

South Croxton Churches

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

Newsletter April 2013

From South Croxton Rectory

It didn't take long . . .

We don't assassinate Archbishops these days but they do come under personal attack. By the time you read this Justin Welby will have been enthroned as Archbishop of Canterbury.

He actually began the role in February and it didn't take long before something he said or wrote came under attack. In this case the Archbishop was supporting a letter signed by 43 Bishops (including the Bishop of Leicester), criticising the proposed 1 per cent increase cap in benefits.

When Bishops and Archbishops don't "speak out" on particular issues they are criticised. But when they do their views and reflections are not just argued against (which is fair enough) but their competence to have opinions is denied (often angrily and accompanied by personal attacks).

I was interested to read a reflection on this in a recent "blog" by the Bishop of Bradford, Nick Baines (a former Incumbent in Leicestershire). He has given me permission to quote him as to why Bishops do have the right and competence to voice concerns.

'Who are they to speak? Well, (a) we are people who participate in civil



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society, (b) we also have a voice with others in the democratic process, (c) we have people in every community in the land and are probably closer to the ground than most politicians, (d) it is our responsibility to speak truth without fear or self-regard, (e) if we can make a voice heard, then we have a responsibility to do so, and (f) such questioning is just silly and simply distracts from the issue at hand.’

I am sure Archbishop Justin will make his views known on a wide variety of issues in the coming months and years. It would be helpful if there was proper debate about those issues instead of personal attacks and criticism of motives.

In the meantime we should pray for Archbishop Justin, his family and those at Lambeth Palace who advise and support him in his ministry.

Revd Tony Leighton

Church notices

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

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 3.00—4.30 pm at Thorpe Satchville Village Hall (£1 per family).

Saturday, March 30. ‘*Messy Easter – fun, food and chocolate*’.

Saturday, May 4. ‘*Moses and the Rescue!*’.

Contact Revd Susan Leighton (840245).

■ **The Sunday Club** (for 0-11 years). (*Children under 5 years – please bring a carer to stay with you.*). Held in South Croxton Church on a Sunday morning. Please ring Wendy Hardy (0116 260 7949) or Revd Susan Leighton (840245) for the April date.

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

Confirmation preparation for teenagers (school years 7—11) will begin on **Sunday, April 21**. Please contact Revd Susan Leighton if you wish to join this group.

Confirmation for adults. If you would like to consider being confirmed please contact Revd Susan Leighton as soon as possible. A new course for candidates will start soon.



Looking back . . .

Funerals: We offer our prayers and sympathy to the family and friends of Roger Milner (of Twyford). His funeral was held at Loughborough Crematorium on March 13, followed by a Thanksgiving service for his life at St. Andrew's, Twyford.

We also offer our prayers and sympathy to Angela and David Patton of Ashby Folville, in their recent bereavements.

On Sunday March 17 we received the news of the death of Revd David Priston, former Rector of this group of parishes. We offer our prayers and sympathy to his daughter, son and all the family.

Congratulations to Thorpe Satchville on securing a grant from English Heritage towards the roof repairs! Further information (amount given, and funds still required), will be in next month's magazine.

Looking forward . . .

■ A reminder of Services over Easter:

On **Good Friday, March 29**, there will be a Reflection Service, 3.00—4.00 pm at South Croxton Church.

On **Easter Eve** there will be the Lighting of the New Fire at Pickwell Church at 7.30 pm. (*NB. The clocks move forward by one hour before our great day of celebration!*)

Easter Day Celebrations will be held at Ashby Folville at 8.30 am; Twyford at 10.30 am and an Easter Songs of Praise at Thorpe Satchville at 6.00 pm.

'Christ is Risen. Alleluia!'

■ Evensong will be on the second Sunday, April 14, at 6.00 pm at Thorpe Satchville. To assist in these once-a-month services, we would very much like some singers to meet and practise to lead the congregation. Neville Richards (organist) has kindly offered his services to enable a monthly practice. If you would like to 'have a go' at singing (no audition) the rehearsal in preparation for Evensong, on April 14, will be on: *Tuesday, April 9, at 7.30 pm at Thorpe Satchville Church.* If you are interested please speak to Susan Leighton (840245) or Neville Richards (568335)



■ **Community Lunch Project:** The Parish Community Hub monthly lunch will be on Monday, April 29, at 12.30 pm, at the village hall at Kirby Bellars.. If you would like to attend please do get in touch with either: Davina Bates (454201), Beryl Newman 0116 2603247, Vic Allsop (434697) or Annette Piper (840627). If you need transport please let us know as we can arrange for one of our volunteer drivers to give you a lift.

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■ Each church will be holding an **Annual Parochial Church Meeting** in the next few weeks. All parishioners are welcome to attend.

