

South Croxton Churches

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

Newsletter November 2012

Letter from the Upper Wreake

Becoming a prayerful church ...

• When the church becomes a house of prayer the people will come running. •

Brother Roger of Taizé

A 'collect' is a particular prayer that gathers together the prayers and petitions of the people of God. Through the seasons of the year and the seasons of our lives, from Common Prayer to Common Worship, 'collects' remain a cornerstone of our liturgy.

Yet we so often take them for granted, failing to recognise their importance and power.

A 'collect' 'calls upon' (*invocare*) and 'petitions' our God to sustain, inspire and guide us in our daily living and spiritual lives. It concludes with a 'doxology' (*praise word*) '... through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever'.

The 'collect' appointed for the Twenty-Second Sunday after Trinity is adapted from 10th Century Anglo-Saxon use.

'Lord, we beseech thee to keep thy household the Church in continual godliness; that through thy protection it may be free from all



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adversities, and devoutly given to serve thee in good works, to the glory of thy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen’.

We have an example of a ‘collect’ that dates back to Pope Leo the Great (A.D. 483):

‘Almighty and everlasting God, who art always more ready to hear than we to pray, and art wont to give more than either we desire or deserve; Pour down upon us the abundance of thy mercy; forgiving us those things whereof our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask, but through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord. Amen.’

A collect is therefore an ancient and – as we discover in the New Testament – a powerful prayer. We pray for unity and growth offering our collect for the South West Framland Group (*Benefices of Upper Wreake, Burrough Hill and South Croxton*).

Almighty and everlasting God,
in the South West Framland Group,
you bless us with your presence
and sustain us in your love.
May the doors of our Church be wide enough
to welcome the stranger,
encourage our neighbour,
and receive all in need of love and fellowship;
that we may grow your Kingdom
by sharing the message of Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Revd Peter Collins

Church notices

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

I warmly invite you to the November services – see church services list on the back page. There are two evening group services, for All Saints day at Ragdale, and for All Souls at Pickwell, both starting at 7.30 pm. All are welcome.

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

Saturday, December 1. *Messy Church Christingle Service – in Church!*

Contact Revd Susan Leighton (840245).

■ **The Sunday Club** (for 0-11 years). (*Children under 5 years – please bring a carer to stay with you.*) **Sunday, November 4**, in South Croxton Church in the morning. For further dates and information please ring Wendy Hardy (0116 260 7949) or Revd Susan Leighton (840245).

Baptisms: George Victor Lambourne at Twyford on October 7.

We welcome George 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 new course for candidates will start in 2013.

Thank you to all those who have been busy decorating our churches for harvest, and providing harvest suppers. It has been a special season of thanksgiving and celebration, despite the difficulties of this year's weather.

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 Twyford and District Branch of the Royal British Legion, will be held on **Sunday, November 11, at 10.45 am**, at Thorpe Satchville. (Thanks to those who came to the autumn working party to clean and tidy Thorpe Satchville church).

On the day before the service, **Saturday, November 10**, you are invited to attend a short Act of Remembrance at Gaddesby War Memorial. Please meet in Gaddesby Church at 10.50 am.

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■ This benefice, and SWF Group, belong to a wider gathering of churches – the Framland Deanery. This includes 62 churches from South Croxton in the south to Bottesford in the north. In the Deanery we are beginning to discuss and plan for the next eight years up to 2020. If you are interested in the ministry, mission and vision for the future you are welcome to attend an open meeting with the Bishop of Leicester on **Monday, November 12**, at St Mary's, Melton Mowbray. Please arrive between 6.30 pm and 7.00 pm for refreshments. At 7.00 pm there will be a presentation '2020 Vision Deanery Roadshow'.

We are ALL invited to listen to and then question Bishop Tim. This is an important meeting. I have heard good reports about this from other deaneries. Please let me know if you need a lift. Susan Leighton (840245).

■ An advance notice of **Christingle Services** in December. There will be three opportunities to share in a Christingle celebration: **Saturday, December 1**, at 3.00 pm in Thorpe Satchville Church with Messy Church; **Wednesday, December 12**, at 7.00 pm, in Twyford Church for a united Carol and Christingle Service; and **Sunday, December 30**, at 3.30 pm, in Gaddesby Church.

