

South Croxton Churches

The parishes of Ashby Folville & Barsby, Gaddesby, South Croxton with Beeby
and Twyford, Thorpe Satchville & John O'Gaunt

Newsletter June 2012

From South Croxton Rectory

A royal inspiration for us all

By the time you read this the local and national Diamond Jubilee celebrations will be almost underway. Many of you will have memories of former Jubilee celebrations (Silver in 1977, Golden in 2002), and may feel surprised that the Diamond celebration has come around so quickly!

I wonder how the Queen feels in this year? Her mind may go back to February 1952 when she said to the Accession Council:

“By the sudden death of my dear father I am called to assume the duties and responsibilities of sovereignty . . . My heart is too full for me to say more to you today than I shall always work, as my father did throughout his reign, to advance the happiness and prosperity of my peoples, spread as they are all the world over.”

When she, as a young person, embarked on her role as the reigning monarch she could not have envisaged the subsequent 60 years, carrying out the same duties and responsibilities. Although the role of the monarchy has had to alter in our changing society, the Queen's commitment of service to this country and the Commonwealth has not faltered.

What has enabled her to serve and remain in



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this extraordinary role? Over the years the Queen has alluded to, and publicly acknowledged, the support of her husband, Prince Philip. In her 2011 Christmas message she also referred to the importance of family. But even more than the above the Queen's Christian faith has become apparent through the years. Last Christmas she spoke of Jesus in this way: *"God sent into the world a unique person – neither a philosopher nor a general, important though they are, but a Saviour, with the power to forgive."*

As we celebrate and give thanks for the last sixty years of the Queen's reign, we can pray for her, remembering her prayer for us last Christmas . . . *"that we might all find room in our lives for the message of the angels, and for the love of God through Christ our Lord."*

In this Diamond Jubilee year may her example of service and faith be an inspiration to each of us. Happy celebrating!

Revd Susan Leighton

Church notices

from the Priest in Charge, Revd Susan Leighton (840245)

It's happening!

■ **Messy Church on Saturdays:** Families are invited to come along to a

once-a-month '**Messy Church**' on the first Saturday of each month, 3—4.30 pm at Thorpe Satchville Village Hall (£1 per family).

What is 'Messy Church'? Come along and find out as we enjoy being together, making things together, eating together and celebrating God together through his word, through music and through prayer.

The next two 'Messy Church' sessions will be on:

Saturday, July 7 "Messy Olympics". Come and have fun, with games, at Thorpe Satchville Village Hall, 3.00—4.30 pm (and outside if fine).

Bring food to share.

The June event was replaced by an outing to "Colours of Life" and Jubilee celebrations in several villages.

Contact Revd Susan Leighton.

■ The **Sunday Club** (0—11 years, *children under 5 years, please bring*

a carer to stay with you): South Croxton Church, 11.30—12.30 pm. The

■ The group for teenagers, **Living our lives 4 Jesus** (LOL4J), is

continuing on Sunday afternoons/evenings. All young people in school years 7 to 11 are welcome. Please contact Wendy Hardy (0116 260 7949).

Looking back ...

■ A new step for two young people, Archie East-Burke and Oliver

Moore, who were confirmed on Sunday, April 29, at Hoby Church by the Assistant Bishop of Leicester. Please pray for them as they have taken this important step in their lives.

Baptisms: To have your baby, child or yourselves baptised please contact Revd Susan Leighton Tel: 840245

Confirmation for adults. If you would like to consider being confirmed please contact Revd Susan Leighton.

Funerals: We offer our prayers and sympathy to the family and friends of John Iwanio of Thorpe Satchville. His funeral was held in church on Wednesday, May 23.

Looking forward . . .

■ Welcome to Kathryn Noble, a Reader from Leicester, who wishes to

gain experience of rural ministry. We look forward to her worshipping with us and taking part in leading worship.

■ **Classic cars and bikers meet** – Cars and bikes are to be found in

Ashby Folville on the second Tuesday evening of the summer months. St Mary's, Ashby Folville, will be open from 6.30 pm to 8.15 pm on Tuesday, June 12.

■ **Monthly Community Lunches** – This is an opportunity for people to

get together once a month, made possible by county council funding. We would like to hear from those who often eat alone. Lunches are at a modest cost . (Part of the funding will go towards the expenses of volunteer drivers). The next lunch is on Tuesday, June 26. Contact Davina Bates (454201), Beryl Newman (0116 260 3247) or Vic Allsop (561909) to book.

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■ I warmly invite you to the June services (See Back Page),

particularly the **Diamond Jubilee celebrations**. Please come to mark this occasion at the Sunday Service for the Benefice, at Twyford Recreation Ground in the marquee on Sunday, June 3, at 11 am.

