

### Contemplative Prayer

A half hour of Prayer in the style of St. Julian of Norwich is held on the first Thursday of each month beginning at 7.00pm at Wyville Church

### Pastoral Care Team

We have a team of people available to anyone in the group. If you would like someone to visit you please contact one of the Readers

### Pew News

Remember you can add names or publicise an event in this leaflet.

For next week, 19<sup>th</sup> December, please contact Barbara Lawry on 563272

### Next Week – Sunday 26th December First Sunday after Christmas

PLEASE NOTE THERE ARE NO SUNDAY SERVICES WITHIN OUR GROUP ON BOXING DAY



### Carol Services coming soon Woolsthorpe Village Hall

*Morning Carols*

11.00am – Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> December

### Stroxton

6.00pm – Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> December

### Welby Arms, Denton

*Beer, Carols and Mince pies*

7.30pm – Monday 20<sup>th</sup> December

### Harlaxton

*Nine Lessons and Carols*

6.00pm Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> December

### Harlaxton

*Children's Christmas Nativity and Carols*

6.00pm Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> December

### Woolsthorpe Village Hall

*Crib & Christingle Service*

4.00pm – Christmas Eve

### Denton

*Lessons and Carols*

6.00pm – Christmas Eve

*Afterwards everyone is invited for Mulled wine and Mince Pies in the Welby Arms*

## The Harlaxton Group of Parishes

St. Andrew, Denton, St Mary & St. Peter, Harlaxton  
All Saints, Stroxton, St James, Woolsthorpe by Belvoir;  
St Catherine, Wyville with Hungerton

Parish Website: [www.harlaxtongroup.co.uk](http://www.harlaxtongroup.co.uk)

*Welcome to this place of prayer and worship.*

*We are glad you have joined us today.*

*Please stay with us for coffee, tea and chat.*



### The Fourth Sunday of Advent - Year A 19th December 2010

#### Today's services

8.00am	Denton	Holy Communion
9.30am	Harlaxton	Holy Communion
11.00am	Woolsthorpe	Morning Carols
6.00pm	Stroxton	Carol Service

#### The Collect

Eternal God,

as Mary waited for the birth of your Son,  
so we wait for his coming in glory;

bring us through the birth pangs of this present  
age to see, with her, our great salvation  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

#### Post Communion prayer

Heavenly Father,

who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary  
to be the mother of the promised saviour:

fill us your servants with your grace,

that in all things we may embrace your holy will  
and with her rejoice in your salvation;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

#### READINGS

##### Romans 1.1-7

Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith

among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ,

To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

### **Matthew 1.18-end**

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.' All this took place to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: 'Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel', which means, 'God is with us.'

When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.



### **Monday**

Pray for the homeless at this season

### **Tuesday**

Pray for those who will be at work over the holiday period

### **Wednesday**

Pray for families in conflict

### **Thursday**

Pray for all who are lonely

### **Friday**

Pray for servicemen away from home this Christmas

### **Saturday**

Give thanks for the true meaning of Christmas Day, that Jesus was born – in order to die for us.

### **Those who are ill at home or in hospital**

Sonia Walker, Lillian Bell, Allen Finch, Abigail Freeman, Harold Hanlon, Tony Longson, Mari Mould, Ann Overton, Fred and Barbara Saunby,

Iris Spicer, Julie Stephens, Adrienne Taylor, Sonia Walker and Mary Yates; and also Stanley.

### **Those recently bereaved and their families**

Pray for Margaret Ashley and all her family following the death of the Reverend John Ashley.

*Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord.*

*And let light perpetual shine upon them. Amen.*

## **Church Notices**

### **Mothers Union Travelling Nativity**



This is available, together with a book of the Christmas story, to any family wishing to have it for a few days.

Apply Harlaxton or Denton schools or Elizabeth Holmes – 563085.

### **Woolsthorpe Meeting**

The next Woolsthorpe Open Meeting with Archdeacon of Lincoln is set for Monday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2010 – 7.00pm  
Woolsthorpe Village Hall

### **THANK YOU ALL**

The Clergy, Readers, Lay Ministers and Church Wardens thank all who have sent Christmas Cards and nice letters. It is a great boost to us to know that we are appreciated.

We wish you all a Peaceful, Christmas a Prosperous New year



"ok then guys... on with the tea-towels"