

The Hexagon

Parishes Newsletter

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In this Edition

We extend a warm welcome to the Benefice to Canon Brian Davis, who many know already.

Brian has sent this month's p.1 article and in the coming months other clergy, lay readers and parishioners will be contributing articles and prayers

Beryl Cane, Editor

Carol Higson continues her journey in faith, exploring and sharing with us how God remains part of all we experience in life on p.10

Rev'd Andy Rhoades' last service and farewell p.3

Forming a Pastoral Team

We all want to see more people in church. We struggle most of the time with very small congregations in our country churches. The Methodist church some years ago, did some research into what made churches grow, and highlighted five features of a growing church:

1. Clear confident leadership
2. Shared leadership
3. Inspiring accessible worship
4. Teaching/fellowship groups
5. Network of community contacts.

I would add: a warm, loving church community where people really care for one another, and care for others in the local community. In this way we grow together in faith, hope and love.

In other words EFFECTIVE PASTORAL CARE, which will include visiting the sick and house-bound, the bereaved and the lonely. Its about helping people to feel valued and cared for. It could include providing groups for mums and toddlers, young people and the elderly. And in this way spreading the good news of our faith.

During my time serving the Hexagon benefice (however short, however long!) I would like to form a Pastoral Team. I run courses about this in the Diocese. I would love to run one here in the New Year. So I will be looking out

for people who might have pastoral gifts.

The evidence is that clergy are not queuing up to take on multiple country benefices. Its very hard work. But if we could put in the parish profile that the benefice hopes to form a pastoral team, this well might persuade someone to consider working here. To know that you would not be carrying the responsibility for pastoral care all on your own, I am sure would be a big attraction.

If Christianity is about anything it is about community: 'love one another'

says Jesus.

From the New Testament, and from other ancient documents, we know that the first Christians formed themselves into loving communities, where they not only gave practical help to each other, but to outsiders as well.

It was the biggest reason for the spectacular growth of Christianity. God's love was not just a matter of words, but of action. People could see what a difference a living faith made. So it must be today, if we want to grow.



Brian with his new Grandson, Xavier

**Canon Brian Davis
October 2012**

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MARRIAGES



**Kimberley Louise WILSON and
Thomas Alan BROWN**

7th September, 2012 at St Mary's Church,
Bruntingthorpe

Kelly ALLEN and Paul GIBBS

22nd September, 2012 at All Saints Church,
Husbands Bosworth

*"God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God
and God abides in them".*



Rev'd Andy Rhoades & family after his last service at
Husbands Bosworth on 26th August

It was a somewhat emotional last service at All Saints, with family and many friends from the Hexagon Churches, followed by a bring & share lunch in the church hall. Lorrie Forman gave a short tribute to Andy and thanked him and Kath for all the work they had done in the last three years. In reply Andy thanked everyone for their support and help, especially the churchwardens & treasurers, also the six PCCs. He also thanked everyone in the Benefice for their warm hearted support and wished us all well during the inter-regnum. Lorrie presented Andy with an engraved silver paten and a cheque and Kath with a large rhododendron plant and bird feeding station for their new garden at St David's Vicarage.

Peter Jones

FUNERAL



Marie SIMMONDS, aged 90 years,
who died 31st August, 2012 at All Saints Church,
Husbands Bosworth

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



Husbands Bosworth C.E. School Harvest Festival Service: 2:30pm on Thu 11th Oct at All Saints Church. Parents & carers of school children and the All Saints congregation are invited to the school Harvest Festival.

Worship4Today

September 2011 to July 2012 saw me following a course of study called Worship4Today at the School for Ministry in Leicester. The aim of the course was to encourage and equip those involved or interested in leading worship in the local church. It was suitable for everyone –those with some experience and training and those with none. I enjoyed the course tremendously and gained a great deal from it. The variety within the syllabus gave me the opportunity to expand on the skills I already had, but also to acquire new ones. The project produced at the end of the course was designed to help acquire these skills, and be of benefit to the individual and the parish. The Formulation and Skills Portfolio proved a valuable piece of work for me to produce and helped me to establish where I need to go from here on to further my minis-

try –something I could not see clearly before. How excited this made me feel!