Evensong will be on the second Sunday evening of the month, June 10, at 6.00 pm, at Gaddesby.

Social events

I look forward to seeing many of you at various Jubilee events, or at summer fetes/concerts.

Fete and Dog Show – Saturday afternoon, June 16, Ashby Folville cricket field.

Summer Concert – by the Ratcliffe Chorale, Saturday, June 30, at St Luke's, Gaddesby.

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Mothers' Union

There will be Evensong with Malcolm Britton at St Luke's, Gaddesby, on Thursday, June 7. All welcome. On Thursday, July 12, there will be a planning meeting at Pam Adam's at 10 am. Visitors always welcome. Please contact Annette Piper (840627).

Parish councils

Gaddesby, Barsby & Ashby Folville Parish Council: The council will meet on Monday, June 11, at 6.45 pm, at Ashby and Barsby Parish Hall. The next meeting will be at on Monday, July 2, at Gaddesby Village Hall.

Twyford and Thorpe Satchville Parish Council: The next meeting is at Thorpe Satchville Village Hall on Wednesday, June 20, at 7.30 pm.

South Croxton Parish Council: The next meeting is on Thursday, July 5, at 6.30 pm, in the village hall.

Bus services

PEOPLE living in the parishes covered by this newsletter have until July 9 to put their views on the abolition of the 100 bus service and its

replacement with an alternative “Demand Responsive Transport”. A leaflet produced by Leicestershire County Council says it needs to reduce bus service support by £750,000 as a contribution to the £74 million savings the council has to make over the next four years. The council says the new type of service is already running in other parts of the county. You can give your views by calling 0116 305 0002, by emailing publictransportpolicy@leics.gov.uk or using Freepost NAT18685, Leicester, LE3 8XT. See http://www.leics.gov.uk/consultation_drt_100.pdf Further information on <http://www.gaddesby.org.uk>

WI meetings

Barsby & Ashby Folville: Felicity Austin will take *A nostalgic look at the 1950s* at the WI’s meeting in Ashby and Barsby Parish Hall on Wednesday, June 13. The competition is “A blast from the past – a 1950s item”.

Gaddesby WI: Menphys – Children’s Charity, will be the subject of a talk by Mr Peter Cooper on Wednesday, June 13. The competition is “a royal souvenir”.

South Croxton: Members will be visiting Brooksby with Malcolm Britton on June 21.

Ashby Folville & Barsby

Garden fete: This annual fun afternoon is on June 16, starting at 2.00 pm. Family dog show, tombola, cake stall, granny’s attic and lots of other stalls and games. Please give bric a brac to Pam East (840236) and books to Helen Sanderson or bring on the day, including any raffle prizes. There will be five classes for family dogs, with rosettes to sixth place. Entries on the day between 2.00—3.00 pm.

Ring the bells: We are looking for people to learn the craft so that your beautiful 12 cwt. ring of eight bells can be rung, with your help, at every service – about twice a month. You need to be reasonably fit, and be a minimum of 10 years’ of age. It’s fun, challenging and incredibly rewarding! You do not have to live in the parish. Practice night will be every Thursday, 7.30—9:00 pm.

Tower Fact 1 – ‘The Five Minute Bell’. *Did you know that five minutes before the service starts, a bell, usually the tenor, is tolled slowly for a few minutes until the vicar is ready to start the service, whereupon the tolling ceases and the service starts? Many years ago (and in some*

churches, even to this day), to arrive after the bell is silenced was considered to be impolite. More details from Maurice (840123) .

Marathon run: A huge thank you to everyone who has supported and sponsored me in the London Marathon. I had an amazing day, completing the race in 4 hours and 43 minutes. I have raised in the region of £2000 for LOROS. Could you please let me have your sponsor money as soon as possible and if anyone would still like to sponsor me my fund-raising page is still open at <http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/SarahShort>

Gaddesby

Concert: The Ratcliffe Chorale presents “Summer Is Icumen In”, a concert of popular songs and anthems at St Luke’s Church, Gaddesby, on Saturday, June 30, at 7.30 pm. Tickets £7 (or £6.50 in advance) from D. Pritchard (840267), D. Wyrko (840385), M. Hubert (840465) or G. Tucker (841184), to include refreshments and a glass of wine or soft drink. Proceeds for church restoration with a donation to the air ambulance.

Help needed: Can you spare a few hours a year to clean inside the church or a couple of hours now and then to polish brasses, give out service sheets or help with coffees? All offers gratefully received. Please ring Diana (840267).