All the services will be followed by festive refreshments. This is an opportunity to support the vital work of the Children's Society, which supports many children and young people who are in great need.

■ **Two fund-raising events:** 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) or Jane Smith (840876).

'A Concert of Festive Music' at South Croxton Church on Saturday, December 8. Please see village news for further details.

■ **IN ADVANCE . . .** dates of Christmas carol services!

Sunday, December 9, 6.00 pm, carol service at **Ashby Folville**.

Wednesday, December 12, 7.00 pm, Anglican and Methodist United carol and Christingle service for Twyford and Thorpe Satchville, at **Twyford**.

Sunday, December 16, 6.30 pm, carol service at **Beeby**.

Thursday, December 20, 7.30 pm, carol service at **Gaddesby**.

Sunday, December 23, 6.00 pm, carol service at **South Croxton**.

Monday, December 24, 6.00 pm, crib and carol service at **Thorpe Satchville**

■ *All December and Christmas services will be in next month's magazine, which will be a combined edition for December and January.*

■ Melton Mowbray Methodist Circuit and South West Framland Group of Anglican Churches invites you to 'Advent Meditations' at Hoby Methodist Church, November 27, December 4 and 11 at 7.30 pm. For more details contact Jane Carter (482132).

Revd Susan Leighton (840245)

November Community Lunch: The next get-together will be at the Carrington Arms, Ashby Folville, on Tuesday, November 27, 12.00 pm for 12.30 pm start. If you would like more information contact Davina Bates (454201), Beryl Newman (0116 2603247), Vic Allsop (434697) or Annette Piper (840627). We are grateful to our volunteer drivers who will be happy to pick up anyone from our villages who needs transport. *The Community Lunch Team.*

Mothers' Union

The meeting on Thursday, November 1, is at Sue Mander's home at 2.30 pm. The speaker is the Rev. John Bird, M.U chaplain. On December 6 there will be a buffet lunch at Launde Abbey. The MU meets on the first Thursday in the month, all welcome. For further information about the work of the MU, contact Annette Piper (840627).

Parish councils

Gaddesby, Barsby & Ashby Folville Parish Council: The council will meet on Monday, November 5, at Gaddesby Village Hall, at 6.45 pm. The next meeting will be at Ashby and Barsby Village Hall on Monday, December 3.

Twyford and Thorpe Satchville Parish Council: The next meeting is on Thursday, November 15, in Twyford Village Hall at 7.30 pm.

WI meetings

Barsby and Ashby Folville: Jenny Aster will talk about *Belgian Chocolates* on November 14. The competition is 'an old chocolate box or toffee tin'.

Gaddesby: Cheese and wine will accompany the annual meeting on November 14. There will be a raffle and a 'table-top' sale. The Upper Wreake WI Group carol service is being held at Gaddesby on Monday, December 3, at 7.30 pm.

South Croxton: The institute will hold its annual meeting on November 15.

Newsletter online

LOST your copy of the newsletter? Can't remember a date or time? Thanks to Simon Hargrave you can find an online version of the church newsletter on the Gaddesby village website: www.gaddesby.org.uk

Ashby Folville & Barsby

Village hall: Celebrations for the centenary of the village hall on Saturday, November 10, starting at 7.30 pm, 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? Rosemary (840783)

Harvest supper: This was a most successful evening. Sylvia would like to thank everyone involved, especially all the ladies, who work so hard, with a special mention for the desserts. The proceeds, £792.85, will be shared between the church and village hall.

Gaddesby

St Luke's: Villagers know a lot more about the church following the presentation by The National Association of Decorative & Fine Arts Societies (NADFAS) in early October. Speakers from the society offered a variety of fascinating information about the parish chest, bibles, memorial stones and evidence of a gallery for a village orchestra in times past. The event raised more than £400 for the church.

Gaddesby Gallop: This year's cross country race will be on Saturday, December 22. The 5¼ mile course goes from Gaddesby across the fields to Barsby and Ashby Folville and back to Gaddesby. Entries are £5 on the day only from 9.30 am at the village hall. The race starts at 11.00 am with a prize-giving at 12.30 pm in the Cheney Arms. If you would like to help marshal the event please contact Jeff (840670) or Lance (840550).