Wednesday, April 10, 7.30 pm in Twyford Church

Monday, April 15, 7.45 pm in Ashby Folville Church
(*Ashby Folville PCC meet beforehand at 7.15 pm*)

Tuesday, April 16, 7.30 pm in Gaddesby Church

Monday, April 22, 7.30 pm in Thorpe Satchville Church

Tuesday, April 23, 7.30 pm in South Croxton Church

As we are all aware voluntary organisations, such as the church, and village hall committees and other local organisations, rely on individuals giving their time and energy to enable them to run smoothly. Many of you take on such roles and responsibilities in our local communities. There are vacancies on our church councils, and if you feel you would be interested in serving on a church council, please contact me for more details.

■ To save on cost, the annual report of the PCC for St. Luke's Church, Gaddesby, will be available online at the Gaddesby website www.gaddesby.org.uk Paper copies will also be available from the church.

IMPORTANT: Revision of the church electoral role 2013

Do you wish your name to be added to or to remain on your church's electoral roll?

If so, action is needed!

Only those who are on the electoral roll may attend a church's annual parochial church meeting and stand for election as a member of the PCC or as a churchwarden.

Whether or not you have your name entered on the existing electoral roll, last revised in 2007, **if you wish to be enrolled on the new roll you must complete a fresh form of application.**

The numbers of those included on the roll has to be reported at the annual parochial church meetings which will be held in April. Therefore the application forms for the new rolls must be returned as soon as possible to the contact person listed below.

For further information and for an application form (*also available in the churches*) please contact:

Gaddesby – Daphne Tucker (841184)

South Croxton and Beeby – Brian Piper (840627)

Ashby Folville – Angela Patton (840964)

Twyford and John O' Gaunt – Sandy Johnson (840454)

Thorpe Satchville – Jane Smith (840876)

■ Advance notice for your diaries: Our new Archdeacon of Leicester, Venerable Dr Tim Stratford, is coming to participate in the morning service on Sunday May 19, which is Pentecost! Please come along to this special service at Thorpe Satchville Church at 10.30 am, to welcome the Archdeacon to the South Croxton Group.

Mothers' Union

The Mothers' Union welcomes new members. Please contact further contact Annette Piper (840627) for further details.

Parish councils

Gaddesby, Barsby & Ashby Folville Parish Council: The council will meet on Monday, April 8, at Gaddesby Village Hall, at 6.45 pm. The following meeting will be on Monday, May 13, at Ashby and Barsby Village Hall. At the beginning of the meeting time is allocated for residents to discuss issues they may have. Please advise the clerk, Trudy Toon (840490) beforehand.

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

WI meetings

Barsby and Ashby Folville: *Murder cases of Leicestershire and Rutland* will be the subject of a talk by D. Bell, at the meeting on April 10 at Ashby Folville Village Hall. The competition is "A favourite book".

Gaddesby: *Birds, Myths and Folklore* will be examined by Dr Chris Edwards of the RSPB at the meeting on Wednesday, April 10, at the village hall.

South Croxton: A representative of the Animal Aid rescue centre will be speaking at the meeting in the village hall on Thursday, April 18. Meetings start at 7.30 pm. All welcome.

Ashby Folville and Barsby

Village Hall Spring Supper: Thursday, April 25, 7.30 pm. Tickets (£7.50) from Sylvia (840259).

Church flowers: Donations towards the Easter flowers would be very much appreciated. Sylvia (840259).

Fete plea: St Mary's garden fete will be held on Saturday, June 15. If you would like to be involved in any way please contact Angela Patton (840964). Stalls will include some of the old favourites along with some new ideas. Pam East, of Barsby Farm, will be running her "granny's attic" stall, which is always a success and donations will much appreciated.

Gaddesby

Gaddesby Open Gardens: Saturday and Sunday June 22-23. About a dozen villagers turned up at the meeting on March 20, bringing welcome ideas and suggestions and offers of help they had received from friends and neighbours. We need your help and support in what we hope will be a memorable weekend of celebration and community activity in support of St Luke's Church, at the heart of our village life.

Wanted: Loan of Gazebos for Gaddesby Open Gardens on Saturday and Sunday, June 22 and 23. If you can help, please contact David Batchelor (840625).

Annual meeting: Gaddesby Village Hall Committee invite villagers to our annual meeting on Wednesday, June 13, at 7.00 pm

South Croxton

Coffee Morning: The first fund-raising venture for our Bells and Tower Project raised £359. Ann Crawford wishes to thank everyone who came, gave time or contributions or spent money.

Watch This Space: Fund-raising plans for the future include a monthly lottery, a safari supper and a wine-tasting evening; so, as the heading says, "Watch This Space".

Village hall: The Ceilidh was a lively evening of dance and live music, enjoyed by all. On this occasion we were £90 overspent.

