

South Croxton Churches

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

Newsletter May 2012

Letter from Malcolm Britton

Two more days to celebrate

As I write there is a flurry of activity in planning local celebrations for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

I vividly remember the Queen's Coronation celebrations in my home village, when I was seven. We were fortunate to have one of the first two television sets in the village and I can recall the excitement of peering at the small black and white images of the Coronation procession. Later, the village enjoyed sports and games and a social.

During May, there are three special occasions for the Church.

Rogation Sunday originates from the earliest rural communities asking for God's help in providing good conditions for their food crops.



The other two occasions are much more special, even though they are rarely celebrated as such these days.

Forty days after Jesus rose from the dead, he ascended into heaven to take his place at the right hand of the Father (Acts 1:3).

Ascension Day, on Thursday, May 17, represents the fortieth day after Easter. There will be a group service at South Croxton at 7.30 pm to mark the occasion.

Finally, **Pentecost** is the great festival that marks the birth of the Christian church by

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the power of the Holy Spirit. Pentecost means "fiftieth day" and is celebrated fifty days after [Easter](#), this year on Sunday, May 27.

Ten days after Jesus ascended into heaven, the 12 apostles, His mother and family, and many other disciples gathered in Jerusalem for the Jewish harvest festival that was celebrated on the fiftieth day after Passover.

While they were indoors praying, a sound like that of a rushing wind filled the house and tongues of fire descended and rested over each of their heads. This was the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on human flesh promised by God through the prophet Joel ([Joel 2:28-29](#)).

The disciples were suddenly empowered to proclaim the gospel of the risen Christ. They went out into the streets of Jerusalem and began preaching to the crowds gathered for the festival. Not only did the disciples preach with boldness and vigour, but by a miracle of the Holy Spirit they spoke in the native languages of the people. This created a sensation. Those present never forgot it and their lives were changed for ever.

We look forward to celebrating the Diamond Jubilee and the Olympic Games, but before then, don't let's forget the celebration of Ascension Day and Pentecost.

Malcolm Britton – Reader in SW7 Group

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, May 5 "Fire and Wind".

Saturday, May 26 Messy Church outing to "Colours of Life" – See Page 4. This will replace Messy Church on June 2."

More information from 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 June club will be replaced by an outing to “Colours of Life” – See Page 4
More information from Wendy Hardy (0116 260 7949).

■ 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 ...

■ Thanks to all who enabled our Easter services and events to take place. The churches were enhanced by the beautiful floral decorations

■ Thank you to all who attended the annual meetings and to those willing to serve on the church councils in the year ahead..

■ A new step for two young people, Archie East-Burke and Oliver Moore, who are to be confirmed on Sunday, April 29, at Hoby Church at 4.00 pm by the Assistant Bishop of Leicester. Please pray for them as they take 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 Janet Ginns of South Croxton. Her funeral was held on April 5..

We also offer our prayers and sympathy to the family and friends of Teresa Fielding of Gaddesby. Her funeral was held on April 12.

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** – As you may know 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, May 8..

■ **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. It is expected that lunches will be at a modest cost . (Part of the funding will go towards the expenses of volunteer drivers). The next lunch is on Tuesday, May 2, in Frisby. Contact Davina Bates (454201), Beryl Newman (0116 260 3247) or Vic Allsop (561909) to book.

■ I warmly invite you to the May services (See Back Page), particularly the Ascension Day 7.30 pm service at South Croxton on Thursday, May17, and the Pentecost services on Sunday, May 27. Come to the latter wearing something red and/or orange and yellow as a fun celebration of this important event. If you have nothing appropriate or those are ‘not your colours’ please do not feel under any pressure!

■ This month also sees the 25th anniversary of “Christian Praise”, at the De Montfort Hall in Leicester. Two celebrations on the theme of ‘Preparing for Pentecost’ are being held at 3.30 pm and 7.30 pm on Sunday, May 13. Please contact Revd Susan Leighton for more information.

■ **June begins** with the Diamond Jubilee celebrations. Please come to the Sunday service at Twyford marking this occasion (See Back Page).

Colours of Life

The church in Leicestershire, inspired by the Olympics, is planning a free festival for all ages at the Samworth Enterprise Academy, 50 Trenant Road, Leicester (LE2 6UA), on Saturday, May 26, with a wide range of entertainment including fire-eating, conjuring, chain-saw sculpting, a 30-metre inflatable Noah’s Ark for 7s and under, workshops (including jemba drumming, messy church, and Godly play), an interactive all-age treasure hunt to experience and explore how God can make a difference and special speakers including best-selling author and theologian Graham Tomlin on spiritual fitness. Bring a picnic or food available to buy at reasonable prices. Drinks and other refreshments free. The Bishop of Leicester will cut the ribbon at 9.30 am and the festival finishes with a service 3.15—4.00 pm. Free parking.

