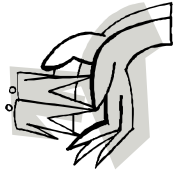


Framland Focus

April 2010



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[Generosity of Heart – Rev. Richard King](#)

There was once a cartoon featuring a minister and a hypnotist. The hypnotist was claiming to be able to send someone to sleep with a single word. The minister replies that that's nothing; he can do the same with an entire congregation. "Wow," says the hypnotist, "What's the word?" "MISSION!" replies the minister.

I have thought long and hard why mission, and especially evangelism, is such a difficult concept for most of us, and why so many churches shy

away from it. I think it is because mission and evangelism are misunderstood. We may have had negative experiences in the past, or seen some charlatans in action or merely absorbed a negative stereotype. All these can be deeply upsetting and can leave lasting wounds.

But what if we were to describe mission and evangelism as **generosity of heart**? I believe this is the starting point; which goes some way to explain why churches which are shy of mission often have a problem balancing the books. Surely all of us want to think of ourselves as generous rather than mean people? And if we are authentically generous people we have begun to be missionary people.

The Gospel of Jesus Christ is the best news the world has ever heard. Jesus came to bring life in abundance, forgiveness, a new start with God and with others, and to enable us, by the Holy Spirit, to become more like the people God created us to be. All of this is free gift, undeserved, unearned, but freely given by God at great cost
To Himself.

Why would we not want to share that news, given that no matter how much of it we give away there is never any less for us?

Mission is much wider than evangelism of course, it involves seeking the best of everything for other people. When people are hungry, they need food; when they are homeless they need a home, when sick they need healing; when someone is lonely they need a friend and so it goes on. Our generosity begins with the giving of ourselves, first to God then to God's people.

If evangelism is too frightening, churches might like to begin by giving money to feed the hungry, or house the homeless, or else to give themselves

by for example praying for those who are sick and providing friendship to the lonely. That usually leads on to mission in its fullest sense.

So here's the challenge. Is mission a taboo in your church? Or is your church struggling to make ends meet? There is a simple solution, give more away, give away more money, give away more of yourselves, give away more of the Gospel. Try it and see if God doesn't provide more than enough to replace what's been given. To do that is to take God seriously, and there's nothing more attractive to others than a church which takes God seriously.

May God bless you this Eastertide and beyond.

[South West Framland \(SWF\) – Wycliffe Mission Palm Sunday- Easter Day 2010](#)

Students (Kane Taylor, Tim Parker, David and Safiya Nyirongo and Jonny and Mandy Vaughan together with their tutor, Dr Liz Hoare) from the Church of England theological college Wycliffe Hall, University of Oxford came to hold a mission with us in the three Benefices of the South West Framland Cluster in Framland Deanery.

The aim of the Mission was two-fold. It was firstly an opportunity to give the students a feel of rural ministry (and they visited the Quorn Hunt kennels and farms in this area as well as meeting the Lord Lieutenant of Leicestershire Jennifer, Lady Gretton and local businessman Sir David Samworth). Secondly, it was an opportunity to enable them to help us to share our Christian story in the local community.

Of the six students, Kane and Tim focussed on meetings in the Upper Wreake; David and Safiya on South Croxton and Jonny and Mandy on the Burrough Hill parishes.

Some of the mission events were as follows:

Tim and Kane came to the Upper Wreake on Palm Sunday and took part in our rural Fresh Expressions, the “All Together Now” Event - a café style event held in Frisby Methodist Chapel which the Anglican and Methodists in Upper Wreake have been holding on a monthly basis for almost two years now.

On the Wednesday of Holy Week, Tim and Kane went to “The Bell” pub in Frisby-on-the-Wreake, where Revd Andrew Barker (the local Methodist minister in the Upper Wreake) had organised a “Grill a student vicar” evening.

“We had all sorts of questions” said Kane, from New Zealand. “Questions like ‘How do you define God?’ and ‘Why are you becoming a vicar?’” “He went on to explain that the pub landlord, Barry had asked ‘Why aren’t Christians standing up for Christian values?’ Kane continued “I enjoy straight talking. I believe the truth of Christ is important to communicate.

