

South Croxton Churches

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

Newsletter April 2017

An invitation to Holy Communion from our new rector

The message of Eastertime

Hello again to you all!

First can I thank everyone for their warm wishes, cards, and kind words as we are settling into our new home here in South Croxton. Looking out of our kitchen window each morning reminds me what a great God we have.

I am very much looking forward to my licensing on the evening of Tuesday March 28 and meeting as many of you that are able to attend. I would also like to thank everyone who has been involved in the planning of the service and all those taking part as representatives of this great benefice. It will be good for us all to be together to give thanks to God, and to remind ourselves in this penitential season of Lent, that we offer ourselves to the ministry and mission that Jesus teaches and tells us to do as his disciples.

My first service in which I will be presiding in the benefice will be at St Mary's, Ashby Folville, on Maundy Thursday, April 13, at 7.30 pm, and I hope that you will be able to join me in celebrating Holy Communion on this the first day of the Paschal triduum.

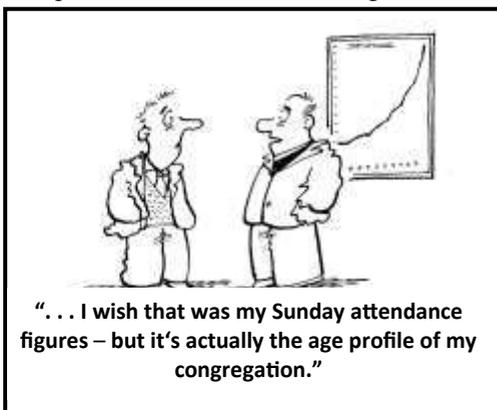
I hope that Lent has been meaningful thus far for you in your walk with Christ, and as

Passiontide begins on Sunday April 2, leading us into Palm Sunday and Holy Week, and all the sacred mysteries that our wonderful liturgy reveals, that we can share together the great Easter celebrations that the resurrection of Christ brings to us.

I hold you all in my prayers as we come together on our continued journey of faith, holding fast to the promise that Jesus offers us eternal life.

With God's blessings.

Revd Neil



Church notices

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

■ **Community Lunch:** The Parish Community Hub held its most recent get-together in March at Ashby Folville Village Hall, with catering provided by the Carington Arms. The next event will be on Tuesday April 25 at Brooksby Melton College, Melton Mowbray (the restaurant you can see from the roundabout on the Asfordby Road, Wilton Road junction). Catering will be done by Brooksby Melton college students, 12.00 pm for a 12.30 pm start. If you would like to come along please contact Annette Piper (840627); Davina Bates (454201; Vic Allsop (434697), Maureen Coleman (434120) or Janet Norburn (0116 269 5295). A big ‘thank you’ to every one of our many valuable volunteers, in particular those who volunteer to drive and collect people for the Community Lunches. Do come and join us. New people are coming along all the time. We welcome Revd. Canon Philip Norwood and his wife, Anne, who will be joining us on this particular occasion.

The Community Lunch Team.

■ **Lent School of Prayer:** Bishop Martyn will be travelling the diocese during Lent to teach about prayer. As one of his top priorities, he is keen to invite as many people as possible to attend one of the evenings and commit to learning more about prayer. The Bishop will be at The Samworth Centre, Melton Mowbray, on Tuesday April 4, 7.30—9.30 pm, free of charge.

■ **Maundy Money:** The SWF Group is delighted that three local people will be at Leicester Cathedral on April 13 to receive Maundy Money from HM The Queen. They are Mrs Dorothy Edwards, from Twyford, Mrs Jean Hill, from Gaddesby, and Mr Brian Piper from South Croxton. They will receive their Maundy Money along with 182 other men and women from the Diocese of Leicester. The invitation has been made in recognition of their Christian service to the church for many years.

Among the people involved in the service is Rosemary Hughes, a floral designer from Leicester who has held a Royal Warrant as Supplier of Nosegays to H.M. The Queen since 2008.

