

Framland Focus

(Framland Deanery Newsletter)



Christmas Edition

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[However often you come to Church, come as you are this Christmas!](#)

Dear Friends,

How should we view the millions of people who come to Church at Christmas but who rarely darken the doors of the Church the rest of the year? I ask this question because of a conversation I had with a lovely woman recently who feels 'hypocritical' about coming to Church. She very genuinely feels that as she does not come to Church regularly she should not come at all and, more significantly, she thinks that her faith is 'not good enough'.

Well, every vicar in the land wishes that larger than normal congregations at Christmas could be repeated throughout the year. Indeed, translating occasional attendance into more regular and frequent involvement is one of the main challenges we face in the Church today. And of course encouraging a

deep and sacrificial commitment to Christ that has a transforming affect on the whole of our lives for the whole of the year is paramount. The woman in her integrity was clearly onto something in feeling uneasy about a consumer attitude to faith or 'buying in' to Church at our convenience.

However, I would want to offer a word of caution to those who feel this way and to those who are critical of occasional worshippers. In our quite proper emphasis on commitment we need to be gentle with ourselves and with others as God is gentle with us. Faith is a life-long journey of exploration and like other aspects of our lives it is going to ebb and flow. We should not be surprised that for most people Church attendance and how we feel about God is going to vary for all sorts of reasons. God reaches out to us wherever we find ourselves in this journey of faith and welcomes us, and it is important that we do the same.

This insight that God meets us, and loves us and accepts us 'just as we are' is never more an appropriate message than at Christmas. We celebrate God becoming a human person in Jesus the Christ-child – he became like us so that we might become more like him. God always takes the initiative and there can never be an issue that our faith is 'not good enough'. There is no exam grade for faith below which we fail and no minimum attendance requirements!

So however often you come, come as you are this Christmas, and know that you are welcomed by God and by his Church.

***What can I give him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;
If I were a wise man I would do my part,
Yet what I can give him:
Give my heart.***

With prayers and best wishes for a very Happy Christmas,

Rev'd. Mark Smith

[THE SECRET SHOPPER](#)

12 steps to renewing your welcome to visitors and newcomers

and gaining confidence as The Church in your Community.

As part of my Sabbatical leave in Autumn 2010 David, my husband, and I decided to go on a journey to 4 rural corners of England. One part of our aim was to visit churches and look and listen and learn and find some easy steps to make it easier for visitors, the community and newcomers to come over the threshold and join with us in some way as we journey in faith together. We didn't find the perfect church, but by careful observation and by asking questions we are able to commend simple ideas that really work. Some of them you will already be doing and

doing well, but I suggest that we all check and see if we could do even better.

Almost by chance we discovered that as simple steps are taken the church gains in confidence and they begin to believe that God has an exciting unfinished plan for their small rural church.

I hope clergy will read my 'secret shopper' column but it is aimed at 'the people in the pew' because you are the ones who will make a difference. No suggestions will be expensive or too difficult. Willing people who have faith and a small budget will, I believe be able to make a huge difference.

I will call my column 'secret church shopper'. Look out for it each month in The Framland Focus during 2011.

Beverley Stark - Area Dean

'Practicalities of Pastoral Visiting'

Course on 'Practicalities of Pastoral Visiting. 'Led by Brian McAvoy

Wednesday 2nd February 2011. 7:30pm.

The Samworth Centre, Burton Street, Melton Mowbray. All welcome.

News Items

WITH EFFECT FROM SUNDAY 2ND JANUARY 2011, the following service time changes will happen:

- **St Mary the Virgin THORPE ARNOLD - SERVICE WILL BEGIN AT 9.45am**

The 2nd Sunday service will also revert to being a Holy Communion Service.

St James - BURTON LAZARS - SERVICE WILL BEGIN AT 11.15AM

Action for Children Event – "Pig in a Poke" Auction Report

Sage Cross Methodist Church saw an event of a different kind for Action for Children take place this year. "A Pig in a poke auction".