As a result of this meeting we plan to hold a Sunday morning service in the pub and plan some “Grill a Vicar” sessions in the pub.

All the students, together with their tutor joined the SWF Cluster at their traditional Maundy Thursday supper in Gaddesby Church followed by a Eucharist. The following day, on Good Friday three of the students went to “Messy Easter” (which is part of an ongoing monthly “Messy Church” initiative in the South Croxton Benefice) at Thorpe Satchville Village Hall and Church.

We also had one of the students, Kane speaking about his faith a Men’s breakfast in Frisby Methodist Chapel on the Saturday of Holy Week.

Kane explained how he had come to put his faith in Jesus Christ and also how his experience of God brought him to train for the Anglican ministry.

As a result of the success of this meeting, we are planning a regular Men’s breakfast, the first of which will be held on 8th May with Dr Ted Hutchins telling his Christian story.

The mission week concluded with the students taking part in various Anglican and Methodist services on Easter Sunday.

Revd Martin Dale, Chairman of the Mission Steering Committee said: *“This was a great advertisement for Mission Partnership and shows how we can work well together with our local Methodist colleagues, where there is goodwill in the congregations. Andrew and I worked closely together in the Mission putting much of the programme together for the Upper Wreake events”.*

DIOCESE OF LEICESTER

Petertide Ordinations 2010

**Conducted by The Rt. Rev’d Tim Stevens,
The Bishop of Leicester**

Priests

(Leicester Cathedral. 1730 Saturday 3 July 2010. By the Bishop of Leicester)
Martin Roger Castle
Leicester,
Martyrs

Stephen Andrew Crofts
Wanlip

Bonnie Jean Evans-Hills

Carol Ann Lacey
Resurrection
Team Ministry
Leicester, St
Anne, St Paul

Nicola (Nicky) Jane McGinty
and St Augustine
Barrow-Upon-Soar
with Walton-Le-
Wolds,
Wymeswold,
and Prestwold
with Hoton
Ironstone Villages
Family of Churches
Hugglescote, with
Donington le
Heath, Ellistown
and Snibston

Andrew (Andy) Craig Rhoades
Christopher (Chris) Drewett Taylor
Hexagon Group
and Oaks in
Charnwood
Bosworth and
Sheepy Group
Leicester,
Knighton

Deacons

(Leicester Cathedral. 1030 Sunday 4 July 2010. By the Bishop of Leicester)

Susan (Sue) Frances Bradley
Glenfield
St Philip, Leicester
Sonya Helen Joan Brown
Emmanuel
Loughborough and St
Mary in Charnwood

Lesley Ann Butler
Timothy (Tim) Robert Day
Holy Apostles,
Leicester

Adrian Thomas Furse
Wistow Benefice
(The parishes of
Fleckney, Kilby &
Wistow with
Newton Harcourt)

Helen Hayes
Bradgate Team –
Ratby cum Groby
with Newtown
Linford

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Alan Humphrey

St
Bartholomew,
Kirby Muxloe
Sibleby,
Cossington,
and Seagrave
Melton
Mowbray Team
Ministry

David Lower

Sally Margaret Rowland

Race for Life

Dear All

I am taking part in the Race for Life at Stamford on Sunday the 16th May and hope to raise far more than my target of £150. I wondered if you would be able to sponsor me. If you could then you can use the web site. Thank you Kathryn.

<http://www.raceforlifesponsorsome.org/kathrynmanderson> It is very easy and any amount is appreciated.

Christian Aid Week

Christian Aid week is: 9 – 15 May

Please support Christian Aid Week, now more than ever Christian Aid needs our support to continue supporting those who are less fortunate than ourselves.

