

The Hexagon

Parishes Newsletter

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Appointment of a new Priest-in-charge for the Hexagon benefice:
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Wisdom in the Wilderness

After his baptism Jesus retreated into the wilderness to face the harshest of challenges in the harshest of places. There he fasted for forty days, and when he was at his limit with hunger, temptation came. Now affirmed as God's own son was he to use his power to save himself or resist temptation and tread the path to the cross to save others?

Long, long ago a whole people (the children of Israel) passed through the desert, wandering after their God. Many years later a group travelling from the east watched the night skies, seeking a special star that signified the birth of a great king. Soon after that a young couple passed through to hide in Egypt for a time to escape massacre. Although I have never ventured into the desert myself I have heard and read of many who have. Some have gone by choice, others through compulsion. All have been transformed by the experience. They have struggled on their journeys and been challenged to their wits end. Yet even in the depth of this place they have found life, not as obvious as in their busy worlds elsewhere, as water is scarce here, and hidden underground. The roots of plants and trees grow towards the place that will give them life—deeper and deeper they go, building strong foundations for growth. They reach up to the sunshine and the highest heavens, and provide rest for weary travellers. All who pass through the furnace of the desert will be changed forever, yet those who find the courage to embrace it will be rewarded with riches beyond their wildest dreams.



Picture courtesy Wikipedia

During this period of Lent many of us will endeavour to deny ourselves something that we feel we over indulge in. It is usually something we like very much and find hard to resist, or something that has become a habit and got a bit out of control. Whatever it is, doing without it will present a huge challenge, and the temptation to abandon our efforts to resist will be overwhelmingly strong.

And so it is with the challenges of the desert of everyday life. No sooner have we climbed one peak or dune we find another waits. It is then that we are at our most vulnerable, feeling such a need for rest that we cannot go on. It is then that temptation strikes. How will we use our last ounce of energy?

Deuteronomy 8 brings to our attention the children of Israel again who wandered in the desert for forty years. We are re-

minded that throughout their trials and tribulations God stayed with them. He taught them to be humble and to keep his commandments; and at the end of their wanderings kept his promise of a land flowing with milk and honey.

What will we choose when temptation comes? Will we choose to satisfy our earthly desires and abandon our efforts to resist or, like the plants and trees of the desert, look towards heaven and to life—life for us, in Jesus?

I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert: Isaiah 43 vs.19.

Carol Higson
March 2013

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Husbands Bosworth

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God the Father"*

Compline during Lent:

A regular service of Compline will take place during Lent on Wednesday evenings starting at 7:00pm in St Peter's Church, Arnesby. In Holy Week, Compline will be on Tuesday 26th March.



We are holding short reflective services over Easter week in the evenings at 7:00pm. See p.12 for details of all services.

Easter Day Service on Sunday 31st March; A Joyful Celebration of the Resurrection



Benefice Holy Communion at All Saints Church, Husbands Bosworth, at 10:30am, followed by a bring and share lunch in the church hall for any who wish to come.

Good Friday workshops at the village hall, Arnesby & the church hall, Husbands Bosworth



On Friday 29th March, from 10am-12noon. Craft and activities for children of primary school age. Infants must be accompanied by an adult. A small admission fee includes refreshments. Join in a sing-along with guitar.

Refresh @ Mowsley: Breakfast cafe for all ages on Sunday morning 24th March.



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. 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.

The Churchwardens are pleased to report that a new Priest-in-charge for the Hexagon benefice has been appointed. Her name is Liz Bickley and she has written a personal introduction before taking up her post in May:

Hello,
I'm Liz and in early May I shall be moving, with my husband Paul, to Husbands Bosworth to become the new priest-in-charge of the Hexagon Benefice. We are currently living in Luton where I am part of the clergy team as curate at St. Luke's Church, Leagrave. Leagrave is a densely populated area on the northern edge of Luton—so the contrast in moving to the Hexagon Benefice is huge. However, before coming to Luton we had lived all our lives in North Warwickshire villages—so Leicestershire is a move back towards our roots and we look forward to the return to rural living and being a little closer to family.

We very much look forward to getting to know all of you in the six villages that make up the benefice. We already love your beautiful countryside and picturesque villages, and we look to become part of your communities and to discover who you are and what God is already doing among you. Our hope is to share your faith journey for the next few years and walk beside you through the joys, sorrows and challenges that life brings.

May you enjoy a good Lent, a faithful Holy Week and a true celebration of the Easter resurrection—and we will be with you before Pentecost. Looking forward to spring and the new life it brings.