At our end of course presentation evening we were asked "What would you say to anyone starting the course now?" and "What is the most important thing you have gained from the course?"

I could not think what to say, but the next morning the answer was there. It was not a matter of whether the course was worth it, but more a matter of whether God was worth it. God is certainly worth it!

If you are interested in following one of these courses details can be obtained by phoning St Martins House on 0116 2615200 or on www.leicester.anglican.org
You can also contact me on 0116 2478209.

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Date	Event	Place	Time
Wed 3rd	Shearsby & Arnesby W.I: "Rockingham Castle & the Watsons", speaker Mick Boyce	Arnesby village hall	7:30pm
Wed 3rd	St Peter's Church PCC meeting	Rickyard Cottage	7:30pm
Tue 9th & 23rd	Mobile Library	Old Adult School	11:50-12:20pm
Wed 10th Oct Wed 14th Nov	Arnesby book club: <i>Red Shift</i> by Alan Garner <i>What the Butler Saw</i> by Joe Orton	The White Cottage, Robert Hall Rd Jasmin Cottage, The Bank	7:30pm

Arnesby Clickers—Knitters and Stitches: After careful consideration I have decided to give the Clickers a rest, so thank you to all those who have attended in the last few years.

Adehl

Historic Churches Cycle Ride: Sat 8th Sept. Many thanks to all who opened and sat in churches. Simon Matthews cycled 44 very hilly miles and raised over £120 in sponsorship. Sue raced around 42 churches and 44 miles before collapsing at Welford Rd to watch the Tigers beat Worcester. Her total of over £550 is a testament to all your kindness.

Coffee Morning, Bring and Buy & Bulb Sale: On Sat 15th Sept at John and Di Winterton's home, made a profit of £123 for St Peter's Church funds. Thank you to John & Di for their hospitality.

Harvest Supper: Tue 9th Oct at 7pm in Arnesby village hall. Tickets £6 adult and £3 child from Brian & Sue Spriggs. Raffle in aid of 'Rainbows' Children's Hospice (No auction).

Flicks in the Sticks: Films in the village hall at 7:30pm.
Tue 2nd Oct: *Inside I'm Dancing*, 2006. Two disabled young men fight to live independently—funny & poignant.

Wed 17th Oct: *Romantics Anonymous*. Two shy people find love & romance. Intelligent & thoughtful French comedy.

Tue 6th Nov: *Headhunter*. Jo Nesbo's Baltic drama & dark humour.

Swap Shop is Back! Sat 13th Oct 10am-12noon. Do you have some books, CDs, videos, jigsaws or DVDs (children's or adults) that you would like to exchange for something different? If so, come along to the village hall and swap them. Entrance 50p to cover hire of hall and light refreshments. Even if you have nothing to swap, join us for a coffee and a chat. Contact Janet Finnigan 2478655 or Sue Spriggs 2478559. (*Future Swap Shops are on Sat 10th Nov & 8th Dec*).

Dates for your diaries:

Sat 24th Nov: St Peter's Church Bazaar at 2pm in the village hall.

Arnesby Turkey & Tinsel Lunch: Sat 1st Dec in the village hall. Anyone of retirement age in Arnesby is invited. If anyone would be able to help on the day or with planning the event please call Vicky Smart on 0116 2479774.



"Inspire a Generation" in Arnesby: Local ladies, Sally Smith, Claire Pierce & Sophie Jack are running the Leicester Half Marathon on Oct 14th to raise money for the Arnesby Sports Field. Sponsorship details will be circulated soon, all donations will be greatly appreciated.

Sally Smith



Arnesby C.E. School: 0116 2478563.

The new build is progressing and due to be completed after half term. Changes have taken place inside the old buildings and recently it was possible to see the school as it had been originally—the old school house and the single Victorian classroom. This space is now rapidly being incorporated into a new entrance and classroom. Children have placed items in a time capsule which has been placed in the foundations of the new foyer. This term we welcome two new staff, Mrs Lisa Stacey and Mr Bilaal Khalifa to the early years team.

