



The Hexagon

Benefice Magazine

DECEMBER 2022 / JANUARY 2023

Christ the King

We finish the liturgical year with the feast of 'Christ the King'. We celebrate the resurrected, ascended Jesus sitting at the right hand of God, established as ruler and king of the whole universe.

But then, the following week, we move into the season of Advent, and we look forward to Christ coming in humility, poverty, and obscurity. We see Him not as a triumphant and glorious King, but as a tiny helpless baby.

That is quite a shock to the system. One Sunday to be celebrating Christ as the exalted King of the Universe, the next we find ourselves looking at that SAME Christ, born as a baby and lying in an animals' feeding trough.

And that is the whole point that the Church Fathers were trying to make. We are meant to feel the shock and the outrageous nature of the incarnation; we are meant to be moved by just how unthinkable it is.

In juxtaposing so incongruously these two festivals the Church Fathers sought to help us be shocked by the incarnation. By the unthinkable degree of God's love for us.

So, as we prepare to celebrate Christmas this year may we all once again be shocked by God's outrageous love for us, and may we be moved to respond with our own costly acts of love and worship.

As, someone famously said, "Because of Jesus, God has a face". Because of Jesus, the unknowable has become knowable, the inaccessible, has been made accessible.

As Hebrews 7:19 puts wonderfully, through Jesus, "...a better hope is introduced, by which we draw near to God."

Christians are people with a 'great history', and we are the people of an even 'greater hope'.

God bless.

Rev Stephen MARCH – Pioneer Curate for the Hexagon Benefice

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

God Bless

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HEXAGON NEWS

Our sincere apologies

Please accept our sincere apologies for an error made in announcing the passing of Ken Rogers of Husbands Bosworth, he sadly passed away on 17th October 2022 and his funeral took place 15th November 2022. May he rest in peace.

Lutterworth & Villages Foodbank

I would like to thank you on behalf of the Foodbank for the Donations in October from your Churches as follows:

Husbands Bosworth 178kg, Arnesby 106kg, and Shearsby 33kg.

Barry McHugh

Lutterworth & Villages Foodbank

St. Peter's Church, Arnesby

Church Warden: Brian Spriggs - 0116 2478559

Films in Arnesby Village Hall 7.30pm

Tuesday 6th December 2022, Nomadland Nevada mine closure causes Fern to set off in her van.

Wednesday 11th January 2023 Boiling Point, Stress in a restaurant causes relationship problems. Excellent acting.

Tuesday 24th January 2023 The Father, Hopkins and Coleman. Father with dementia disrupts daughters plans.

St Peter's Church Services

Sunday 4th December 2022 & 15th January 2023, 10.30am Benefice Communion

Thursday 8th December 2022 at 09.30am, Arnesby School Carol service

Thursday 8th December 2022 at 18.30, WI Choir Carol Service

Swap Shop 10am to 12noon Saturday 17th December 2022 and 15th January 2023 in the Village Hall

Bring any books, CDs, puzzles that you have finished and exchange them. *Admission £1 with light refreshments.*

Arnesby Baptist Church

Church Services, Sunday 10.45am with Sunday club available for children at 6pm

Monday Ladies group, 7.30 -9pm

Evergreens cafe- Tuesday 10am-12noon

ABC Parent, Baby and Toddler Group - Wed 10am -12noon - The Barn

Thursday Eve Bible Study 7.30-9pm

Friday Explorers 5-6.30pm for school yrs. 1-6

Cafe in Barn - Friday 2.30pm -5pm with an extension for Explorers parents.

The Big Christmas Cafe – Saturday 3rd December 2022, 10.30am-1.30pm The Barn

Ladies Wreath Making, Monday 5th December 2022, 7pm. Booking required please.

Christmas Carols in the Courtyard- Friday 16th December 2022 5.30 -6.30pm

Carols by Candlelight- Sunday 18th December 2022, 6pm

Christmas Day Family Service at 10.45am

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St Mary's Church, Bruntingthorpe

Church Warden: Andy White - 07595 252030

Please note that this year's Carol Service will be held at **4pm on Sunday 11th December 2022.** It has been arranged at an earlier time this year in the hope that it is a more convenient time for villagers, especially those with children. We will also return to the usual format of having the Christmas Raffle Prize Draw in the Plough pub after the service.