Advance Notices:

St. Mary's Church Bottesford

St. Mary's Church Bottesford Presents:

**Grand Plant Sale and Summer Fayre,
Saturday 12th June: 10.00am – 2.00pm:**

Venue: Underace, Easthorpe, by Kind Permission of Mrs Pim Mabbitt. **Hanging Basket and Plant orders are now being taken: Please ring 01949 843482.**

Raffle, Tombola, Jewellery, Jams, Preserves, Cakes, Toys, Perennials, Vegetable Plants, herbs, Bedding plants, Hanging Baskets, Busy Balls.

Morning Coffee available from 10.30am – 11.30am, BBQ available from 11.30 – 2.00pm.

Dates for your Diaries: Saturday 3rd. July to Saturday 17th. July 2010.

ST WULFRAM'S CHURCH, GRANTHAM is holding a "**FESTIVAL of MUSIC and THE ARTS.**"

A bonanza of music from Jazz, R & B, Virtuoso Performers, Swing, Organ, Choirs, Quartet and Orchestral, with an Art Exhibition by local Artists.

PLUS Workshops in Textiles, Flower Arranging, Painting, and Photography,

And a Guided Talk on our magnificent Windows & Tracery.

Some things cannot be missed!!

Full details will be posted on our interesting web-site soon: www.Stwulframs.org.uk meanwhile, give yourself a reminder on your calendar or in your diary.

Visitors to St Wulfram's are welcome throughout the summer months, most Days 10 am to 4 pm, check on –line for details + coffee shop opening.

Thorpe Arnold Church

July Saturday 10th

Cream Teas @ the home of **Gill** and David Sharp, 1 Balmoral Road, Melton. 2:30pm£ 4.00

August Sunday 8th

Afternoon Tea with Poetry and Humour In the Gardens of 'Elphin' Thorpe Arnold. 3.00pm -5.00pm £7.50

September Saturday 4th

Late Summer BBQ at the Vicarage 26 Firwood Road, Melton Mowbray time 12:00 noon £7.50

Regular Slots

Churches Together in Melton Mowbray

Events Diary – March 2010

This monthly Churches Together in Melton Mowbray (CTIMM) Events Diary, is distributed with all member churches own notices. **CTIMM events are printed in bold.** Other events are hosted and/or supported by individual member churches, to which everyone is warmly invited.

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CHURCHES TOGETHER P.A. CO-ORDINATOR

Churches Together is looking with someone with previous experience of using P.A. equipment, to oversee the Churches Together P.A. kit at our events during the year (eg Praise in the Park and Carol Singing in the Market Place). Please contact Rev Kevin Ashby on 01664 410393 or email rector@meltonparish.org.uk

Saturday 1st May - COFFEE MORNING & HOME MADE CAKE STALL

9.30 to 11.30 am at the United Reformed Church.

Saturday 1st May - PLANT STALL

10.00 am to 1.00 pm at Sage Cross Methodist Church & Community Centre. Light lunches will be available. Proceeds for Building for the Future Fund.

Wednesday 5th May - SPUC MEETING

7.30 pm in St Peter's R.C. Church sacristy, Welby Lane. 'Society for the Protection of Unborn Children' monthly meeting. New members and visitors welcome. For further information please contact Frances Lovett on 01664 - 565781.

Tuesday 11th May - CAP MONEY COURSE

7.30 to 9.30 pm at The Source, 54 King Street - followed by further sessions on Tuesday 18th & Tuesday 25th May

CAP Money is a comprehensive yet simple, three-session money management course to help people manage their finances better, whatever their current situation. The course is free and open to everyone in the local community. For further details or to book a place, please contact Mark Twitney on 07501 774 632 or email: mark@meltonvineyard.org.uk. For general information please visit www.capmoney.org

Every Tuesday - COFFEE MORNINGS

9-30 To 11.30 am at the United Reformed Church.

10.00 To 11.15 am at Sage Cross Methodist Church.

Every Tuesday - REFRESHMENTS & PRAYER

10.00 To 12.00 noon at **St John the Baptist RC Church, Thorpe End**. Refreshments available until 10.45 am, followed by a period of quiet prayer until noon.