Diamond Jubilee: Lighting of the Gaddesby beacon takes place at 10.15 pm on June 4, to coincide with the lighting of the National Beacon by the Queen. It will be located in Mrs Grigalis’s field, which adjoins her barn and the church.

Village website: www.gaddesby.org.uk

South Croxton

Village Hall: The Queen’s Jubilee celebration starts at noon on June 2 (adults, £7.00; 16 and over, £5.00; 3–15, £3.00; 2 and under free, adult ticket to include a glass of bubbly to toast the Queen). All other drinks to be brought with you. The event includes a jazz band, informal buffet – with jelly and ice cream, family construction games, welly-wanging, tug of war, and charity auction. No dogs please.

Christian Aid Week: Many thanks to South Croxton and Beeby people who give so generously. The total is likely to be about £450 when the tax rebate for gift aid is added. *Brian Piper*

Thorpe Satchville

1st Thorpe Satchville Scout Group urgently needs new Leaders to support the young people of our villages in realising their potential in Scouting. We meet on a Thursday evening in Thorpe Satchville Village Hall and would welcome help with our Cubs (age 8–10½) and Scouts (10–14). For more information about the rewards Scouting can bring, please email 1thorpescouts@gmail.com to arrange to come and visit our group in action. *Clare Miles, Chair, 1st Thorpe Satchville Scout Group*

Twyford

St. Andrew's Church: The May Bank Holiday cake stall made £398. Dorothy Edwards would like to thank everyone for their support.

Diamond Jubilee: Celebrations will take place in two large traditional marquees, June 2–4. Street party, Saturday Night Live, service of thanksgiving and parade, real ales, dog show, car boot sale, lighting of beacon. See www.twyfordjubilee.com for more information or email leigh.higgins@twyfordjubilee.com

Village hall: Drop In 10.30–12.15 pm, Fridays, June 1, 15, 29. All ages and visitors welcome. Working from home? Caring for children or grandchildren? Pop in for company and coffee. Whist drives: Fridays, June 1, 15 and 29, 7.30 pm. Karate: Tuesdays, June 5, 12, 19 and 26 (6–7.30 pm); Wednesday 13, 20 and 27 (6–8.30 pm), Sundays 10 and 17 (10–11.00 am), and 24 Grading (10–12 noon). Carpet bowls, Mondays, June 11 and 25 (8.00 pm).

■ For village hall inquiries, bookings and charges call Chris (840774).

Inns and Outs: Walk, Tuesday, June 15, 7.00 pm, followed by pub buffet, 8.15 pm, Stilton Cheese in Somerby. Meet at Dalby Hills Car Park and/or 8.15 pm at the pub, cost £6.50. Call Joy (840774) or Noreen (840383) by Friday, June 11, to book and for further details. Twyford

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Contributions, news, events and notices may be telephoned to 01664 841184, emailed to churchmaged@gmail.com or left at/posted to 18 Ashby Road, Gaddesby LE7 4WF (next to the village hall car park). Please provide a name and contact telephone number on any submissions in case checks need to be made.

The July and August editions will be combined, deadline June 22.

Who's who in the parishes of the South Croxton Group

Priest-in-charge	The Reverend Susan Leighton, 01664 840245
Churchwardens (all numbers preceded by area code 01664)	
Ashby Folville & Barsby:	Rosemary Holt 840783
South Croxton with Beeby:	Ann Crawford 840231; Brian Piper 840627
Twyford & John O'Gaunt:	Dorothy Edwards 840591; Stephen Hardcastle 840733
Gaddesby contact:	David Wyrko 840385
Thorpe Satchville contacts:	Janet Collins 840649 or Jane Smith 840876

Church Services			
Sunday June 3 Trinity & Diamond Jubilee	8.30 am	South Croxton	Holy Communion – SL
	11.00 am	Twyford Recreation Ground	Diamond Jubilee Service – SL
Sunday June 10 Trinity One	8.30 am	Ashby Folville	Holy Communion – PN
	10.30 am	Thorpe Satchville	Holy Communion – PC
	6.00 pm	Gaddesby	Evensong – PC
Sunday June 17 Trinity Two	8.30 am	Twyford	Holy Communion – SL
	10.30 am	Gaddesby	Holy Communion – SL
Sunday June 24 John the Baptist	8.30 am	Thorpe Satchville	Holy Communion – SL
	10.30 am	Ashby Folville	All Age Worship – SL/LT
Sunday July 1 Trinity Four	8.30 am	South Croxton	Holy Communion – SL
	10.30 am	Gaddesby	Holy Communion – SL
Saturday July 7	3.00 pm	Thorpe Satchville Village Hall	Messy Church – SL & team
SL Revd Susan Leighton; PC Revd Peter Collins; PN Revd Philip Norwood. LT Local team			