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*)

Peter Welton has just painted what he reckons is one of his best ever paintings. Have a look at it on his website. He has called it Ruby's Shed. It was inspired by a wonderful display of poppies in his garden in Arnesby.

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Date	Event	Place	Time
Tue 2nd	Churchyard Conservation Group	St Mary's Church	6:00pm
Wed 10th & 24th	Mobile Library	The Plough	11:30-11:45am

Harvest Supper: On Tue 2nd Oct in the village hall at 7:30pm, with the usual auction and raffle to follow. Please phone 2478727 or either of the churchwardens to confirm a place.

Village Barbeque: Many thanks to all those who attended on Sun 19th Aug. Over 70 people enjoyed great food, company and, thankfully great weather. Special thanks to Alan & Sally for hosting so generously and to all the committee and helpers for their hard work. Over £700 was raised towards ongoing refurbishment of the village hall grounds.
Village Hall Committee

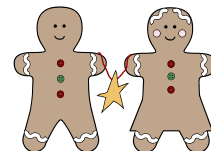
Heritage Group: DID YOU KNOW? When searching old records you will find nobody was born, married or died between Jan 1st and Mar 24th in 1752. The reason was that in 1752 England abandoned the Julian calendar in favour of the Gregorian calendar (which has leap years). The change resulted in the loss of 11 days between Sept 3rd - 13th. At the same time we adopted as the end of the year Dec 31st, not Mar 24th as was the previous custom. Thus 1752 commenced on Mar 25th and ended on Dec 31st which resulted in a year with 293 days.

Mary Arkell maryarkell@tiscali.co.uk

He's coming Back! Run, run as fast as you can, you can't catch me I'm the GINGERBREAD MAN!

Due to popular demand there will be more fun for the family this year at the Bruntingthorpe Gingerbread Festival, St Mary's Church on 10th & 11th November. Start thinking about what you could create... a house, a village, animals, decorations or just a fun decorated gingerbread person. Come and see all the displays in the church, activities for children and have a drink and a ginger nibble Sat 11-4, Sun 12-4pm. To enter send the following details to Richard

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office@gilmortonchandler.leics.sch.uk. Alternatively, the latest newsletter is available on our website www.gilmortonchandler.leics.sch.uk

Headteacher: *Marie Sandford*

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Date	Event	Place	Time
Thu 4th	Afternoon teas	St Nicholas Church	3:00-4:30pm
Thu 4th	Heritage Society: "The Railway Systems of Market Harborough: the Rise and Fall of Railway Lines", speaker Len Holden.	Village hall	7:30pm
Tue 16th	Gardening Club: "Clematis through the Seasons" speakers Chris & Susy Taylor.	Village hall - Visitors welcome & plants for sale	7:30pm
Wed 10th & 24th	Mobile Library	Phone box	12:45-1:10pm



Refresh @ Mowsley breakfast cafe for all ages continues on Sunday 28th October.

Drop into the village hall at Mowsley whether you are on your own, with friends or family for a free breakfast from 9:30am to 11:30am. There will be a time to relax, activities, the Sunday papers and 'food for thought' at 10:30am. With compliments of St Nicholas Church. Further information from Roy Oldham on 0116 2403900.

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MOWSLEY REGULAR EVENTS

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Date	Event	Place	Time
Tue 9th & 23rd	Mobile Library	Post Box	10:45-11:05am

Shearsby Village Fete: On Sun 2nd Sept was a great success, helped by the fine weather. It was well attended and a good time had by all. Lutterworth Band provided entertainment, creating a really traditional country fete. A record total of £2637 was raised in aid of St Mary Magdalene Church. My thanks to all who helped, donated to or supported the event in any way.
David Durran



Shearsby Film Society: Sat 27th Oct in the village hall at 7:00pm — *The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel*. Tickets, only available in advance, £10 to include a light supper. To book please phone Jill on 0116 2478540. Proceeds to St Mary Magdalene Church.

Images speak without words

"Behold God's Glory" - Inspired by Psalm 19:1-4. Carol continues her journey in faith, relating how imagery in our daily lives can bring us closer to God.