Every Friday - SHOPPERS SERVICE

11:00 am at **Sage Cross Methodist Church** with refreshments served from 10:30 am. The service lasts about 25 minutes, offering a quiet space in the busyness of people's lives. On the first Friday of each month the Shoppers Service is followed by a Community lunch at 12.00 noon.

Every Tuesday Refreshments and Prayer RC Church, Thorpe End.

10.00 to 12.00 noon at **St John the Baptist RC Church, Thorpe End**. Refreshments available until 10.45 am. Followed by a period of quiet prayer until noon.

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For further information about CTIMM, please contact the Moderators for 2009/10, Carol Ellis on 01664 567371 or Catherine Shenton on 01664 850422, or email: c.a.shenton@ntlworld.com to place a notice in the Events Diary, please contact Mark Twitney on 857997, or e-mail: mark@twitney.net the deadline to submit notices for the April Events Diary is Sunday 14th April.

Waltham Church

Cool Club Come and breakfast with us!! ...now starting at the earlier time of 9.45am Come and breakfast with us!!

Sunday, 18th April

9-45am-11.30am
at Waltham Village Hall

For children (0-11), and their families. Stories, activities, drama and songs on a Christian theme

ALL WELCOME

Bacon/sausage cobs & Sunday papers available!

Info: Rev Harriet Orridge – 01664 464452
£1 per child (max £3 per family)

Information from: Rev'd Harriet Orridge – 01664 464452
£1 per child (max £3 per family)

Bottesford Methodist Chapel

Lite Bite Lunches are held at the Bottesford Methodist Chapel, Devon Lane, on the first and third Wednesday of each month at 12 a.m. It is also held on any fifth Wednesday of the month. Choice of

soups and puddings for £1.75! Fellowship and a Chat.

Long Clawson - St. Remigius Church

Wednesday March 24th St. Remigius- Quiet Hour 10.00 a.m. -a time to think, pray, remember, meditate, and followed at 11.00 by coffee and a time to chat. (Every 4th Wednesday of the month)

St. John's Church - Muston

Coffee Mornings.

Coffee, Chat and Fellowship and Bring and Buy Stall. – Every Tuesday in the Old School, Muston. 10.30am – 12.00noon. Everyone Welcome.

Family Service Led by Peter Daniel. Is held every 2nd Sunday in the Month at 10.30am. It is a new informal and friendly service for all your family young and old alike. Why not join us? We would be pleased to see you. Coffee and Biscuits are served after the service.

Dove Cottage Tea Rooms – Canal Lane Stathern.

Open Daily - Charity Shop also available upstairs.
Monday to Friday 10.30am – 4.00pm.
Saturday/Sunday 10.30am – 4.30pm. Menu varied including soup and a roll, sandwiches, Panini's, afternoon teas and ranges from £1.00 to £5.00. All profits go to Dove Cottage Day Hospice. **NB: Charity Shop is not open on Sunday.**

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Edmondthorpe Church

Prayer Meeting. St Michael's and All Angels at 5.30pm every Tuesday.

Sproxton

Sproxton Cell Group meets weekly. Please contact Nick or Margaret Cooke (01476 860745) for details

Framland Mission Partnership has a website. Please take a look.

www.framlandmissionpartnership.com

Framland Focus is also available on line at this address.

Music

All Saints' Church, Asfordby

Concert by Melton Mowbray Male Voice Choir

Wednesday 21st April at 7.30 p.m.

Tickets £3 to include refreshments and raffle. For further details please contact Mrs Viv James - 01664 812636

All Saints' Church is easily accessible having a turning area and permanent ramp situated at the south door. There is also a loop system.

St. Egelwins Church - Scalford

St George's Day Ball

Event Date: Friday 23rd April

at Scalford Hall, near Melton Mowbray
Three-course meal and disco. 7.30pm. Dress: Black tie preferred
Tickets £30 per head available from Scalford School
01664 444282
or email sarah@sunnybrook.fsworld.co.uk

In aid of Friends of Scalford School, and the St. Egelwin's Back to the Future Appeal

Russian Orthodox and Folk Music Concert

Event Date: Sunday 25th April

The Hermitage Ensemble from St. Petersburg Russia, consisting of five professional male singers, will be presenting a concert of Russian Orthodox and Folk Music at 7.30pm in St. Guthlac's Church, Stathern LE14 4HB.