They appealed through the circuit churches for wrapped items, (so that the contents were not known – hence 'Pig in a Poke') to be auctioned off (to the value of £2 - £5).

Although at first items were slow coming in they had 74 items to auction off on the night!

Attendance was lower than they had hoped, at 34, but a really super evening was had by all with much laughter and fun and they managed to auction off all the items by 8.00pm, with no one paying more than £7 for an item!

The fact that food was available (a selection of delicious hot and cold puddings plus cheese and biscuits) at 8.00pm may, of course, have had something to do with the speedy selling!

No charge was made for the evening but donations were invited for the food and they made a healthy £364.25 for Action For Children.

Melton Mowbray Santa Fun Run or Walk

Around 300 running Santa's participated in this event on 12th December, plus dogs. The event raised £15000 plus and rising.

Thank you for your help and support

Julia
Junior Vice President, MMRC

The Nativity, BBC1, 9pm in the week before Christmas!

This year, in the week running up to Christmas day, on BBC1, in the highly sort after 9pm slot, four 30 minute episodes of a new drama on the Nativity will air. Written by Tony Jordan, the creator and writer behind Life on Mars and Hustle, this major new production offers a fantastic missional opportunity to the church. With awareness of the true meaning of Christmas at an all time low in England (well at least in the last 1,000

years!), this gives Christians a brilliant step up to share how this story might transform lives. To read three simple resources in helping churches be aware of what The Nativity drama is and to consider how they might missionally engage with it visit <http://sbg.dioceseofleicester.com/?p=549>

Seeker Website Gets Re-launch

Recently the Christian Enquiry Agency re-launched the shop window of its ministry: its website. Years ago they had the foresight to acquire www.Christianity.org.uk and now, for the first time, it is designed wholly around the needs of the visitor. It's a great improvement, simple and really moulded around the needs of the visitor, enquirer or seeker. Does your church website or personal blog link to it?

All these sessions are free to attend, but, with demand expected to be high and limited places, book soon to avoid disappointment!

Bookings to Richard (richard.paterson@lecofe.org or 0116 248 7453). For more details or to download a flyer go to <http://sbg.dioceseofleicester.com/?p=513>

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“May a loving spirit
within your home abide,
No thought of word disturbing
the joy of Christmastide,
And when you reach the ending of
this most happy day, –
Don’t let it go at midnight –
Bid the Christmas spirit stay”.

Patience Strong

**Framland Mission
Partnership:**

www.framlandmissionpartnership.com
Take a look at the web site. Framland
Focus is also available on line at this
address.

Regular Slots

Waltham Church

**Cool Club. The next Cool Club
will be on January 16th.**

THE COOLER - A Friday after
school drop in and chill out for 7-
14's. Music, games, quizzes,
cartoons & a tuck shop! @
Waltham Church.

WAFY - Young people (10+) thinking about Faith and its impact on their lives.
WAFY meets on Sun evenings
5:00 till 6:30pm @ 18 Windsor

Road and includes pizzas and drinks (donation £1/week). For further details please contact Harriet, John Orridge - Tel 01664 464452

St Mary's Church Bottesford

Fridays in St Marys

A small but faithful group meet at 9 am, on the First Friday of each month, to pray. Prayers are said for the people noted on our prayer board, others on our visiting list and shut-in people. We also pray for the church groups, the leadership and planned events. We don't forget our schools and all in Bottesford and the Vale of Belvoir and trouble spots in the world.

**Dove Cottage Tea Rooms –
Canal Lane Stathern.**

Open Daily - Charity Shop also available upstairs. **Monday to Friday** 10.30am – 3.30pm.
Saturday/Sunday 10.30am – 4.00pm.
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.**

**Churches Together in Melton
Mowbray**

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.

**Saturday 18th December -
CHURCHES TOGETHER CAROL
SINGING**

11.00 to 11.30am by the Christmas tree in the Market Place.

