

# South Croxton Churches

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

Newsletter April 2014

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Reader Rhona Tomlyn writes

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## Victory in the face of defeat

The Battle of Hasting is remembered as a victory for the Normans who were invading England. In fact, they came very close to defeat trying to break the English defences and failed twice. It was then rumoured that their leader William had been killed. His soldiers lost heart and became dispirited. Realising that they were about to retreat, William pulled off his helmet and rode through his troops calling "See! I am alive, here with you". His army rallied and attacked with renewed vigour. The English defence was broken and the battle won.

There is a similar story about the battle of Waterloo. Napoleon assembled a large French army and had plunged Europe into war. The Duke of Wellington mustered troops and travelled to Belgium to engage Napoleon in battle. Prolonged conflict followed culminating in fierce fighting at the small village of Waterloo. People in England waited anxiously for news.

Day after day, a watchman was stationed in the tower of Winchester cathedral to receive a message by semaphore. A thick mist descended and still he waited. Finally a message came through "Wellington defeated". Despair and gloom spread across the country. The watchman, however, stayed at his post, the mist cleared and the complete message was received: "Wellington defeated the French at Waterloo".

When Jesus was crucified on Good Friday, his friends, family and disciples were thrown into disarray. They were devastated by the loss of their leader. They lost heart, and were prepared to accept defeat, not feeling able to continue with Jesus' work. On Sunday, when Jesus arose from the dead, they were filled with joy, vigour and hope. By his death, Jesus not only released the people of Israel from the constraints of closely adhering to biblical law, he reached out in love to the whole world. To quote Bishop Tom Wright in his book *Lent for Everyone*:

*"Jesus's resurrection is the greatest demonstration of the love of God for his whole creation, evoking in us an answering love."*

This is why Easter is a victory over defeat.



# Church notices

*from the Rector of the South Croxton Benefice, Revd Susan Leighton  
(840245)*

## Dates for your Diary:



☐ Families are invited to come along to ‘Messy Church’ on the first Saturday of each month 3.00—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’ sessions will be on:

**Saturday April 5, Easter Special.**

**Saturday May 10 (second Saturday of month).**

All ages are welcome. Contact Revd Susan Leighton.

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

## Looking back . . .

☐ **Funeral:** We offer our prayers and sympathy to the family and friends of Dorothy Bishop, of South Croxton, who died on March 17. A thanksgiving service for her life will be held in South Croxton church on Thursday April 3 at 12 noon.

## Looking forward . . .

☐ **Evensong** will be on Sunday April 13 (Palm Sunday) at 6.00 pm in Twyford church. A group of singers are meeting once a month to rehearse to lead the singing at Evensong. If you would like to “have a go” and join them please contact organist Neville Richards (568335) or Revd Susan Leighton (840245).

Neville says: “The qualifications are simple: to be able to sing, and to enjoy singing. We don’t need people to be able to read music. We are a mutual-help group, and would positively enjoy helping newcomers to come on board.” The next rehearsal is on Tuesday, April 8, at 7.00 pm at Twyford church.



☐ **Community Lunch:** The Parish Community Hub met at Six Hills Golf Club in March. Thank you to everyone who came along and joined us on that day. The next event will be at **The Golden Fleece, South Croxton, on Tuesday April 29.** Lunch at 12.00 pm for 12.30 pm start. We do hope that you will be able to join us. If you would like more information please contact either: Annette Piper (840627); Davina Bates (454201); Beryl Newman (0116 2603247); Vic Allsop (434697).

We are most grateful to our volunteer drivers who will be happy to pick up anyone from our villages who needs transport. Having lunch together is a great opportunity for the people of our villages to meet up, and enjoy each others company.

*The Community Lunch Team.*

Each church will be holds an annual parochial church meeting in the spring. Thanks to all who have attended in four churches. All Thorpe Satchville parishioners are welcome to attend the following meeting:

### **Tuesday April 8, 7.30 pm, in Thorpe Satchville Church**

Volunteers are needed to enable our church councils to work effectively.

If you have skills of minute taking, or financial skills, please ring Susan Leighton (840245) as there is a need for a secretary/minute taker on Gaddesby church council..