Rosemary has been preparing and constructing the nosegays since 1984. She was officially asked to accept the role of Nosegay Maker in 2002. Twelve nosegays are supplied to the Queen for the Maundy Service, which is held every year just before Easter Day on Maundy Thursday. The service is held in a different cathedral each year.

A nosegay is a small posy of flowers. The term dates back to medieval times when people carried flowers and herbs to disguise unpleasant odours. The recipe remains a secret (the actual count of flower and foliage material) only to those working with Rosemary, the day before the service in preparing and constructing the traditional nosegays.

■ **Baptism:** Lorenzo Hickling and Valentino Hickling, Twyford, Saturday March 12. *We welcome Lorenzo and Valentino into the church family.*

■ **Funeral:** Marjorie Dalton, March 15, at Twyford. *We offer our sympathy to Marjorie’s family and friends.*



Parish councils

Gaddesby, Barsby & Ashby Folville Parish

Council: The next meeting will be at Gaddesby Village Hall on Monday April 10. The following meeting will be at Ashby and Barsby Village Hall on May 8. This will also be the annual meeting of the council. All meetings start at 6.45 pm. At the beginning of each meeting there is a timeslot during which people living in the parish can raise matters of concern. If you wish to take advantage of this opportunity please contact the clerk, Trudy Toon (840490) email: gaddesbypc@hotmail.co.uk. Minutes of meetings and dates for future meetings can be found on the Gaddesby website: <http://www.gaddesby.org.uk/village-organisations/parish-council/>



All she had said was that it was time for the annual lawnmower service

South Croxton Parish Council:

The next meeting will be on Thursday April 6. The following meeting will be on Thursday May 4. All meetings, in the village hall, start at 6.30 pm.

Twyford and Thorpe Satchville Parish Council: The next meeting is on Tuesday April 18 at 7.45 pm in Thorpe Satchville Village Hall.

Women's Institutes

Barsby and Ashby Folville: Members will be hearing about *Cathedrals, Rooftops and More . . . The Restoration of Old Buildings*, from Dr Jon Castleman. The competition is "An interesting family heirloom".

Gaddesby: We delved into the mysteries of tracing a family tree with Virginia Wright in March. We were warned that we should not expect to find that we belonged to a royal dynasty! Most of the time the records turn out to be interesting but ordinary. Just occasionally, however, we might discover a 'skeleton in the family cupboard'!

On Wednesday April 12 at 7.30 pm, we welcome Felicity Austin, a well-known speaker on the WI circuit, who will be talking about *Those Big Brand Names*. Visitors always welcome (£3). The competition will be anything beginning with 'I'.

South Croxton: Members meet on the third Thursday of the month. Guests are very welcome; the cost is £5, which includes food and a cuppa.

Newsletter online

If you have far flung friends or relatives who would like to see an electronic version of our newsletter – or would like to download your own copy – search for "newsletter" at www.gaddesby.org.uk (with thanks to Simon Hargrave). If you would like a copy emailed to you please send your email address to the editor, Glyn Tucker, at churchmaged@gmail.com. You will still get a paper copy and there is no intention of changing this for the foreseeable future. Copies will be sent as "blind" carbon copies so others will not see your email address.