**Tuesday 21st December - SING
CHRISTMAS**

7.00 to 8.00pm at The Cherry Tree pub, on the corner of Edendale Road and Valley Road. 'Sing Christmas' is an interactive carol service being broadcast live on BBC Radio Leicester. Pubs, club's and community venues across the county are getting involved by broadcasting the service in local venues - and in Melton Mowbray the Baptist Church are working with The Cherry Tree pub. This is a great chance to join with their customers and sing along to well known carols, and take part in interactive elements – all about the real meaning of Christmas. Please visit www.singchristmas.org.uk for further details.

**Sunday 9th January -
SINGALONG ON SUNDAY**

3.00 to 4:30 pm at Melton Mowbray Baptist Church, Leicester Road. Come along and join in with old songs from the past. Brian Maunders will be providing the music and we hope that older people will enjoy a time of fun and friendship as we reach out into the community. Please bring along a friend, neighbour or relative who you think would enjoy a trip down memory lane for about an hour. Tea and cakes also! **For further information please contact Janet Gilchrist on 01664-560961 or email:**

janetmgil@yahoo.co.uk

**Sunday 16th to Sunday 23rd
January - CHURCHES
TOGETHER**

**WEEK OF PRAYER FOR
CHRISTIAN UNITY SERVICES**

Sunday 16th - Theme 'Devoted to Teaching' - at our own churches

**Monday 17th - Opening Service:
theme 'Devoted to Prayer' - 7.30pm
at Melton Mowbray Baptist Church**

**Tuesday 18th - Theme 'All Together'
- Minimum Theatre, 7.30pm at
Sandy Lane Methodist Church
Wednesday 19th - Theme 'All in Their Need' - 7.30pm at United Reformed Church**

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Thursday 20th - Mother's Prayer - 10.15am at St John's RC Church, Thorpe End

Thursday 20th - Theme 'Devoted to Fellowship' - 7.30pm at St Peter's RC Church, Welby Lane

Friday 21st - Shoppers' Service - 11.00am at Sage Cross Methodist Church

Friday 21st - Theme: 'All Things in Common' - 7.30pm at St Mary's Parish Church

Saturday 22nd - Theme 'Devoted to the Breaking of Bread' - 10.30am - 12.30pm at The Source, King Street

Sunday 23rd - Closing Service: theme 'Good Will of All' - 6.00pm at Sage Cross Methodist Church

Every Tuesday Refreshments and 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.

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

CHURCHES TOGETHER IS DELIGHTED TO WELCOME OUR NEW 'EVENTS DIARY' EDITOR

To place a notice in the Events Diary, please contact Miss T Jones at sunshinesky@sky.com or telephone 01664-563011

The deadline to submit notices for the February Events Diary is Friday 14th January

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CLAWSON MEN'S BREAKFAST

SATURDAY 15TH JANUARY

8-30 TO 9-30A.M.

THE DELI ON THE SANDS.

SPECIAL GUEST

A SERVING POLICE OFFICER.

GOOD BREAKFAST, GOOD CONVERSATION AND FOOD FOR THOUGHT.

BOOK YOUR PLACE WITH GLEN ON 01664 822854

OR ERIC ON 01664 822140

**PLEASE BOOK BY JANUARY 13TH.
ARRANGED BY LONG CLAWSON CHURCHES TOGETHER**

Bottesford Methodist Chapel

Life Bite Lunches are held at the Bottesford Methodist Chapel, Devon, 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

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. 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.

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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

St Michael and All Angels –Hose

Family Service 2nd Sunday of the month 10.30am

Catering for parents with children, who are asked by the Vicar or Ministry Team to take part in the talk.

Church lunch in Hose Village Hall 2nd Thursday of the month
Mixed ages, but generally over 60s share a good meal and socialise.

St Mary the Virgin - Harby

Family service 4th Sunday of the month. A short morning service aimed at under 10s, attracting up to 24 children. Try it!