#### **Dates for your diaries:-**

There will be a celebration for **Mothering Sunday** on Sunday March 30 at Gaddesby church at 10.30 am. Bring mum, grandma and the family along! Refreshments will be served after the service. *(NB. The clocks move forward by one hour the night before!)*

Please see the services lists on Page 7 and the Back Page for all the services in April. A reminder of Services over Holy Week and Easter:

On **Monday April 14, Tuesday April 15 and Wednesday April 16** there will be a short meditation each afternoon at 3.00 pm in Ashby Folville church.

On **Maundy Thursday, April 17**, you are invited to a bread and cheese meal, and Holy Communion in Burrough church at 7.00 pm. *(for catering purposes please ring Susan Leighton if you are able to come: 840245)*

On **Good Friday, April 18**, there will be a Reflection Service, 3.00—4.00 pm at Ashby Folville Church.

On **Easter Eve** there will be the Lighting of the New Fire at Pickwell Church at 8.30 pm.

**Easter Day Celebrations** will be held at Twyford at 8.30 and Gaddesby at 10.30 am. *Christ is Risen. Alleluia!*

If you enjoy Jazz why not come along to South Croxton church on Sunday April 27 at 7.30 pm (see South Croxton notices for details).

On Bank Holiday Monday, May 5, Twyford church invites you for coffee and sales of plants, jams and cakes in the church grounds between 10.00—12 noon.

## **Mothers' Union**

The speaker on April 3, at Annette's, South Croxton, will be the Rev Pam Harvey. New members welcome. The group meets on the first Thursday of the month. Further information from Annette Piper (840627).

## **Funeral of Beryl Jones**

The funeral of Beryl Jones, wife of the Ven. Hughie Jones, took place on February 28 at Ampthill, Bedfordshire, where the couple had gone to live near their daughter. Beryl had been ill for some time. There was a very good representation from the benefice to pay their respects and support Hughie. He was truly surprised and grateful. The couple made their home at Thorpe Satchville on their retirement. Beryl contributed to church and benefice life in many ways, including her involvement in the Mothers' Union.

*Brian Piper*

## WI meetings

**Barsby and Ashby Folville:** Members will be learning Zumba Dance from D N Newton at 7.30 pm on April 9 at Ashby Folville Village Hall. The competition is “A dance picture”.

**Gaddesby:** “Creating Small Business Opportunities for Women in Uganda”, a practical craft evening with speaker Alison Rocket will entertain members on April 9, starting at 7.30 pm. The competition is any object beginning with “P”.

**South Croxton:** The pleasures and perils of writing in the past is the theme of the meeting on April 17 at the village hall at 7.30 pm.



“I’m really not sure about this trend for clergy dressing down, dear.”

## Ashby Folville and Barsby

**Date for your diary:** Ashby Folville garden fete, Saturday June 21. Offers of help and raffle prizes would be very welcome. Contact Angela (840964).

## South Croxton

### Village Hall

**Big Band Concert:** We will be pleased to welcome Oakham School Big Band to the church on April 27, 7.30 pm, for a lively entertaining concert. Tickets £8 (£4 for under 16’s) includes a glass of wine. Tickets from David (840900), Brian (840627) or Anne (840231)

### Dates for your diary:

BBQ in the Park (with a difference)

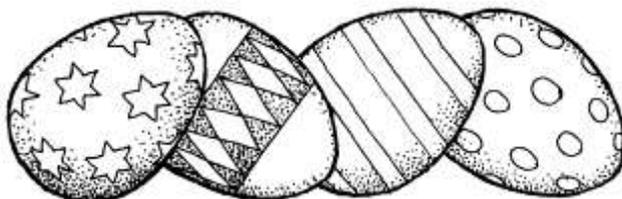
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Big Brunch Walk:

September 6

**New group:** Crafty chatter, tea/coffee, chat and craft. Alternate Wednesdays (starting from February 26) at the village hall, 2.00—4.00 pm, £1 per session. Here’s a chance to dig out those half-done craft projects that you’ve had for ages. Bring them along on Wednesday afternoons and enjoy completing them in the company of other “crafters”. Like to learn something new? With all our skills combined I’m sure we can help you master a new skill— e.g. crochet, cross stitch, knitting or jewelry-making

☐ The hall is available for events, parties and classes. Contact Caroline (840272) to make your booking.