A Parable for today:

For me the change of seasons brings with it an enthusiasm of new ideas on how to improve my life. Unfortunately, overwhelmed by my usual routine, many of these never come to fruition.

This reminds me of a parable I was once asked to write about a man named Mr Bright Idea who had been inaugurated to travel about with his team to teach about the environment. Many gathered to hear him.

His personal assistant, Mr Quick Tip, sowed many seeds

around the district on how to save energy, and how important it was to do so. However, when he returned to see how things had been going he was greeted with one disaster story after another. Many had tried to act on his advice, but had become consumed by their old habits. Mr Quick was beginning to feel very disheartened.

Then he suddenly discovered a house where energy had been saved. This made him very happy. But in his heart of hearts he knew this was just the beginning.

This parable was based on Jesus' parable of the Sower (Mt.13; Mk.4; Lk.8) where he reveals to us the importance of interpreting God's Word correctly and acting on it. Mr Quick Tip is the Sower and his seeds are the Word. Both parables illustrate the strange way in which the kingdom of God is arriving —not in a big and obvious way but right under our noses in our everyday lives. And as with the environment, the little things we do now to embrace change will only be fully realised in a time still to come. I am trying now to tell myself this: "Wake up, Oh sleeper, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you." (Eph.5:14).

My prayer: Help me, Lord, not to be a sleeping Christian, but to always be awake to your Word. **Amen**

Carol Higson

Harborough District Council is changing the way in which waste & recycling is collected across the district. All households will be issued with a third wheeled bin for dry recycling (glass, paper, cans, cardboard, plastics, etc.). The system is being introduced in November and details will be sent out and in the local media.

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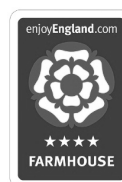
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Date	Event	Place	Time
Sun 7th Sun 21st	Family Communion Benefice Communion	All Saints Church	11:00am 10:30am
Tue 9th & 23rd	Mobile Library	Station Road	12:45-1:00pm
Wed 10th	W.I: AGM followed by demonstration of making paper beads by Alison Rockett	Village hall; visitors welcome	7:45pm



Quiz Evening: Sat 6th Oct in the village hall at 7:00pm. Up to six people per team & £2 entry per person. Tea, coffee & cakes available, but bring your own alcoholic drinks and nibbles. Raffle prizes would be greatly appreciated. To book contact Celia Rudge 01858 881184 or Kirstie Fish 07500 118311.

All Saints Church Coffee Morning: Once again we are holding a coffee morning at Harborough Theatre, on Sat 13th Oct between 9am and noon. Help on the day or donations of cakes would be appreciated. Please contact Pauline Rainey 01858 880256.



Dates for your diary:

Fri 30th Nov - Christmas Party in the village hall.

Sat 8th Dec - Christmas coffee & cakes in the village hall.

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Theddingworth Congregational Chapel Harvest Festival:

Sunday 14th Oct at 6pm
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Church Services— October 2012

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



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.

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Date	Type of service	Church	Village	Time
Sun. 7th Trinity 17	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. 14th Trinity 18	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 worship	St. Mary's	Bruntingthorpe	4:00pm
	Evening worship (BCP)	St. Nicholas	Mowsley	6:00pm
Sun. 21st Trinity 19	Benefice family Comm.	All Saints	Theddingworth	10:30am
Sun. 28th Trinity 20	Holy Communion (quiet)	All Saints	Husbands Bosworth	8:00am
	Family Communion	St. Mary's	Bruntingthorpe	9:30am
	Family worship	St. Mary M'lene	Shearsby	9:30am
	Refresh	Village Hall	Mowsley	9:30am- 11:30am
	Family Communion	St. Peter's	Arnesby	11:00am
Sun. 4th November Trinity 21	Services as for 7th October			

Lord of the Harvest,
many have said this
year that the crops in
their gardens and allot-
ments have not done
well. But you have told
us, Lord, not to worry
about these things, but
only to have faith in
your providence, and
all will be well.
Amen

Based on
Mt.6:25-34
Carol Higson



Don't forget clocks go back an hour on Sat 27th October.
Remember to adjust your alarm clocks!

Mid-week service



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