New Year's Eve Party: In aid of The Great Wall of China walk (Sharon Chapman & Claire Warrington), Gaddesby village hall. Tickets Available from: Sarah (840371), Sam (07748084529) Lance (840626). Adults (over 18), £10, children, £5, under-5s free.

South Croxton

Bonfire night: Bonfire to be lit at 6.00 pm on Monday, November 5. Fireworks from 6.30 pm. There will be a break halfway through for refreshments.

Christmas Craft Fair: Christmas shopping made easy! Get your Christmas all wrapped up at our festive fair on Saturday, November 17, 11.00—4.00 pm. Inspiring presents, morning coffee, lunch or afternoon tea and a hog roast.

Date for your diary: There will be a concert in the church on Saturday, December 8, a joint event put on by the village hall committee and the church. Details later.

Thorpe Satchville

Clarin 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. Tickets £15 available from Karina (840363) or Jane (840876). In aid of Thorpe Satchville Church Restoration Fund.

The Fox: Alan and Celia Frew, the owners of the pub, are back in the saddle following the departure of Yves and Elisabeth to a new venture in Solihull. Plans include Italian evenings with young chef Richard Hooley, who lives in the village, pie and mussels nights, plus live music evenings. Further details: 841329.

Twyford

St Andrew's: The harvest sale raised £621 (donation to Dove Cottage Hospice). Many thanks to all those who bought produce and to Amanda and Richard at The Saddle.

Village hall: Karate, Sundays: November 4, 11, 18, 25, 10.00 am; Tuesdays: November 6, 13, 29, 27, 7.00 pm; Wednesdays: November 7, 6.00—7.00 pm; 14, 21, 28, 6.00—8.30 pm.

Carpet Bowls: Mondays, November 12, 26, 8.00 pm

Drop In: Fridays, November 12 and 26, 10.30—12.15 pm All welcome.

Charity Drop In: Refreshments and stalls selling a variety of Christmas gifts, cakes and jams in aid of local and international charities on November 30, 10.30—12.15 pm. Open to all. If you would like to run a (free) charity stall contact 840774.

Whist Drives: Friday, November 2, 16, 30, 7.30 pm.

Inns and Outs: BINGO (but not as we know it), Tuesday, November 13, 7.30 pm, £2. Bring food, drink and luck to share.

A Brassy Xmas: An evening of Christmas music and fun from A World of Brass on Tuesday, December 4, 7.30 pm. Contact 840774 for tickets

Bonfire night: Bonfire, fireworks, BBQ and drinks, recreation ground, Monday, November 5, at 7.00 pm. (Please don't bring your own fireworks and sparklers).

For Village Hall Bookings, charges or enquiries, call Chris (840774).

Craft fair: Some of the Twyford Art Gang will have tables at a craft fair at Rothley Centre, on December 1, 10—4 pm.

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 combined December and January magazine is November 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

Thursday Nov 1 All Saints Day	7.30 pm	Ragdale	Group Holy Communion – PC
Friday Nov 2 All Souls Day	7.30 pm	Pickwell	Group Holy Communion – TL
Sunday Nov 4 4th before Advent	8.30 am 10.30 am 3.00 pm	South Croxton Gaddesby Ashby Folville	Holy Communion – SL Holy Communion – SL Bereavement Service– SL/KN
Sunday Nov 11 Remembrance Sunday	10.45 am	Thorpe Satchville	Remembrance Service– SL/KN
Sunday Nov 18 2 before Advent	8.30 am 10.30 am	Twyford Gaddesby	Holy Communion – SL All Age Worship – SL/RT
Sunday Nov 25 Christ the King	8.30 am 10.30 am 12.30 pm	Thorpe Satchville Ashby Folville Twyford	Holy Communion – SL All Age Worship – SL/LT Baptism – SL
Saturday Dec 1	3.00 pm	Thorpe Satchville	Messy Church Christingle – SL/LT
Sunday Dec 2 Advent 1	8.30 am 10.30 am 5.00 pm	South Croxton Gaddesby Hoby	Holy Communion – SL Holy Communion – SL Group Advent Carol Service – MB

SL Revd Susan Leighton; PC Revd Peter Collins; TL Revd Tony Leighton; MB Malcolm Britton;
 KN Kathryn Noble; RT Rhona Tomlyn. LT Local Team;