Thanks to all those who baked and / or supported the **Afternoon Tea & Cakes** event in the village hall on 29th October. We raised a total of **£252** for St Mary's.

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All Saints Church, Husbands Bosworth

Church Warden: Di Jones - 01858 880741

Christmas Trail

Saturday 10th and Sunday 11th December 2022 from 2.00pm to 5pm on both days.

Don't forget to enter the Christmas Trail. Follow the map which will be available in Church.

Bric-a-brac, crafts, refreshments, win a homemade Christmas cake, bottle of gin or a lovely sporting toy. Free activity for children. **Collection for Food Bank**, usual items + Christmas treats. If you would like a stall for your own goods, contact Di Jones.

Carol singing with the Husbands Bosworth Primary School children at 2.30pm on Sunday 11th December 2022.

Come and support your Village Church and get in the mood for Christmas. Contact for Di Jones 01858 880741 for further information.

Donate to the upkeep of All Saints Church, Husbands Bosworth

Would you like to contribute to the upkeep of your village church?

You may do so easily using the camera on your smart phone and the QR code below. This code will take you to the "All Saints Church" page on the "Give a Little" website. Your payment will be made via 'Give a Little' and gratefully received by All Saints Church.



All the above contributions qualify under the HMRC "Gift Aid" scheme.

St. Nicholas Church, Mowsley

Church Warden: Janet Skinner - 01858 880276

Erica Hearnshaw - 0116 2404054

Carol Service with the Gospel Choir on Tuesday, 13th December 2022 at 7pm.

11th December 2022 Coffee morning organised by the Village Hall Ctte. A Christmas party for the children on that day. Once again, the Advent windows have been organised, which is very popular.

St. Mary Magdalene, Shearsby

Church Warden: David Durran - 0116 2478708

Come and get in the Christmas spirit at our coffee morning to be held in the village hall on Saturday 3rd December 2022 from 9.30am until noon. Join us for the raffle, tombola, cakes, toys, good quality bric-a-brac and our delicious breakfast baps. Not to be missed!!

Join us for our Carol Service including the Wigston Band to be held in church at 6pm on Sunday 18th December 2022, followed by mince pies and sherry. A perfect start to the Christmas week.

Celebrate the New Year at our 10.30am service on 1st January 2023 in our lovely church.

David and Nellie would like to wish all our friends in Shearsby a very Happy Christmas and good health for the New Year.

David and Nellie Durran

All Saints Church, Theddingworth

Church Warden: Janet Lewis - 01858 881188

Thanks to all who generously supported our popular Church Cafe last month. It was lovely to see so many people enjoying our beautiful church and taking the opportunity to catch-up with friends and neighbours. All proceeds have gone to the Building Restoration Fund.

There will be a Crib Service on Sunday the 18th December 2022 at 4pm, after which we will be serving seasonal nibbles and drinks. Please join us to start the Christmas celebrations.



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All **FEBRUARY 2023** issue submissions by:
12TH JANUARY 2023

St Mary's Husbands Bosworth

Mass every Sunday 11am

In 2023 St Mary's celebrates its 150th Anniversary and we are planning a series of events. We are especially appealing for any memories or photos of St Mary's.

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 Thursday 8th December 2022, 9.30am Arnesby

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Sunday 11th December 2022, 10.30 am Mowsley
 Sunday 11th December 2022, 2.30pm Husbands Bosworth
 Sunday 11th December 2022, 4pm Bruntingthorpe

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Tuesday 13th December 2022, 7.00pm Mowsley Carol Service

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Sunday 18th December 2022, 10.30 am Husbands Bosworth
Sunday 18th December 2022, 4.00 pm Theddingworth Crib Service
Sunday 18th December 2022, 6.00 pm Shearsby Carol Service

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Saturday 24th December 2022, 3.00 pm Arnesby Crib Service

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Sunday 25th December 2022, 10.30 am Bruntingthorpe

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Sunday 1st January 2023, 10.30 am Shearsby

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Sunday 8th January 2023, 10.30am Husbands Bosworth

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Sunday 15th January 2023, 10.30am Arnesby

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Sunday 22nd January 2023, 10.30am Mowsley

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Sunday 29th January 2023, 10.30am Shearsby

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Sunday 5th February 2023, 10,30am Bruntingthorpe

Midweek Service 10:00am every Wednesday at Husbands Bosworth
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