

South Croxton Churches

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

Newsletter October 2012

From South Croxton Rectory

Royal . . . but equal in love

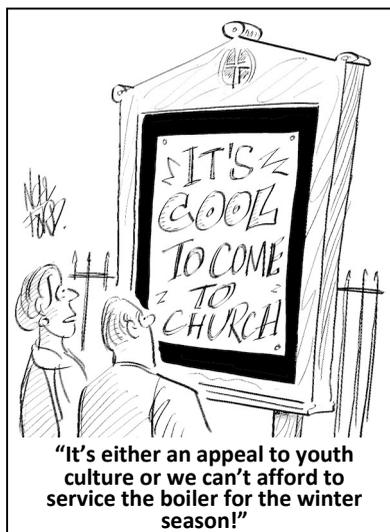
There has been great excitement in Leicester (and beyond) as a result of an archaeological dig. It is believed that the bones of King Richard III have been found under a car park near the Cathedral. If these bones are “proved” by DNA testing to be those of King Richard it is quite possible that they will be re-interred within Leicester Cathedral. This would be a major “coup” for the city and county of Leicester and Leicester Cathedral would become a place to remember the last of the Plantagenet Kings

But how will King Richard actually be remembered? As the repellent, hunchbacked monster of the play by William Shakespeare (who was a better playwright than historian!)? Or has the time come for a re-

evaluation of a monarch who was a victim not just of a battle but also of later Tudor propaganda? That will be for the historians to continue to debate.

How would you like to be remembered? One of the tasks I had to complete on a ministerial training course was to write my own obituary. This was (and is) a challenging assignment!

There are things about us that we would like remembered but possibly many others that we would rather not! One of the important messages of the Bible is that



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God knows all about us but loves us with a love we can barely begin to understand or imagine.

If the mortal remains of Richard III do end up in Leicester Cathedral there will, no doubt, be a grander memorial to him than most of the gravestones in our churchyards. It will be a monument respecting his role in history but it will not mean that God loved him any more than he does us.

Revd Tony Leighton

Church notices

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

COME to celebrate **Harvest** during October:

Sunday, October 7, 6.00 pm, in Twyford (united with Methodists)

Sunday, October 14, 10.30 am in Thorpe Satchville

Sunday, October 14, 6.00 pm in Ashby Folville

■ *Please note that the 8.30 am communion service on October 14 is in Gaddesby church.*

Evensong will be on the fourth Sunday evening, October 28, and will be in Twyford Church at 6.00 pm.

There are two evening **Group Services** for All Saints day at Ragdale, and All Souls at Pickwell. Both are at 7.30 pm. All are welcome. See Back Page.

It's happening!

Dates for your Diary:

■ 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 'Messy Church' session will be on:

Saturday, October 6. *New Beginnings – Creation.*

Saturday, November 3, *A New Start – the rainbow.*

■ The **Sunday Club** (for 0-11 years). (*Children under 5 years – please bring a carer to stay with you.*) **Sunday, October 13**, in South Croxton Church in the morning. For further dates and information please ring Wendy Hardy (0116 260 7949) or the Revd Susan Leighton (840245).

Baptisms: Joseph James Wale at Gaddesby Church on 2nd September 2. *We welcome Joseph in to the church family.*

To have your baby, child or yourselves baptised please contact Revd Susan Leighton (840245).

Confirmation for adults. If you would like to consider being confirmed please contact Revd Susan Leighton as soon as possible because a course for candidates is being arranged for the autumn.

Funeral: We offer our sympathy and prayers to the family and friends of Arthur Tallis whose funeral was at Ashby Folville on Monday, September 17.

Looking forward . . .

■ **On Sunday, November 4**, there will be an **Annual Bereavement Service** at St Mary's, Ashby Folville, at 3.00 pm. The service will provide an opportunity for all those in the South Croxton benefice who have lost loved ones in recent times to come together in an act of remembrance, and to give thanks to God for those who have died. During the service there will be a time of reflection, when names of our loved ones are recalled and a candle lit for each one. If you would like the name of a loved one to be recalled please let Vic Allsop in the Cluster Office know (561909). Refreshments will be served after the service.

■ The Annual Remembrance Day Service, with the British Legion, will be held on **Sunday, November 11, at 10.45 am**, at Thorpe Satchville. To prepare for this service there will be an **Autumn Working Party** to clean and tidy Thorpe Satchville church on **Saturday, October 20, 10—12.30 pm**. Do come along with your dusters, polish etc – can you spare an hour to help please?

■ **Community Lunch:** The Parish Community Hub monthly lunch will be on Tuesday, October 30, at 12.30 pm, at Twyford Village Hall. If you would like to attend please contact Davina Bates (454201), Beryl Newman (0116 2603247), Vic Allsop (434697), Annette Piper (840627) or Wendy Atton (454457) If you need transport please let us know.