Mothers’ Union

The speaker on May 3, at Esme Folwell’s home in Gaddesby, will be the Rev Peter Collins. New members always welcome. Please contact Annette (840627).

Council notices

Gaddesby, Barsby & Ashby Folville Parish Council: The annual meeting is on Monday, May 14, at 6.45 pm, at Gaddesby Village Hall. The next meeting will be at Ashby and Barsby Parish Hall, on June 11.

Twyford and Thorpe Satchville Parish Council: The annual parish meeting takes place at Twyford Village Hall at 7.00 pm on May 17, to be followed by the annual general meeting at 7.30 pm.

South Croxton Parish Council: The annual parish meeting is on Thursday, May 3, at 6.30 pm, in the village hall. The annual general meeting is on May 31.

WI meetings

Barsby & Ashby Folville: Members will consider WI resolutions at their meeting at Ashby parish hall on May 9.

Gaddesby WI: Resolution evening and a plant stall await members on Wednesday, May 9. The competition is a spring flower posy.

South Croxton: It's resolutions evening on May 17.

Ashby Folville & Barsby

Annual meeting: The annual parochial church meeting was held on April 18. A report was presented highlighting events of 2011 together with a summary of the church accounts. Copies of the report are available in St Mary's or can be obtained from the treasurer, David Patton.

Garden fete: Please bring your family and friends for a fun afternoon on June 16. 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).

Spring supper: Sylvia would like to thank all who made lovely sweets and gave raffle prizes to help raise £740 for village hall funds.

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. *Maurice (840123).*

Tour: Churchwarden Rosemary Holt will lead a guided tour of Ashby Folville Church on Saturday, May 19, at 11 am. All welcome.

Gaddesby

Diamond Jubilee: A series of beacons will be lit across the UK and you are invited to attend the lighting of the Gaddesby beacon at 10.15 pm on June 4, which will coincide with the lighting of the National Beacon by the Queen. The beacon will be located in Mrs Grigalis's field, which adjoins her barn and the church. The beacon location will be included in a special book to be presented to the Queen following the event.

Village hall: The village hall annual meeting is on May 28 at 7.00 pm. Please come along to meet the committee and hear about the achievements of the past year. We welcome your comments and ideas about how the village hall can serve the local community. All welcome. *Carol Richardson*

Painting workshop: One-day watercolour workshop, Sunday, May 13, 10.30—3.30 (lunch provided). Call Andrew Geeson (840162 or 07505059682).

Village website: www.gaddesby.org.uk

South Croxton

Village Hall: The Queen's Jubilee celebration starts at noon on June 2. Please book your tickets early to help planning (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.

Appeal: The committee is looking for donations of memorabilia of royalty for our charity auction at the jubilee celebration. Contact Caroline (840272) or Eleanor (840612) for collection.

No offers of a home for the “Lottery Chair” on the village hall car park have been received. If there is no response it will be sold for for scrap. Contact Caroline (840272).

Party in the Barn: Flaxlands Farm, May 19. Live band “Shine”, auction, disco, hog roast, bar, in aid of the Cystic Fibrosis Trust. Further information and tickets (£20) from Kirstie Black (840572) or Nigel Roberts (812765).

Twyford

St. Andrew's Church: A cake, jam and plant stall is being held at St. Andrew's Churchyard on Bank Holiday Monday, May 7, 10.00—12.00 noon. Refreshments on sale. The church's annual report has been distributed. Further copies are available from the church secretary. Please phone Sandy (840454).

Methodist services at Twyford ceased on Palm Sunday. The Methodists have now joined with the friends at Great Dalby. We thank our friends at St. Andrew's for the use of the church over the past 8 years.

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, May 4 and 18. All ages and visitors welcome. Join us to eat, drink, read the papers and chat. Toys and games available for toddlers. We're putting together a programme of trips and activities for the rest of the year – watch this space! Whist drives: Fridays, May 14 and 18, 7.30 pm. Karate: Wednesdays, May 2 (6—7.00 pm), 9, 16, 23, 30 (6—8.30 pm), Sundays 6, 13, 29, 27 (10—11.00 am); Carpet bowls, Mondays, May 14 and 28 (8.00 pm).

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

Inns and Outs: Tuesday, May 15 (NB: Change of week). A Walking Treasure Hunt around Ashby Folville. Meet at 7.00 pm at the Carrington Arms. Carvery afterwards at the pub, cost £6.50. Please call Sandy (840454) by Friday, May 11, to book. The missing answer in the Pudding Quiz was 'Junket'!

Twyford Recreation Ground: Tombola stall prizes gratefully received. Please take to members of TRG committee or phone 840454.

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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.

Deadline for June is May 22 . July and August will be combined, deadline June 22.