For reserved tickets, which include light refreshments, contact Peter Briant Tel: 01949 869 448 (answer phone) Adults £12 and £10, and children (under 14) £7 and £6. Opportunity to meet the singers afterwards at a buffet supper tickets £5. The proceeds are to be divided between the singers and for church funds.

Candlelit concert, Eastwell

Event Date: Sunday, 9th May

St Michael & All Angels, Eastwell, 7.00 pm. A candlelit performance of sacred Russian Orthodox and folk music in a mediaeval country church, by the Lyra Vocal Ensemble, graduates of the St Petersburg Conservatoire. Followed by buffet supper, including drinks, and an opportunity to meet the singers.

Tickets £10 from
jennybarnes04@btinternet.com, tel 01949
860206.

A New Choir

CANTARE is a new Choir in Leicestershire. Under the musical direction of Ian Toon who many of you will know as the accompanist of the recently folded parish Singers, the choir meets on Friday evenings at Scaford Methodist Church. Singing a selection of secular and religious songs. **The choir can be booked by calling the Secretary Simon Bracewell on 07970 409969 or by email: cantare@live.co.uk.**

St. Mary's Melton Mowbray Longtime Organ Recitals.

Commence 1.10pm. Admission is Free.
Refreshments Available. Retiring Collection for Church Organ Fund.

27/04/10 Eric Singleton
11/05/10 Anthony Wibberley
25/05/10 Michael Anthony

St. Mary's Church Bottesford

On Saturday 29th May the Cranmer Company of Singers & Chamber Orchestra will be presenting their Spring Concert 'Serenata Italiana' at Bottesford Parish Church at 7.30pm.

In June this year, a group of 22 singers from the Cranmer Company of Singers will be singing at the Alta Pusteria Choir Festival on the border of Italy and Austria, in the Dolomites, after first

visiting Venice, the home of Antonio Vivaldi. We shall be the first British choir attending this festival and our programme for the festival features the best of British sacred and secular music. The first public appearance of 'CCS 22' ('I ventidue') will be at this Bottesford Concert where we shall sing a few of the festival pieces, including Taverner 'The Lamb' and McCartney/Lennon 'When I'm Sixty Four'!

The rest of the programme, sung by the full CCS choir, will include many beautiful works reflecting the wonderful English season of Spring: English madrigals and love songs by Henry VIII, Dowland, and Finzi; a beautiful piece by Gluck 'Dance of the Blessed Spirits' with flautist, Viola Calthrop-Owen as the soloist and Handel 'The Arrival of the Queen of Sheba' with oboes scurrying their way through the music. We shall also hear some wonderful organ music featuring the organist Richard Moore (Richard is the organ scholar at St.John's College, Oxford and was the Southwell Minster organ scholar a couple of years ago) and we shall also be singing the magnificent Handel piece 'Zadok the Priest'. Finally, to get us into the Italian mood, the full choir, orchestra and soloists will be performing the wonderful Vivaldi 'Gloria'.

The choir and orchestra are from your local area so there are bound to be some faces you will recognise and the total forces will be conducted by the founder of the Cranmer Company of Singers & Chamber Orchestra, Deborah Davies.

Tickets at £8.00 (adults) or £5.00 (children and those on IS or JSA) will include a glass of wine during the interval and can be booked in advance by phoning 01949 851046. Whilst tickets will be available at the door, it is advisable to

book in advance as these concerts are always very popular.

Midsummer Medley',

Concert by The Ratcliffe Chorale in St. Luke's Church, Gaddesby, on Saturday 26 June at 7.30pm. Tickets, to include a glass of wine or fruit juice and light refreshments, are £7.50 adults, £2.50 children under 14.

They will be available at the door, or in advance from Daphne Tucker 01664 841184, or David Wyrko 01664 840385.