Community lunch 1st Wednesday of the month

£2.00. Includes: Soup, cheese salad, cake and tea/coffee. This is usually attended by an assortment of around 40-50's, over 60's and Young Mums

with Pre-School children. New people always welcome. Venue is the village hall – Harby.

Melton Mowbray Team Parish:

Mondays & Thursdays: Thorpe Arnold 5:30pm Evening Prayer

Tuesdays: 10:00am-11:30am Come & Grow Club, Thorpe Arnold Church

Tuesdays: Melton Handbell Ringers Practice 6:30pm (St Mary's, MM)

Tower Bell Ringers Practice 7:30pm (St Mary's, MM)

Tuesdays: Burton Lazars 6:30pm to 7pm Quiet Prayer

Wednesdays: Burton Lazars "Open Church" from 10:30am to 12 noon

Wednesdays: Thorpe Arnold Bell-ringing Practice 7pm to 8pm

CARE AND SHARE – There is no Care and Share in December – the next lunch will be at 12.30pm on 23rd January 2011 in the Samworth Centre

MUSIC

Cantare

"Cantare" Leicestershire.

Musical Director: Ian Toon.

Cantare 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.

Melton Mowbray Male Voice Choir

Songs for all Occasions.

Charity Concerts

Special Events

All Enquiries to The Choir Secretary: Mr. J. Sutton,

26 Ribble Way, Melton Mowbray. LE13 0HG Telephone: 01664 561020

St. Mary's Church, Melton Mowbray Lunchtime Organ Recitals.

Commence 1.10pm. Admission is Free.

January 11th – James Gutteridge
Director of Music St Mary's Church, Melton Mowbray

January 25th – Simon Headley
Acting Director of Music Leicester Cathedral

February 8th – Geoffrey Winter
Organist St John's Church, Grantham

February 22nd – Geoffrey Gratton
Chesterfield

Activities:

Melton Mowbray Team Parish

THE SINGING BONES Take a captivating story teller, three wonderful musicians, and mix melody with story to make an evening of magical entertainment. From The Devil's Violin Company – A blend of storytelling, live music and theatre coming to the Samworth Centre on Friday 28th January 7.30pm. Tickets £7 (children £4.50) from the Samworth Centre Box Office 01664 503521

CHRISTMAS QUIZ SHEETS are available from the Cafe @ the Centre for £1. All proceeds will go to the Teenage Cancer Trust. First Prize is £10 meal voucher for the cafe and also a £5 Boots voucher for one particular question. Closing date is mid January.

MELTON'S MELTING MOMENTS - Rotary Club of Melton Mowbray & Ladies in Rotary - Recipe Book. On sale from 10th December 2010 at Melton Bookshop, Miss B's Tea Shop, Caffè Italia & LOROS Bookshops OR

contact by email: hornjohn@sky.com to obtain copies.

Price: £5-00 per copy (cheques to Ladies in Rotary please) A great stocking filler!

ALL PROCEEDS TO BE SHARED BETWEEN LOROS AND MELTON PYRAMID PROJECT

A very big THANK YOU to all who were involved in the Christmas Tree Festival at St Mary's.

Despite the snowy weather thousands came into our church to see the 400+ trees. Well done! and hope you're already thinking about next year's ideas!

**** MESSAGE FROM THE SAMWORTH CENTRE ****

PLEASE NOTE: We will be re-programming the electronic security doors in early January. Therefore any access fobs that you have, will need to be updated in order for you to gain access to the Samworth Centre (out of office hours) from January onwards. Either come into the centre on any morning Mon-Fri and Hayley can update your fob there and then or you can drop your key fob (in a marked envelope with your name/group details on) into the letterbox outside the main doors, then pop in and pick up your updated fob from the next day onwards.

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PRAM CLUB requires help with; setting up, craft activities and tidying away. We meet every Monday morning. If you are able to help, either every Monday, every other Monday or even once a month - please contact Carol Parker on 01664 857526 and she would be delighted to speak to you.