All good wishes,
Liz Bickley



The Induction & Licensing of the new Priest-in-charge, Liz Bickley, will be held on Monday 13th May, 2013 at 7:30pm at All Saints Church, Husbands Bosworth.



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Date	Event	Place	Time
Wed 6th	Shearsby & Arnesby W.I: "Trials and Tribulations of Setting up a Plant Nursery", speaker Helen Osborne	Arnesby village hall	7:30pm
Wed 6th	St Peter's Church AGM & PCC	St Peter's Church	7:30pm
Tue 12th & 26th	Mobile Library	Old Adult School	11:50-12:20pm
Fri 29th	Good Friday Workshop - See p.3	Village hall	10-12:00noon
Wed 3rd April	Arnesby book club: <i>A Patchwork Planet</i> by Anne Tyler	The Gables, Robert Hall Rd.	7:30pm

Midweek Services in Lent: Compline services in St Peter's Church on Wednesdays in Lent at 7:00pm. In Holy Week, Compline will be at 7pm on **Tue 26th March**.

Flicks in the Sticks: Films in the village hall at 7:30pm.

Tue 5th Mar: *Skyfall*. James Bond 007. 2012.

Wed 20th Mar: *A Royal Affair*. Danish Royal court in 1770s; the king's physician takes over power & the queen.

Swap Shop, Litter Pick & Fairtrade Big Breakfast: 10am-12noon in the village hall on Sat 2nd Mar. Exchange books, videos, DVDs, toys and jigsaws. Bacon butties, drinks & cakes for sale as part of Fairtrade Fortnight. Beautiful Fairtrade Mother's Day gifts as well as children's toys, home wares and food.

Litter pickers Wear old clothes, boots and gloves and fluorescent jackets if you have them. Meet at village hall at 10am. No litter pick if very wet— just Swap Shop & Fairtrade Big Breakfast.

Afternoon Tea: Sat 9th Mar 2:00-4:00pm in the village hall as part of Fairtrade fortnight. £5 per head, £2.50 for children. All your afternoon tea favourites— sandwiches, cakes, scones and limitless tea or coffee! Give Mum a treat and take her out for tea!

Dates For Your Diary: Saturday evening 15th June in the village hall. A small travelling theatre group will be performing two of Alan Bennett's "Talking Heads".

Arnesby Open Gardens on Sun 30th June. If you have refurbished your garden, opened it in past years, or would like to join in this delightful day and are prepared to open your garden in aid of St Peter's Church, please contact Brian Spriggs, tel: 2478559.

Arnesby C.E. Primary School: Parents, family, friends, ex-pupils and village residents are invited to the official grand opening of the new school on **Wed 20th Mar** from 4:30pm. Come and see the new classrooms.

Cash in the Attic!

If you are having a clear out, you could make money by selling items at our

Table Top Sale on Sat 9th March
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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
Tue 12th	St Mary's Church PCC AGM	In church	7:30pm
Wed 13th & 27th	Mobile Library	The Plough	11:30-11:45am

St Mary's Church PCC & AGM: Tue 12th March. An open meeting and anyone interested in the comings and goings that make up church life is welcome to join us and become updated with happenings during the past year and plans for the coming one. Officers will be elected by those on the Electoral Roll. The AGM is usually followed by a short regular meeting of the PCC.

Village Hall Committee: Many thanks to the 50 people who attended and enjoyed a Christmas dinner cooked by the committee on Saturday 19th Jan. We were proud to show off the newly refurbished hall to many villagers who have helped over the years with fund raising to achieve the new look. A successful evening included a raffle and raised £750 towards further hall improvements. A big thank you to Andy at The Shires for cooking the turkeys.

Wendy Wilson



Heritage Group: Advances in modern communication has brought about a significant drop in the amount of proper (i.e. not junk) mail being delivered through our letter boxes by the postman. It was interesting to read the record kept by Charles Richard Clarke "rural postman for Bruntingthorpe, Little Peatling, & the Lodges" for the week Mon Sept 28 to Sat Oct 3 1903. 340 letters: 67 postcards: 26 postal packets: 30 parcels and 54 papers.

Mary Arkell maryarkell@tiscali.co.uk



St Mary's Churchyard Conservation Group: The group meets on the first Tuesday of the month during the summer, between 6:00pm and 6:30pm to review progress and discuss ideas. Come and join any time. The first meeting will be on Tue April 2nd in the churchyard.

Alan Baker

It's the time of year for daffodils, baby lambs—and spring cleaning!