Activities:

Bottesford Gala Weekend 1st May – 3rd May www.bottesford.org.uk

Organised for the 4th year by The Vale of Belvoir Lions, the gala grows in popularity. New attractions this year aim to provide something for everyone young and old.

3rd May – village events take place on the Playing Field at the Village Hall, where we anticipate visitors will have lots of fun with the: Human Hamster balls as seen on You Tube and Blue Peter, 50ft supervised climbing wall, family dog show arena, tug of war competition sponsored by Midland Skip Hire, Dragon and Elf's activity tent, **Official launch and demonstration of our public access Defibrillation Unit.**

Back by popular demand: covered children's marquee with Punch and Judy and Zozo the award winning clown, inflatable rides, candy floss, squad bikes, arena attractions, May Pole dancing, hobby

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horse racing, children's traditional games, licensed bar and Lions BBQ, Brenda's famous village hall refreshments, steam train rides and over 50 trade and charity stalls and much more. Where else can you go for just £1?

Events during the weekend include:

Art Exhibition from Saturday 1st May – Monday 3rd May with the Famous Vale of Belvoir Art Society. Venue: Bottesford Methodist Church: Exhibition opens for Viewing and Sale Saturday 10.00am – 5pm, Sunday 2pm – 5pm, Monday 10.00am – 5pm for details contact Glenda (01949 – 8451066).

Family Disco: Saturday 1st May – 5pm – 9pm Venue: Bottesford Village Hall.

Licensed Bar (real Ale), BBQ Food Available, Tuck Shop. Family Ticket £10 (2 adults plus family Children) or Adults £5 and Children £1. Children must be accompanied by an Adult.

**Dance for Rosie May (www.rosie-may.com) Sunday 2nd May – Venue: Belvoir High School, Barkstone Lane, Bottesford. 10.00am – 5.00pm. Spectators Welcome £3, Family Ticket £10. Judges from London's West End Chocolate Fountain & Refreshments.
Registered Charity No: 113049**

SONGS OF PRAISE FOLLOWED BY AFTERNOON TEA Sunday 2nd May at 4.00pm St. Mary's Church Bottesford.

Church Open Monday 3rd May from 10.00am. Light refreshments available.

Redmile

Tuesday 11th May – Ratatat Theatre present “Wind in the Willows”

Saturday 26th June – Redmile Vintage Fayre.

For further details contact: Louise George 01949 843789

Thorpe Arnold Church

Monday May 31st

The Melton Show: Visit the Church stalls Cakes: Tombola: Plants

June Events

Thorpe Arnold Village Festival

Thursday 17th – Sunday 20th

Thursday 17th – A Celebration of Wine in the Church. A good fun evening with wine and nibbles £10

Friday 18th – Xtra Factor – A talent competition in search of the musical talent of Melton and district @ Church Farm. Finals commence 7pm. £5; concession £3

Saturday 19th Open Church 10am to 4pm with Art and photographic exhibition. Children's guitar group, Hand bell ringers, Organ recitals. Saturday evening – Black Tie Dinner at Church Farm. Music and Dance. Tickets £25

Teddy Bears will be jumping from the tower at 2.00pm. FIRST AID WILL BE PROVIDED FOR INJURED BEARS. For further details contact Judith Wells, Benefice Office, 01949 842859.

St. John's Church – Muston

Murder, Mystery, Cheese and Wine Evening. 22nd May. This will be held in The Old School starting at 7 pm. The event will be by ticket only - £7.50 per person – available from Church Wardens Hugh Wadsworth – 01949 842672 or John Ives – 01949 843179.

Hopefully, this will be a fun evening with everyone trying to work out who dun it!

Long Clawson

CLAWSON MEN'S BREAKFAST

8-30 TO 9-30A.M. AT THE DELI ON THE SANDS. SPECIAL GUEST A FIRE FIGHTER! GOOD BREAKFAST, GOOD CONVERSATION AND FOOD FOR THOUGHT.