The Community Hub Team

■ **South Croxton Church building project:** The church building has recently undergone an architectural survey. The church tower needs significant work, and there is an opportunity to improve the building and its facilities, so that it will be suitable not only for worship but other events (e.g. concerts) in this 21st century. The church council needs help, so that resources such as running water, toilet, kitchen area, and a functioning bell tower could become a reality!

If you would be interested in helping with this exciting project please speak to myself or one of the churchwardens, Brian Piper (840627) or Ann Crawford (840231), during October.

■ **Two fund raising events:**

For St Luke's, Gaddesby – a presentation by NADFAS on Saturday, October 6, at 2.30 pm . Tickets £5 each, to include refreshments, from David Wyrko (840385) or Diane Pritchard (840267).

Fund raising for the Thorpe Satchville Roof appeal continues – ladies please come along to Ragdale Hall for a Beauty Evening on Thursday, November 8, at 7.00 pm. Tickets are £15 available from Susan Leighton (840245); Karina Smith (840363); Jane Smith (840876).

Youth council plans Africa aid

Rebecca Moore, of South Croxton, a member of the Bishops Youth Council in Leicestershire, is appealing for help with a project at two dioceses in Tanzania, Mount Kilimanjaro and Kiteto, which are linked with Leicestershire.

The bishops of the two dioceses recently visited Leicester. Rebecca said: "We decided that a better, more personal link needs to be made between us and them. So we have planned a mission to Tanzania in the summer of 2013."

The youth council needs to raise a total of £40,000 to fund the project. Rebecca said: "We hope to take part in some building/labour work and also some teaching in a school. This trip will be life changing for all of the young people taking part and we would really appreciate your help."

Revd Susan Leighton said: "Rebecca will be attending various services in the forthcoming months, so there will be opportunities to hear about the trip, and to support this through fund-raising activities and donations (gift aided if possible)." *Further information from Rebecca* (840144) or Susan.

Mothers' Union

Please contact Annette Piper (840627).

Parish councils

Gaddesby, Barsby & Ashby Folville Parish Council: The council will meet at Ashby and Barsby Parish Hall on Monday, October 1, at 6.45 pm. The next meeting will be on Monday, November 5, at Gaddesby Village Hall.

Twyford and Thorpe Satchville Parish Council: The next meeting is on Wednesday, October 17, at 7.30pm, in Thorpe Satchville Village Hall.

WI meetings

Barsby, Ashby Folville and Gaddesby: For a special treat, as Halloween approaches, Gaddesby joins Barsby and Ashby Folville WI at Ashby Village Hall for 'Ghost Stories' recounted by Mr G King. The competition is 'A Halloween Decoration' (bought or made). Gaddesby members: Please remember if you need a lift assemble at Gaddesby Village Hall car park at **7.10 pm**, and a reminder – if you have any items for the table top sale at Rothley in November, bring them to the next meeting or leave them at any committee member's house.

South Croxton: Ken Goddard will give an *Introduction to Classical Music* on October 18.

Ashby Folville & Barsby

Arthur Tallis: Friends and family gathered in St Mary's for a memorial service for Mr Arthur Tallis, of The Meadows, Barsby, taken by Revd Susan Leighton. The eulogy was given by Alan Smith and a collection made for Marie Curie and Loros. Our thoughts and sympathy to Joyce.

Village hall: Celebrations for the centenary of the village hall will include a céilidh with James Joyce. Tickets £5 (under 10 years of age free), raffle prizes appreciated. Tickets from Kevin Troop (840056) or Sylvia Favell (840259). Has anyone any old photographs of Ashby Folville that we can display for the centenary celebrations in November? Rosemary (840783)

Harvest supper: Thursday, October 18, 7.30 pm for 8 pm, in aid of the church and village hall. Tickets £7.50 from Sylvia Favell (840259).

Gaddesby

St Luke's revealed: Church recorders from NADFAS (The National Association of Decorative & Fine Arts Societies) will be reporting on their discoveries at 2.30 pm on Saturday, October 6. There will also be a demonstration of smoke marking of silver and afternoon tea. Tickets, costing £5, from David Wyrko (840385) or Diana Pritchard (840267), all proceeds going to keeping the church in good order.

Book ends: Come for coffee and a chat at St Luke's Church on Monday, **October 8 at 11 am.** Don't miss out – you could make friends for life. All ages welcome (quiet children OK). More information (840267).