# Thorpe Satchville

## **Village hall:**

**Fun cheese and wine tasting:** April 12 – tickets £10, to include wine and selection of cheeses. Bar will be open, too.

**Family film and burger/hot dog night:** May 17, tickets £6

**Early summer walk and brunch** – July 6. Round walk to Borough Hill and brunch or just join us for the brunch! Contact Rachael (840165) for tickets/enquiries

**Scout groups:** The beavers meet every Thursday evening 5.30—6.30 at the village hall and the cubs every other Thursday evening 7.40—8.15. The groups are looking for new young people to join. Contact [1thorpescouts@gmail.com](mailto:1thorpescouts@gmail.com) or come along at 5.30 pm onwards for beavers and 6.45 onwards for cubs. *Petra Johnston, beaver leader (07971602609) or Tim Ashton, cub leader (07976 378795).*

# Twyford

**Diary date:** St Andrew's church will be running its annual cakes, plants and preserves stall on May Day Bank Holiday, May 5, 10—12.30 pm. Do come along.

**Recreation ground:** The committee is collecting prizes for the annual tombola stall. If you have any unwanted gifts or other donations please give them to any committee member or phone Sandy (840454), who will be happy to collect from you.

## **Village hall:**

**Twyford village re-union:** Enjoy a tombola, a village cake and burying a time capsule, Saturday April 12, 6.30 pm. Displays and other fun things to do. Bring the family for an hour or two to meet old friends, share stories and photographs, and find out more about what's going on in Twyford these days. Admission is £3 per adult (children free). Donations for tombola and boiler fund welcome. More information (454457).

**Inns and Outs:** “Wild About Hedgehogs”, Tuesday April 8, 7.30 pm. Colleen Powell, the founder of Leicester Hedgehog Rescue, will be telling us about how she started the organisation, what it does, how you can welcome them into your garden and just why they are called “the gardener's friend”. She will be introducing us to one of the rescued hedgehogs. £2.50 per person with children welcome free of charge. Bring drinks and a plate to share. Raffle - donations for prizes gratefully accepted. For more information, please ring Sheelagh (840605).

**Karate:** Sundays, 10.00 am, April 6, 13, 20, 27.

Tuesdays, 6.00 pm, April 1.

Wednesdays, 6.00 pm, April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30.

**Carpet bowls:** Mondays, 8.00 pm, April 14, 28.

**Drop In:** Friday, 10.30 am, April 4. Open to all and a good way to meet and chat over coffee, cake and croissants. Everyone welcome (there will be no Drop In on April 18 because it is Good Friday).

**Whist drive:** Friday, 7.00 pm, April 4.

**Village hall bookings:** Twyford Village Hall is available for bookings for your party, wedding, meeting or other event, so please call Chris on 07903 333148 or 01664 840774 for more information.

## Who's who in the South Croxton Benefice

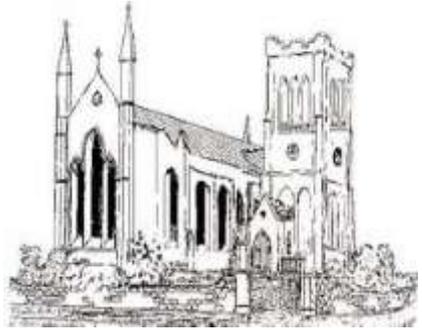
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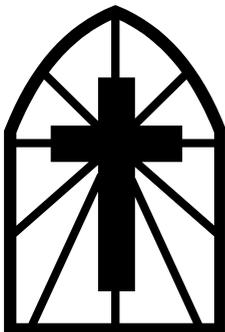
South Croxton with Beeby: Ann Crawford (840231); Brian Piper (840627)

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**n** The South Croxton Benefice is part of the South West Framland (SWF) Group which operates an office. For all wedding enquiries please contact the Administrator Mr Vic Allsop at the SWF Cluster Office, 29 Main Street, Great Dalby, LE14 2ET, (561909) or [clusteradmin@btinternet.com](mailto:clusteradmin@btinternet.com).