The Samworth Centre Cafe – new opening times

Mon – Fri 9.00am – 4.00pm and Sat 9.00am – 2.00pm

also orders are now being taken for homemade mince pies £2.00 for 6, and they are GORGEOUS !

Samworth Centre Booking dates for 2011

Hayley Copley, the Samworth Centre manager writes: If you have not already done so, please inform me of your booking requirements for 2011 as soon as possible as we are now receiving a high number of new and long term bookings for next year and beyond. As ever I will do everything possible to accommodate you, but cannot consider your requirements until I receive your requests.

Best wishes for a happy Christmas and a prosperous 2011! From all of us at Melton Mowbray Parish Team and The Samworth Centre

Waltham Church

We have an exciting film show at Waltham in the school hols.

Waltham Church

Wed 29 December

doors open 3.40pm
film starts 4pm

Narnia: Prince Caspian (cert PG)

Under 8s must be accompanied by an adult

Tickets - Pay on door

£1.50 per person (inc popcorn)

Family ticket £5

Sage Cross Methodist Church & Community Centre

Friday 28th January 2011. 6.30pm for 7.00pm.

"Come Dine Together"

Sage Cross Methodist Church and Community Centre.

4 course meal with Coffee or Tea @ £13 per head.

Admission by ticket only. Tickets available from Jen Hanson (01664-854748).

Proceeds for Building for the Future at Sage Cross.

St. John the Baptist Muston

Sunday 19th December - Our usual Holy Communion Service will be at 8.30 am. The Carol Service is at 4 pm. There will be Mulled Wine, Mince Pies and time for a chat after the service.

Saturday 25th - Christmas Day - Holy Communion at 8.30 am.

St Mary's Church Harby

Christmas tree festival "A Dickensian Christmas"

Sat 18th Dec to Tues 21st Dec
12noon to 5pm. Admission free.

Cheese and wine preview evening Fri 17th Dec, with The Vale Choir

7.15 for 7.30. Price £6. Tickets from Gill Clark 01949-861211.
"Dickensian dress optional".

St Peter & St Paul Syston

Quiz Night

Saturday 5th February 2011

Church Centre, Lower Church Street 7pm for 7.30pm start. Team Max 8 members. £6.50 (children under 16 half price). Hot Food. Raffle Bring your own drink.
Info and tickets Vicki 01162608337

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Long Clawson Church

Village Feast at the Village Hall

Saturday Jan. 29th a joint fundraiser for St. Remigius Church and the Village Hall

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

LAUNDE ABBEY RETREATS, QUIET DAYS & FAMILY EVENTS:

4th – 7th January 2011
Life Coaching Retreat
Led by Adrian Holdstock

Is your life running YOU? Are you burnt out? Facing a life-changing decision? Do you want to turn your dreams into reality? Let accredited consultant in life and business coaching and Spiritual Director, Adrian Holdstock, take you on a life-changing journey here. Explore all possibilities and more through an effective combination of group input and confidential one-to-one sessions, with

plenty of opportunities for quiet contemplation. Learn about life coaching principles and their fit to the Christian faith and leave with a new sense of determination and direction! Price: £335.00, including all meals and accommodation

14th – 16th February 2011

Three Day IGR

Led by Glenn Martin

NOW FULL, BUT PLEASE

CONTACT US FOR SIMILAR

RETREATS IN 2011

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 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 and space. If you have enjoyed quiet days this could be an extended opportunity to reflect upon your spiritual journey and the presence of God in your life. Price: £175.00 including all meals and accommodation

14th – 18th February 2011

A Lent Retreat: Time for your

spiritual MOT?

Led by Audrey Atkinson (Deputy

Warden of Launde Abbey)

Today it would seem that we are more likely to take care of our cars or our bodies than our souls. This Lenten retreat offers us the chance to take time out to explore ways – old and new – to deepen our relationship with God, to tap into that well of living water Christ promised us, and to blow away the dust which settles on our souls obscuring the inner divine light He brings. Using music, icons- and the opportunity to be creative – as well as reflective prayer and contemplation, in periods of silence and in fellowship, we will each create for ourselves an ‘action plan’ to support us as we continue our journey through Lent and Holy Week renewed and ready to recommit ourselves to the Risen Lord. Price: £225.00 including all meals and accommodation.