Children's Society boxes: The boxes were collected and counted during September, reaching a total of £153.10. Thanks to everyone for your help. If you would like a box for your change or to make a donation to this worthwhile cause please contact me . *Jenny Ingham*

Why Not Come Dancing? A new season has started on Saturdays at Gaddesby Village Hall, 7.30pm. Ballroom, Latin and Jive. Beginners and Improvers. All welcome. Tel. 01664840381 www.whynotcomedancing.com

Village website: www.gaddesby.org.uk

South Croxton

Garden Fete: Many, many thanks to all those who worked so hard for our re-scheduled garden fete. Special thanks to Anthony Leek and the team who grafted to erect and dismantle the marquee. In spite of all the effort, it was not well-attended and the money raised , about £850, was considerably less than usual. We hope for better next year when we revert to our customary date. Nevertheless, we are truly grateful for everyone's contribution. *Ann Crawford and Brian Piper (Church wardens)*

Thorpe Satchville

Clarin's Beauty Evening: Thursday, November 8, 7.00—9.30 pm. Includes light refreshments, tour of Ragdale Hall, beauty demonstrations and a goody bag to take home. Don't miss this opportunity to start your Christmas shopping early and take part in our raffle with some fabulous prizes. Tickets £15 available from Karina on 840363 or Jane on 840876. In aid of Thorpe Satchville Church Restoration Fund.

Quiz night and supper: October 5, 7.30 for 8.00 pm start. This is a very popular event so buy your tickets early. Teams of 4, £30 including supper. All inquiries: Gemma: (840581).

Twyford

Harvest festival: St Andrew's Church, Twyford. We shall be decorating the church with flowers, fruit, vegetables, cakes, preserves and pickles on Saturday, October 6, 2.00—4.00 pm. The service is on Sunday October 7, at 6.00 pm. Our annual harvest auction (with a donation to Dove Cottage) will be held in The Saddle Inn on Monday, October 8, at 7.45 pm, by kind permission of our landlady, Amanda.

Village hall: Karate, Sundays: October 7, 14, 21, 28, 10.00 am; Tuesdays: October 2, 16, 23, 30, 7.00 pm; Wednesdays: October 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, 6.00 pm.

Carpet Bowls: Mondays, October 1, 15, 8.00 pm

Drop In: Friday, October 19, 10.30—12.15 pm All ages and visitors to the village welcome. Join us for raffle, tote, eat and drink, papers and chat. Work from home? Children or grandchildren? Pop in for company and coffee.

Whist Drive: Friday, October 19, 7.30 pm.

Inns and Outs: The Return of the Osprey. During this illustrated talk, on Tuesday, October 10, project manager Tim Mackrill will recount the full story of the Rutland Osprey Project – from initial conception to the establishment of a breeding population of these spectacular birds. He will also talk about their 3000-mile migration to West Africa and the project's exciting plans to link schools along the Osprey migration flyway. Doors will open at 7.30 pm and the talk will start at 8.00 pm. The cost is £2.50 each. Please bring drinks and a plate to share. To be sure of your place call Sheelagh (840605) by Saturday, October 6.

Our village hall autumn and winter season also includes:

Twyford Harvest Supper, Friday, October 5, 7.15 pm, village hall. Good food and music, plus bar and raffle. For tickets phone 840655 or 454457.

Theatre and Music ‘Can You Dig It?’ Friday, October 12, 7.30 pm, to include gardeners, slugs and trumpets! Tickets £5 and £8 from 840774.

The October Community Lunch – to be held in Twyford Village Hall on Tuesday, October 30, 12.00 for 12.30 pm). See Page 3.

For Village Hall Bookings, charges, enquiries, etc call Chris on 840774



Edna was shattered after decorating the whole church for Harvest.

Newsletter Editor: Glyn Tucker

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 deadline for the November magazine is October 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 Oct 7 Trinity 18	8.30 am	South Croxton	Holy Communion – SL/KN
	10.30 am	Gaddesby	Holy Communion – SL/KN
	12.30 pm	Twyford	Baptism – SL
	6.00 pm	Twyford	United Harvest Festival – SL/JC
Sunday Oct 14 Trinity 19	8.30 am	Gaddesby	Holy Communion – SL
	10.30 am	Thorpe Satchville	Harvest Festival – SL/KN
	6.00 pm	Ashby Folville	Harvest Festival – SL/MB
Sunday Oct 21 Trinity 20	8.30 am	Twyford	Holy Communion – SL
	10.30 am	Gaddesby	All Age Worship – MB
Sunday Oct 28 Simon and Jude Apostles	8.30 am	Thorpe Satchville	Holy Communion – SP
	10.30 am	Ashby Folville	All Age Worship – LT
	6.00 pm	Twyford	Evensong – AP
Thursday Nov 1 All Saints	7.30 pm	Ragdale	Group Holy Communion – PC
Friday Nov 2 All Souls	7.30 pm	Pickwell	Group Holy Communion – TL
Sunday Nov 4 4th before Advent	8.30 am	South Croxton	Holy Communion – SL
	10.30 am	Gaddesby	Holy Communion – SL
	3.00 pm	Ashby Folville	Bereavement Service– SL/KN

SL Revd Susan Leighton; PC Revd Peter Collins; KN Kathryn Noble; AP Revd Alison Price; JC Revd Jane Carter; SP Revd Susan Patterson; MB Malcolm Britton. LT Local Team;