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The deadline for the May newsletter is April 22.

**April 2014****Where to Worship in the South West Framland Group  
Including services for Holy Week and Easter Day**

<b>April 5 (Sat.)</b>	3.00pm	Messy Church	Frisby MC
	3.00pm	Messy Easter Special	Thorpe Satchville VH
<b>April 6 Passion Sunday</b>	8.30am	Holy Communion	Frisby
	8.30am	Holy Communion	Ashby Folville
	10.30am	Parish Communion	Hoby
	10.30am	Holy Communion	South Ctoxton
	10.30am	All Age Worship	Little Dalby
	6.00pm	Holy Communion	Great Dalby
<b>April 13 Palm Sunday</b>	8.30am	Holy Communion	Brooksby
	10.30am	United Palm Sunday and Walk of Witness	Start Frisby Parish Church then MC
	10.30am	Holy Communion	Thorpe Satchville
	10.30am	Holy Communion	Somerby
	4.00pm	Messy Church United Service and Procession	Great Dalby
	6.00pm	Evensong	Twyford
<b>April 14 Monday in Holy Week</b>	3.00pm	Meditation	Ashby Folville
	7.30pm	Churches Together in Melton Mowbray	Sage Cross MC Melton Mowbray
<b>April 15 Tuesday in Holy Week</b>	3.00pm	Meditation	Ashby Folville
	7.30pm	Churches Together in Melton Mowbray	Melton Mowbray URC
<b>April 16 Wednesday in Holy Week</b>	3.00pm	Meditation	Ashby Folville
	7.30pm	Churches Together in Melton Mowbray	Melton Mowbray Parish Church
<b>April 17 Maundy Thursday</b>	7.00pm	United Holy Communion & hand washing followed by stripping of the altar	Hoby MC and Hoby Parish Church
	7.00pm	Holy Communion & foot washing	Burrough
<b>April 18 Good Friday</b>	10.00am	Messy Good Friday Easter Craft Activities	Frisby MC
	11.00am	Leicester @ the Cross	Humberstone Gate, Leicester
	2.00pm	Reflective Service	Frisby
	3.00pm	Reflective Service	Ashby Folville

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<b>Good Friday (continued)</b>	3.00pm	At the foot of the Cross	Great Dalby
	7.00pm	Reflective Service	Rotherby
<b>April 19 Easter Eve</b>	8.30pm	Lighting of the New Fire GROUP SERVICE	Pickwell
<b>April 20 EASTER DAY</b>	6.00am	United Sunrise Service	Rotherby Lane Burial Ground
	8.00am	Holy Communion	Brooksby
	8.30am	Holy Communion	Twyford
	9.00am	Breakfast	Frisby MC
	10.00am	Easter Egg Hunt	Frisby Village
	10.30am	United Easter Celebration Service	Frisby
	10.30am	All Age Communion	Gaddesby
	10.30am	All Age Communion	Burrough
	6.00pm	United Easter Praise and Holy Communion	Somerby MC
<b>April 27 Easter 2</b>	8.30am	Holy Communion	Ragdale
	8.30am	Holy Communion	South Croxton
	10.30am	Morning Prayer	Rotherby
	10.30am	All Age Worship	Ashby Folville
	10.30am	Holy Communion	Little Dalby
	6.00pm	Evensong	Kirby Bellars

MC = Methodist Centre/Church    VH = Village Hall

## Parish councils

**Gaddesby, Barsby & Ashby Folville Parish Council:** The next meeting is on Monday April 7 at Ashby and Barsby Village Hall. The following meeting will be at Gaddesby Village Hall on Monday May 12. This is the annual meeting of the parish council. Both meetings start at 6.45 pm.

**South Croxton Parish Council:** The next meeting is on Thursday April 3 at 6.30 pm, at the village hall. The following meeting will be on Thursday May 1.

**Twyford and Thorpe Satchville Parish Council:** The next meeting will be on Tuesday April 15 at Thorpe Satchville Village Hall at 7.30 pm.