Big Brunch Walk: Saturday, April 20. Bring your family and friends on a guided walk (50p per walker and bus fare for bus hop walk finishing with a 'home cooked' brunch, for purchase, at the village hall).

BUS HOP WALK (no dogs): Be at the bus stop opposite the pub at 9.45 am prompt. Bookings for brunch will be taken before leaving for a walk of about 6 miles. **LOCAL WALK:** About 4 miles, starting at 10.00 am from the village hall. Food served from 12.30 pm (just in case you don't want to walk).

Thorpe Satchville

Zumba: Monday nights, 7.00—8.00 pm, village hall.

Twyford

Sadly missed: St Andrew's Church was full to capacity for the Memorial Service for Roger Milner who was a very popular member of the community. He will be sadly missed.

Village hall: Karate (contact Alison, 851238), Sundays, 10.00 am, April 7, 14, 21, 28;
Wednesdays, 6.00 pm, April 10, 17, 24.

Carpet Bowls: Mondays, April 1, 15, 29.

Drop In: Fridays, April 5, 19, 10.30 am. All welcome.

Whist Drives: Friday, April 5, 19, 7.00 pm.

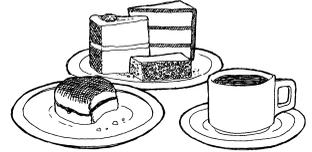
Inns + Outs: Not in Village Hall this month, and please note the change of day. ‘The Haunted City of Leicester’ – a Blue Badge Guided Walk. Meet at Clock Tower, City Centre at **7pm on Thursday, April 13**, £4 each. Call Sandy (840454) to book by Saturday, April 6.

Live Music in the Village Hall on Saturday 27th April. For further information contact Paddy Spencer (840655)

A date for your diary: Get baking, preserving and planting. St Andrew’s Church cakes, preserves and plant stall on Monday, May 6, in the churchyard.

The Twyford Photo Album: A peep down memory lane — is now circulating. If you would like to see it, please contact: Dorothy Spencer (840316) or Wendy Atton (454457).

Village Hall Bookings: Twyford Village Hall is available for booking for your party, meeting or other event -



Royal British Legion

The legion is planning a trip to the Coldstream Guards’ concert at the De Montfort Hall in Leicester on Thursday, April 18, and a visit to the National Memorial Arboretum near Lichfield on Friday, June 28. There will be a bus from the Cheney Arms for both trips and guests are welcome to swell the numbers for the bus. Contact Keith Wilby (840284). The annual dinner will be at the Carrington Arms, Ashby Folville on May 23.

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

Newsletter Editor: Glyn Tucker

Contributions, news, events and notices may be emailed to

churchmaged@gmail.com or left at/posted to 18 Ashby Road, Gaddesby LE7 4WF (next to the village hall car park). Tel: 01664 841184

The deadline for the May magazine is April 22.

April services — new rota

| | April 7 Easter 2 | April 14 Easter 3 | April 21 Easter 4 | April 28 Easter 5 | May 4 (Saturday) | May 5 Rogation |
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| Ashby F | | | 10.30 HC* SL/KN | | | 8.30 HC SL |
| Gaddesby | | 10.30 HC PC | | | | |
| S Croxton | 8.30 HC PC | | | 10.30 AAW SL | | |
| Thorpe S | | 6.00 ES MB | | | 3.00 MC TSVH | |
| Twyford | | | | 8.30 HC PC | | |

Other services in the South West Framland (SWF) Group

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| Burrough | | | 10.30 HC TL | | | 10.30 AAW TL/RJ |
| Frisby | | | 10.30 SX FMC PC/KW | | 3.00 MC FMC | 6.00 ES MB |
| Great Dalby | 6.00 HC PC | 4.00 MC GDMC | | | | |
| Hoby | | 10.30 FS MB/KN | 8.30 HC PC | | | |
| K Bellars | 6.00 ES MB | | | | | |
| Lt Dalby | | 10.30 HC SL | | | | |
| Pickwell | 10.30 AAW RT | | 6.00 S of P SL | | | |
| Ragdale | 10.30 HC PC | 8.30 HC PC | | | | 10.30 FS with walk PC/AB |
| Rotherby | | | | 10.30 HC TL | | |
| Somerby | | | | 10.30 HC PC/RT | | |

Holy Communion in Frisby (9.15 am) and Somerby (9.30 am) every Wednesday

AAW All Age Worship; *Baptism; ES Evensong; FS Family Service; HC Holy Communion; MC Messy Church; S of P Songs of Praise. FMC Frisby Methodist Centre; GDMC Great Dalby Methodist Church; TSVH Thorpe Satchville Village Hall. AB Andrew Barker; JC Jane Carter; KN Kathryn Noble; KW Keith Willis; MB Malcolm Britton; PC Revd Peter Collins; RT Rhona Tomlyn; SL Revd Susan Leighton; TL Revd Tony Leighton.