But if you are having a clear out, you could make money by selling items at our

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Wed 6th	Historical Society: AGM followed by a talk by Chris & Ken "The Railway Men" - See below.	Community church hall— further info from Heather O'Connor 01858 880165	7:30pm
Tue 5th & 19th	Mobile Library		3:05-4:00pm
Wed 13th	All Saints Church PCC AGM	All Saints Church	7:00pm
Wed 20th	Methodists' coffee morning—visitors welcome.	25 High Street	10:00-12:00
Thu 28th	Village Lunch: £7:50 each. Contact Janice to book or cancel (01858 880668)	Kilworth Springs Golf Club (48 hours notice needed)	12:30pm

Historical Society: On Wed 6th March when Chris & Ken will be taking us on a journey on the footplate in the dying days of the steam locomotives. The evening will start with the AGM at 7:30pm. Everyone welcome.

All Saints Church AGM: Wed 13th March in church at 7:00pm. Anyone wishing to join the PCC please contact the secretary, Bob Hutchings on 880131 as soon as possible.

All Saints Church Classic Film Night: Fri 8th March at 7:30pm in the community church hall. The last film in the Classic Film Season will be *Jane Eyre* starring Orson Wells, Joan Fontaine & Elizabeth Taylor. 1944.

Admission £3, includes refreshments in the interval. All proceeds to church hall funds. Thanks to Nicole and Alan of Odeon Entertainment for allowing us to show these classic films.
Di Jones

Advance Notice: All Saints Church will be hosting an art/photography/flower exhibition on the weekend of June 22nd and 23rd. More details to follow.

REGULAR EVENTS

Mid-week Holy Communion service—

Wednesdays at 9:15 am, All Saints Church

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Husbands Bosworth C. of E. Primary School:

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Our school is very lucky to enjoy the support of the wider church community. The children have enjoyed Open the Book assemblies and visited All Saints Church to take part in a Candlemas Service, led by Canon Davis, which was shared with parents and friends of the school. We are now preparing for Easter; our next school service being Thursday 18th April starting at 2:15pm.

We would like to share with you our Candlemas prayer, written by children in Class 3:

Dear Lord,

Thank you for the people that help us. The people that run clubs for us like Brownies and football. Help us to listen to what people older than us say so that we can learn from them.

Thank you for our families and especially our grandparents who are old like Simeon and Anna. Sometimes it is really hard for us to take advice and guidance because we want to do things our own way. Help us to think about each other so that we can enjoy playing together.

Thank you for the light that you bring into our lives. Light that brings us out of darkness and stops us from being scared.

We pray for older people who feel lonely because of the dark nights. Help us to find ways of looking after old people so that they do not suffer.

Thank you for the beautiful candles and the sunlight.

Thank you for sending us Jesus, your son, to light up the world. (Continued on p.12) **Headteacher: Louisa Morris**

Date	Event	Place	Time
Thu 7th	Afternoon teas—everyone welcome	St Nicholas Church	3:00-4:30pm
Thu 7th	Heritage Society: "Leicestershire & Rutland Garden Trust", speaker Stephen Barker	Village hall	7:30pm
Tue 19th	Gardening Club: "Spring & Summer Containers", talk & demonstration by Angela from Kibworth Garden Centre	Village hall - Visitors welcome	7:30pm
Wed 13th & 27th	Mobile Library	Phone box	12:45-1:10pm

Holy Week Prayer: A short reflective service on Good Friday, 29th March at 7:00pm in St Nicholas Church. The benefice service on Easter Sunday, 31st March is at Husbands Bosworth at 10:30am.



Mowsley Heritage Society: Visitors are always welcome at our meetings, and more members would help to keep this group active.

Refresh @ Mowsley breakfast cafe for all ages on Sunday 24th March.



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. 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.

Fairtrade Fortnight 2013

Why not visit the Fairtrade shop and Café in Arnesby Baptist Chapel on
 Mon 4th March 2-4:30pm
 Tue 5th March 10:30am-12noon
 Thur 7th March 2-4:30pm

Sat 2nd March "Big Breakfast" 10am-12noon
 and Sat 9th March Afternoon Tea 2-4pm in Arnesby village hall

MOWSLEY REGULAR EVENTS

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

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Date	Event	Place	Time
Fri 1st	Women's World Day of Prayer Service— see Arnesby Baptist Chapel p.11	St Mary Magdalene Church	10:15am
Tue 12th & 26th	Mobile Library	Post Box	10:45-11:05am

Holy Week Prayer: On Monday 25th March In St. Mary Magdalene Church at 7:00pm. A short reflective half hour service during Holy Week.

The Great Shearsby Bake Off for "Comic Relief": Sat March 23rd at 4:00pm in the village hall. Why not take part and help raise some Funny Money.