SATURDAY 15TH MAY BOOK YOUR PLACE WITH GLEN ON 822854 OR ERIC ON 822140 ARRANGED BY CLAWSON CHRISTIANS TOGETHER

Little Dalby Church

Flower Arranging Demonstration by Gayani. Venue: Somerby Village Hall: Date: 29th April 2010 Time: 7 pm. Entrance £5 includes Coffee & biscuits. Raffle & Bring and Buy Stall. **Proceeds for LITTLE DALBY CHURCH SPIRE FUND**

Sunday 20th – Village Fun Day 10am to 5pm. Display of Classic Cars and agricultural machinery.

Irish Dancing displays, Karate displays, Dog Show,

Craft stalls, Bouncy castle, side shows

All day refreshments, lunchtime BBQ, licensed bar. Car Boot sale in the paddock

St. Mary's Church Melton Mowbray

JILL COLLINGE IN THORPE ARNOLD CHURCH on Saturday 24th April at 7:30pm with a light hearted talk on origins of sayings entitled "I never knew that!" Tickets £7 to include light refreshments. Contact Diana on 564411, John on 857310, or Gill on 562945.

ROAD CLOSURE - SUNDAY 25TH APRIL

Please note that **Sherrard Street** will be closed on **Sunday 25th April from 8am until 4pm** for the finish of the Rutland to Melton Mowbray Cycle Race. Anyone who needs to park in the church 'turn around' on that Sunday & approaching church from the north or east of the town will have to proceed along Leicester Road, up Dalby Road, down Ankle Hill & onto Burton Road/Burton Street to gain access to Church Street.

CARE & SHARE LUNCH The next lunch will be at 12:30pm in the Samworth Centre on Sunday 25th April. As usual, these lunches are offered to those in the Parish who may not otherwise have company for a Sunday meal. Volunteers are always welcome to help prepare & serve the food. Please contact Colin on 01664 851386 for further details.

BURTON LAZARS ARTS & CRAFTS CLUB are having an Open Day on Saturday 1st May in

Burton Lazars village hall from 10am to 4pm. Refreshments will be available, & this year the club will be supporting the Alzheimer's Society.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK will be 9th to 15th May. Help is needed for house to house collections; please phone Pat Evley on 501890 if you can help.

THE PARISH PLOD is 16th May, 2pm in the Little Dalby area, all welcome.

.Musical Fun & Fellowship, with Buffet & Raffle. Saturday 8th May From 3pm

At John & Marian Sutton's home: 26 Ribble Way, Melton Mowbray. £5 to include Buffet

Musical Items by Clarity (Trio), Sara Hall (Clarinet & Piano), Jill Wallis (Piano), St Mary's Handbell Ringers. Come & enjoy an afternoon/evening of fun & entertainment.

Punch & Pudding – Saturday 5th June. From 5pm at 'Roseholme', 13 Needham Close. Barbeque – date to be confirmed, at 201A Nottingham Road.

Launde Abbey

For further information about any of the following events or to book please contact Launde Abbey on 01572 717254, via e-mail laundeabbey@leicester.anglican.org or visit www.launde.org.uk

RETREATS, QUIET DAYS & FAMILY EVENTS:

26th – 30th April 2010: Five Day Individually Guided Retreat: Led by Glenn Martin A retreat just for you!! A time to be still and a time to reflect. A time to listen and to be listened to. A time for you and a time for God. A time for you and a time for God. A time to rest and a time to be refreshed. An individually guided retreat is an opportunity to enjoy some time apart with a spiritual guide to accompany you each day. The retreat will be silent throughout to enable you to encounter the mystery of God in prayer, Scripture, worship and space. Price: £299.00 including all meals and accommodation

28th – 30th April 2010: Spiritual Director's Supervision Course: Led by Andrew Walker

28th April 2010: Supervision for the Supervisors: Led by Andrew Walker A training course specifically designed for those working as supervisors of spiritual directors. It is also possible to attend the one-day Supervision for the Supervisors Day on April 28th, a day of reflection for those within the ministry of Spiritual Direction involving meditation, discussion, input and personal experience. Price: £145.00 residential and £100.00 non-residential. The day course is £50.00, which includes coffee, lunch and tea.