7th – 10th March 2011

Music Retreat: How Can we Keep

From Singing

Led by Emily Walker

When we meet every week and think and pray for those in need in our communities and across the world, when we rage over war and injustice and lament at the violence in our cities and the destruction of our countryside, when we celebrate new life and shared joy with friends and lovers, when we stand in awe at the beauty which surrounds us, when we wonder life’s big questions, when we bring all this into our faith, and attempt to live out what we believe, how can we keep from singing? This retreat will draw

from the wealth of music from the world church and from a variety of communities and denominations closer to home. If you love singing, why not join us? Price: £290.00 including all meals and accommodation

QUIET DAYS AND DAY COURSES

Launde Quiet Days: On Mondays:

6th December, 10th January and 7th February 2011

The Advent Quiet Day ON Monday, 6th December will be led by James Shakespeare and follows the theme:

“The meaning is in the waiting:

Waiting for God’s coming with poet, prophet and prayer”

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.

29th January, 26th February, 26th

March and 16th April 2011

Encountering Spiritual

Companionship

Led by the Warden

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This course is designed to enable participants to explore both key elements of their faith and a variety of different Christian traditions of prayer and spirituality. It will allow people to ask the central question of how you relate life and faith to God, through prayer and reflection. Through exploring different traditions of prayer and spirituality, both an encounter with God and spiritual growth will be possible. Price: £160.00 for 4 sessions or £55.00 each.

11th March 2011

Holistic Quiet Day

Led by Jane Franklin

Jane offers an Holistic approach in her retreats, focusing on the mind, body, soul and spirit in encounters with the inner self and with the Divine. Using a variety of tools, including Scripture, pictures, music, poetry, nature and silence, Jane invites each attendee to meet with God in a deep way during their time of retreat. Price: £40.00 or £70.00 if attending the Holistic Quiet Day on September 23rd 2011.

COMING SOON TO LAUNDE

ABBEY:

Valentine Suppers – 12th and 14th

February 2011 (can be linked to an overnight stay)

Snowdrop Spectacular – 2.00 – 4.00 pm on 20th, 21st, 27th and 28th

February 2011 and 6th or 7th March 2011

Mothering Sunday Lunch – 4th April 2011

Music Days – a series of Music Days with Launde Abbey's resident musician, starting on April 2nd 2011

Gardening Courses (Day and Evening) – a series of gardening courses designed to encourage you to make the most of your garden, and your gardening skills. Each day will offer participants the opportunity to gain valuable information about a specific gardening topic. Courses start on February 5th 2011.

St. Luke Tells of the Birth of Jesus

And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed. And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David) to be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. And so it was, that while they were there the days were accomplished that she would be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.
St Luke ii

The Aims of the Newsletter and How to Insert Notices:

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

- encourage a Deanery Identity
- encourage wider participation in events across the Deanery
- bring members of the Christian community of churches closer together
- inform others of events, prayer groups, new initiatives, special services, updates on new beginnings, new incumbents, and to enthruse fellowship with others
- It is published monthly in the middle of the month. (E.g. dates for October will appear in the September Issue and so on).
- If you would like to include items, articles, events etc in the newsletter please send an email the editor:
- framlandfocus@btinternet.com
- **by the 15th of month.**
- Reports should be no longer than 300 words because of the constraint on space.
- This is your Deanery Newsletter use it, and encourage others to use it to.

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 and not that of the editor

- The views expressed in this newsletter are not necessarily the views of the Editor. If you print this for members of your church or others, please remember to print on both sides of your paper to help to protect the environment. If you would like a new person to receive the newsletter, please put their address in the CC box above and reply to this message

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