Various categories for adults and children with a prize for Star Baker in each section.

Either enter and show off your baking skills or come along and be a judge— everyone will have a vote. £5 per adult or £2 for under 16s, to include afternoon tea and tasting of all the entries. For more details on how to enter into the fun: telephone Jill Stanley 2478540 or Ann Charles 2478853. Open to all in the Hexagon area.



Prayer for a journey by Margaret Ingall

Dear Lord, as I go travelling
Be with me on my way,
And please, if I grow weary,
Then strengthen me, I pray.
And if my footsteps falter,
Please keep me on the track,
And if I lose direction
Please guide me safely back.
And when the time approaches
For me to cease to roam,
Please take my hand in yours, Lord,
And lead me safely home.



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Date	Event	Place	Time
Sun 3rd	Family Communion	All Saints Church	11:00am
Tue 12th & 26th	Mobile Library	Station Road	12:45-1:00pm
Wed 13th March	W.I: Demonstration of Drawing Animals in Pastels: speaker Mr I. Risley	Village hall—visitors welcome	7:45pm

Holy Saturday Service at All Saints Church:

A short reflective half hour service at 7:00pm on 30th March.



Bingo Night: Fri 15th Feb. Thanks to everyone who attended and made the night enjoyable. £147 was raised towards village hall funds.



Coffee Morning: Sat 6th April, 10:00am-12:00pm in the village hall. Come for a coffee and a chat. Cake stall & Phoenix cards. Donations welcome. Contact Celia 01858 881184.

A Date For Your Diary: Plant Sale on Sat 18th May 10:00am-1:00pm in the village hall. Bedding plants and vegetable plants will be available. To pre-book plants please ring Kirstie 07973 754448 or Celia 01858 881184.



OTHER DENOMINATIONS

Arnesby Baptist Chapel

Pastor Johnny Hutton, The Manse
0116 2478392

Church Services— March 2013

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

Fairtrade Fortnight shop & café in the chapel coffee bar and Arnesby village hall: See Val & Johnny or Louise.

Make Saturday Special: Big Breakfast on Sat 2nd March and Afternoon Tea on Sat 9th March. See also p.5

Women's World Day of Prayer: Fri 1st March in St Mary Magdalene Church, Shearsby at 10:15am: speaker Mrs Bette Orton of Blaby. Everyone welcome.

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
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Thank you Lord for
lighting up the right
path and guiding us to
the good things in life.
Please let others see
and be comforted by
your light.
Amen

Taken from the
Candlemas Prayer by
Class 3 at Husbands
Bosworth C.E. School



**Don't forget
clocks go
forward an hour
on 31st March**

MARCH 2013

Date	Type of service	Church	Village	Time
Sun. 3rd <i>Lent 3</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. 10th <i>Mothering Sun./Lent 4</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 worship	St. Mary's	Bruntingthorpe	4:00pm
	Evening worship (BCP)	St. Nicholas	Mowsley	6:00pm
Sun. 17th <i>Lent 5</i>	Benefice Family Comm.	St. Peter's	Arnesby	10:30am
Sun. 24th Palm Sunday 	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
	Family Communion	St. Peter's	Arnesby	11:00am
Mon. 25th	<i>Holy week prayer</i>	<i>St. Mary M'lene</i>	<i>Shearsby</i>	<i>7:00pm</i>
Tue. 26th	<i>Compline</i>	<i>St. Peter's</i>	<i>Arnesby</i>	<i>7:00pm</i>
Wed. 27th	<i>Holy week prayer</i>	<i>All Saints</i>	<i>Husbands Bosworth</i>	<i>7:00pm</i>
Maundy Thurs. 28th	<i>Maundy service</i>	<i>Cathedral</i>	<i>Leicester</i>	<i>11:00am</i>
	<i>Holy week prayer</i>	<i>St. Mary's</i>	<i>Bruntingthorpe</i>	<i>7:00pm</i>
Good Friday 29th	<i>Easter workshops: See p.3</i>	<i>Church hall /v.hall</i>	<i>H.Bosworth/Arnesby</i>	<i>10:00am</i>
	<i>Holy week prayer</i>	<i>St. Nicholas</i>	<i>Mowsley</i>	<i>7:00pm</i>
Holy Sat. 30th	<i>Holy week prayer</i>	<i>All Saints</i>	<i>Theddingworth</i>	<i>7:00pm</i>
Sun. 31st Easter Day	Benefice Family Comm.	All Saints	Husbands Bosworth	10:30am
Sun. 7th April	Services as for 3rd March			