19th – 20th June 2010: Retreat for First Time Retreatants: Led by the Warden A retreat is an opportunity to step out of ordinary life to look at life afresh in quiet reflection and prayer, deepening our relationship with God. On this retreat there will be a series of talks by the retreat leader, which aim to give you themes to work gently on

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during the periods of silence that will follow. There is the companionship, even in the silence of the other people on a similar journey and the offer of a good rest! Price: £80.00 including all meals and accommodation.

QUIET DAYS AND DAY COURSES

Launde Quiet Days: On Mondays: 10th May 2010, 7th June and 5th July 2010
Launde Abbey Quiet Days are held monthly and are open to everyone. The outline of the day is usually as follows: - coffee at 10.00 am, followed by a talk, a short service in the Chapel and lunch. In the afternoon there will be a second talk, Holy Eucharist followed by tea and cake at 4.00 pm. Price: £25.00 for 'Friends of Launde Abbey' and £30.00 for others, including coffee, lunch and tea. Everyone is welcome.

23rd April 2010, 28th May and 22nd June 2010: Encountering Spiritual Companionship: Led by the Warden An opportunity to explore different Christian traditions using prayer, reflection and sharing. Price: £60.00 for 4 sessions or £55.00 each (also on 26th March 2010).

LAUNDE ABBEY FLOWER FESTIVAL & OPEN DAYS

Following the wonderful news that Launde Abbey is to remain open, our fund-raising continues into 2010, with the first major event of the year so far, our annual Flower Festival and Open Days taking place over the May Spring Bank Holiday weekend **29th – 31st May 2010**.

This year we are inviting churches across the dioceses of Leicester and Peterborough to join us in our celebration of spring (and of course, remaining open) by donating a floral decoration for display in the Abbey buildings and/or grounds over the May Bank Holiday weekend.

Our theme for the Flower Festival is 'Renewal', following the start of our renovation works in January 2010 and we hope that your church will be able to take part in this fund-raising event, either by donating a floral display or helping in some other way, such as serving teas and lunches or running a Launde stall. If you would also like to raise money for your own church funds then for a small fee you could take a stall in the grounds or run a car boot stall on the Bank Holiday Monday.

Flower Festival Preview Evening: 28th May 2010 be the first to see the beautiful floral decorations in and around the Abbey buildings, with sparkling wine and canapés followed by Choral music in the Abbey's Chapel. Price £12.50 per person.

Sunday Afternoon Teas: July and August (except 8th August) Come and enjoy a delicious cream tea in the gardens at Launde, perhaps followed by a walk in the beautiful grounds. The Launde Shop, plant stall and Chapel will also be open. Open 2.00 pm – 4.00 pm every Sunday from 4th July until 22nd August 2010 (closed 8th August). Coach parties are very welcome by prior arrangement.

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The Aims of the Newsletter and How to Insert Notices:

The Framland Focus is your Deanery Newsletter – The aims are to:

1. encourage a Deanery Identity
2. encourage wider participation in events across the Deanery
3. bring members of the Christian community of churches closer together
4. inform others of events, prayer groups, new initiatives, special services, updates on new beginnings, new incumbents, and to enthuse and encourage fellowship with others
5. It is published monthly in the middle of the month. (E.g. dates for October will appear in the September Issue and so on)
6. If you would like to include items, articles, events etc in the newsletter please send an email the editor: Frances Stapleton at: framlandfocus@btinternet.com **by the 15th of month**

This is your Deanery Newsletter use it, and encourage others to use it or lose it.

The recommended format is:

- Type of Activity, Parish, Location
- Day, Date, Times
- Information about the activity, 5 lines or so. It is helpful to include an indication of suitability for children, disabled people, parking etc.
- Contact Information, Price
- The accuracy of the contents is the responsibility of the sender of the message.
- The views expressed in this newsletter are not necessarily the views of the Editor.