

HIGH FRAMLAND NEWS



COVERING THE PARISHES OF

St Guthlac's, Branston : St Botolph & John the Baptist, Croxton Kerrial
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FROM THE PEN OF THE PARISH PRIEST

Coming back together for worship isn't going to be as straightforward as we might hope.

At a discussion for representatives of the churches in High Framland at the very beginning of this month, it became clear that we need to think very carefully about how we begin to use our buildings once more. One of the key factors is going to be how we seat everyone two metres apart; it is not as easy as most people think, even in our most spacious buildings.

But there's still a strong desire among so many to gather together and be with one another again. The question is how we go about gathering together safely, especially after half a year apart and as we begin to look forward to the months ahead. This is a matter that is being

taken to PCCs over the coming weeks, to discuss and work through how our buildings could open.

So what do we do for Harvest? We only have to look around us to see farmers bringing in the crops in the fields around us to make us long for the celebrations we usually have at this time of year when we give thanks for God's goodness.

Is it possible to do something for Harvest? Yes - although if we do, it might not necessarily be in a church building.

We only have to think about how we were able to come together at Harston in the middle of last month, for a special service to commemorate VJ Day and the anniversary of the end of the Second World War. It was outdoors in the

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Churches open 10.00 am to 6.00 pm

churchyard, and it may have been slightly damp and drizzly, but when we came together we really appreciated being with one another. There was a pleasure in being in one another's presence that neither virus nor weather could dampen.

This may well be the shape of things to come over the next few months, as we take ourselves outdoors and into God's good creation for our worship, not just for Harvest, but also for Remembrance and Christmas.

It is with hope that we dare to dream about what these times will look like. These are times when we as Church would ordinarily host the people we live among in our villages. Remembrance can happen easily enough as we gather together outside at war memorials in our difference villages.

Christmas is a bit more of an unknown. But even with a minimum of portable technology, I am confident we could still celebrate as we listen to choirs and

carols as we gather outside, even if we must refrain from singing our favourite carols.

We do not know what's around the corner. The coming months will lead us into many unknowns. But we continue to live through these strange times, and we are together in the experiences of living through these times and in the hope of one day coming together again.

However we approach the next few months, it is essential that we celebrate what we can in whatever ways we can. Our celebrations and commemorations may look and feel different, but if we can arrive at them with hearts open to finding peace and joy and love, then we will still be able to find God.

For God is peace and joy and love, and where we find those things we find God.

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As the restrictions regarding food and drink continue, it has reluctantly been decided to cancel re-starting the lunches this month.

Sproxton Village Hall July 50/50 winners

1st P Haynes : 2nd G Graham : 3rd C Jeffreys

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