Editor

March 1 Saturday	3.00pm	Messy Church	Frisby MC
April 2 Passiontide Lent 5	8.30am	Holy Communion	Frisby
	10.30am	Parish Communion	Hoby
	10.30am	Holy Communion	South Croxton
	10.30am	Family Worship	Pickwell
	6.00pm	Holy Communion	Great Dalby
	6.00pm	United Evening Worship	Hoby MC
April 7 Friday	7.00pm	Licensing of Revd. David Harknett as Priest in Charge (Rector designate) of the Parish of the Upper Wreake	Frisby
April 9 Palm Sunday	8.30am	Holy Communion	Brooksby
	10.30am	Holy Communion	Thorpe Satchville
	10.30am	Holy Communion	Somerby
	10.30am	United Palm Sunday Service	Frisby MC
	6.00pm	Evensong	Ashby Folville
April 13 Maundy Thursday	7.30pm	SWF Group Service of Holy Communion	Ashby Folville
April 14 Good Friday	10.00am	Messy Church, Easter Eggstravaganza	Frisby MC
	11.00am	Leicester @ the Cross	Humberstone Gate, Leicester
	2.00pm	Foot of the Cross	Brooksby
	3.00pm	Foot of the Cross	Little Dalby
	3.00pm	Foot of the Cross	Gaddesby
	7.00pm	United Foot of the Cross	Frisby
April 15 Easter Eve Holy Saturday	8.00pm	Lighting of the New Fire	Pickwell
April 16 EASTER DAY	8.00am	Sunrise Service, Burial Ground, Rotherby Lane.	Frisby
	8.00am	Holy communion	Frisby

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	8.30am	Holy Communion	Ashby Folville
	9.00am	Continental Breakfast	Frisby MC
	10.00am	Easter Egg Hunt	Frisby
	10.30am	Family Worship	Frisby
	10.30am	Family Communion	Burrough
	10.30am	Family Communion	Twyford
April 23 Easter 2 St. George	8.30am	Holy Communion	Twyford
	10.30am	Family Worship	Gaddesby
	10.30am	Holy Communion	Burrough
	10.30am	Holy Communion	Ragdale
	6.00pm	Evensong	Kirby Bellars
April 30 Easter 3	10.30am	SWF United Group Service of Holy Communion	Little Dalby
Wednesdays	9.15am	Holy Communion	Frisby

MC = Methodist Centre/Church VH = Village Hall

Who's who in the South Croxton Benefice

Rector of the South Croxton Benefice (all numbers preceded by area code 01664): Revd Neil Stothers, The Rectory, 19 Main Street, South Croxton LE7 3RJ (841278), email revneilstothers@yahoo.co.uk

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For funerals, visits to those who are ill and home communions contact Revd Neil Stothers (see above) and/or your churchwarden. General enquiries about the local churches – any of the churchwardens or contacts. If the services of a priest are required contact Revd Neil Stothers (see above).

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 contacts: Diana Pritchard (840267), assistant churchwarden; Daphne Tucker (841184); David Wyrko (840385), building.

Thorpe Satchville contacts: Jane Smith (840876); Judith Randell (840249).

Newsletter Editor: Glyn Tucker (841184) 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). **The deadline for the May edition is April 22.**

Ashby Folville and Barsby

St Mary's: The parochial church council would welcome new members. If you are interested please contact any of the following PCC members for more information: Pam Adams, Rosemary Holt, Sue de Gaye, Sarah Housby, Angela and David Patton, Sylvia Favell. Alan Hockey or Mick and Wendy Farmer. This will be an exciting time to be involved with our new rector coming on board and we look forward to welcoming not only Neil but new members. Following the annual parochial church council meeting on March 14, copies of the report and accounts are available in the church. If anyone would like a copy sent to their home address please contact David Patton, treasurer (840964).

Annual Garden Fete: The fete organisers are meeting in the Carington Arms on Monday April 3 at 7.30 pm to plan this year's event, which takes place on Saturday June 17 at 2.00 pm. If you would like to be involved by introducing new ideas or helping out on the day or before, please come along and join us for a glass of wine and a few nibbles. Contributions towards the individual stalls in the way of cakes, plants, bric-a-brac, books, would be very much appreciated as would any contributions towards the raffle prizes. Contact Angela Patton (840964).

A date for your diary: Spring Jazz Event with the Brian Humpherson Quintet at St Mary's on Friday May 19. Tickets £10.00, including a glass of Pimms. Contact Angela Patton (840964) for tickets.

