we purchased a lot of much needed equipment, including a new football kit, with the communities' help. Please send in your vouchers again. As a small school we really appreciate these extra resources.

Headteacher, *Matthew Bown*



British Summer time starts on Sun 27th March—so don't forget to put clocks FORWARD one hour.

**Mobile Library—details on village pages. For 24 hour library renewals ring 0845 6022815. Market Harborough Library 0116 3053627**

### 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)

**Honeypot pre-school group—** term-time, All Saints Church and Community Hall (contact 01858 881143)

**Whist drives in aid of All Saints—** 1st Monday of month, 2.00 pm, Kilworth Springs Golf Club

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Date	Event	Place	Time
Thu 10th & 24th	Afternoon teas	St Nicholas Church	3:00-4:30pm
Wed 2nd, 16th & 30th	Mobile Library		12:45-1:10pm
Thu 3rd	Heritage Society: See below	Village Hall	7:30pm
Tue 15th	Gardening Club: "Chillies & other exciting things" speaker Ady Dayman from Cossington Nurseries and Radio Leics.	Village Hall	7:30pm



**Royal Wedding Celebrations in Mowsley:** A meeting has been held to organise events on Fri 29th April. It has been provisionally decided to hold a 'Street Party' and a Barn Dance in the evening. A follow up meeting is on Mon 21st March at 7:30pm in the village hall.

**Heritage Society:** Thur 3rd March. Bob Trubshaw will talk about "Mawning & Mooning - minds of the Medieval Masons", and an update on the Gargoyle Project in Leicestershire.



**Village Hall Decorating:** The village hall committee is having a decorating weekend on 12th & 13th March. Willing helpers would be appreciated.

### 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!

### Refuse and Re-cycling

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**Food waste** is a big problem in the UK. We throw away a third of all the food we buy; and at least half of this is food that could have been eaten if we had managed it better. As food rots in landfill it can produce methane, one of the most potent greenhouse gases and a significant contributor to climate change.

So please give the food waste collection service your full support and try to take part in every collection.

#### A reminder:

The **Black wheeled bin** is for non-recyclable rubbish only.

**Use The Green bin** for loose green waste such as grass cuttings, leaves, flowers, clippings & prunings, all types of cardboard except waxed or foil lined. Also please do not place food waste, soil, turf, animal bedding or animal waste in the green bin. For lost or missing bins contact customer services to obtain a replacement.

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Date	Event	Place	Time
Tue 1st, 15th & 29th	Mobile Library	Post Box	10:45-11:05am

**"The King's Speech"**: Will be shown in Shearsby village hall. Proceeds to "Help for Heroes". Further information regarding date and time from Ann Charles 2478853.

## Lent



In the Christian calendar Lent is a period of 40 days, beginning on Ash Wednesday, leading up to Easter. It may be marked by fasting and devoting time to prayer and reflection; or it may be a time to sacrifice a particular food or habit and use the money saved to donate to a charity. For Christians it is a reminder of Jesus' self-discipline and testing in the wilderness for 40 days and a time to think about the events leading up to his death on the cross.

The colour traditionally used in churches for drapes during Lent is purple, a colour associated with mourning (thinking ahead to Jesus' suffering on the cross on Good Friday) and with royalty (Jesus' resurrection on Easter Day). Decorations and flowers are usually removed from churches and churchyards during Lent.

The word Lent was old English for "lengthen", since Lent occurs in spring when the days start to get longer once again.

### Arnesby C.E. Primary School - Vacancy on the Governing Body for a Community Governor

If you would like to discuss this valuable role contact Kim Hall, Chair of Governors (0116 2478214) or Beryl Cane, Community Governor (0116 2478136).

Closing date: Friday 18th March 2011

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### IN MEMORIAM

#### ROBERT (BOB) EDWARD WALLIS

A devoted husband, Father, Grandfather and Great Grandfather who passed away recently aged 84years.

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*Kathleen Wallis*

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Date	Event	Place	Time
Tue 1st, 15th & 29th	Mobile Library	Station Road	12:45-1:00pm
Sun 6th	Family communion	All Saints	11:00am
Wed 9th	W.I.—Sheila Jones will demonstrate making cards & favour boxes	Village Hall: visitors welcome £3 includes refreshments	7:45pm



**Quiz Night:** Fri 4th March in the village hall. **Note change of date.** Details from Sylvia 01858 881122 or Kirstie 07500118311.

**Garden Club:** Sun 13th March, visit to Anita & Andrew Thorpe's garden with supper included.

**Advance Notice: Keep these dates free!**

**Plant Sale:** Sat 21st May in the village hall 10am onwards. Please let us know of any plants required and we'll do our best. Plant donations and help on the day most welcome. For information contact Kirstie or Celia on 01858 881184.



## OTHER DENOMINATIONS

### Arnesby Baptist Chapel

Pastor Johnny Hutton, The Manse  
0116 2478392

### **Church Services—March 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

**Friday 4th March:** Women's World Day of Prayer: Service in the Baptist Chapel at 10:30am, speaker Miss Ruth Atkins

**Moira Male Voice Choir:** Change of date to Sat 2nd July in the chapel

### 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

### Theddingworth Congregational Church

**Contact:** Liz Horton 01858 881250  
Service: 6.00-7.00pm every Sunday joining with All Saints at their Family Service on first Sunday of the month.



**Village Fete:** Sat 9th July from 2pm. If you are interested in having a stall (£15 each) please call Celia on 10858 881184.

Spare a thought for church magazine compilers, who don't always get everything right, as these extracts prove !!

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March 2011

Table with 5 columns: Date, Type of service, Church, Village, Time. Rows include services for Wed. 2nd, Sun. 6th, Wed. 9th, Sun. 13th, Sun. 20th, and Sun. 27th.

Wednesdays at 7:30pm in Lent: Compline will be said in St Peter's Church, Arnesby on 16th, 23rd, 30th March and April 6th & 13th.

Father God, for the mistakes we made yesterday, forgive us; In the tasks we do today, help us; Through the trials we will face tomorrow, strengthen us. Amen



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

Mid-week services

A short service of Holy Communion is held at All Saints, Husbands Bosworth on Wednesdays at 9:15am



NEW! - buggy service for parents/carers and pre-school children at St. Mary's, Bruntingthorpe, on the 2nd Thursday of the month at 2:30pm