Easter crafts: Come and make some Easter crafts on April 12 at Ashby village hall, open to all ages – £1 admission with children free, 2.00—4.00 pm. *RH*

Restoration: A lovely feature in our well cared for churchyard is the arch and steps at the east end of the building. Broken by winter storms it has been beautifully reconstructed by Dave Walker and the pretty lantern, cleaned and restored by David and Angela Patton, a handrail has also been added. *RH*

Spring supper: Thursday April 27, 7.30 pm for 8.00 pm. Please bring your own drink and glasses. Tickets £9 from Sylvia (840259).

Coffee morning: Wednesday May 17, at 10.00 am, hosted by Pam East of Barsby Farm, Barsby, to raise funds for St Mary's – please come along and bring your friends.

Gaddesby

St Luke's Church: The new chairs have arrived, which means the project to increase the church's use by the community is in its final stages. Thanks go to Tony the Milkman who helped us unload the 100+ boxes and to Dave and Pat Whait for all their help on the day together with Tim Milward and Jane and Nick Winterton. The production line resulted in all the chairs being assembled by early afternoon. A great team effort. *David*

Annual meeting: The APCM is on Wednesday April 19 at 7.30 pm, in the church.

Garden open: The garden at Parkside, 6 Park Hill, will be open for the National Garden Scheme 11.00—5.00 pm on April 9. Adults £3, children Free.

Village hall

Yoga, Tuesdays, 7.30—9.00 pm, contact Di Angrave (840013); Tums and Bums, Thursdays, 7.00—8.00 pm, contact Justine Hunt (840435), Justine.hunt1@btinternet.com; Why Not Come Dancing (WNCD) Saturdays, 7.00—11.00 pm. Contact Barry Preston (840381). The Gaddesby Women's Institute meets on the second Wednesday of the month, 7.30—10.00 pm, contact Daphne Tucker (841184).

Contact Sue Evans (840305) for hall bookings.

South Croxton

Lottery: The February winner was Anthony Moore. If you wish to join the monthly lottery contact Tracy Campbell (840042), Ann Crawford (840231) or Angela Wood (840620).

Village hall:

Big Brunch Walk, Saturday April 22: Bring your family and friends on a guided walk 50p per walker + 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. Bookings for brunch will be taken before leaving for a walk of about six miles.

LOCAL WALK (about 4 miles) starting at 10.00 am from the village hall. Dogs allowed on leads.

Food served from 12.30 pm (just in case you don't want to walk).

Crafty Chatter: Tea/Coffee, chat and craft. Alternate Wednesdays at the village hall, 2.00—4.00 pm. £1 when you attend. Dates: April 5 and April 19. For more details contact Caroline (840272).

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

Thorpe Satchville

Annual meeting: The APCM annual church meeting will be held on Tuesday April 25 at 7.30 pm in the church.

Village Hall

Coffee mornings: Drop in for a coffee, cake and a chat on every second Thursday of the month. Our next get-together will be on Thursday April 13. Absolutely everyone is welcome – young, old, babies and toddlers!

Pub and pie night: Friday April 28. If any villagers would like to host our pub nights, please feel free to volunteer. The bar will be stocked for you. Contact Annie on the number below. Doors open 7.00 pm.

Advance notice: Saturday June 3, for one night only – a Dolly Parton tribute act and hog roast! It promises to be a really great evening, the act comes highly recommended. Be sure to purchase your tickets in advance from Annie or any of the committee members, £20.00 per person.

Boot camp: An experienced trainer is running exercise sessions in the grounds of the village hall, Wednesdays 9.30—10.30 am, £20 for four consecutive sessions. All welcome, whatever fitness level you are – enjoy good company and get fit at the same time

■ The village hall can be hired for £10 an hour before 6.00pm and £15 per after 6.00 pm It is extremely well maintained and has an excellent catering kitchen, fridges & freezer. It is attached to a large village playing field and play area, which makes it an ideal venue for children's parties. For any further information or to book the hall please contact Annie Jones (07871277177)/(840470). Alternatively visit www.thorpesatchville.co.uk where you will find all the relevant information.

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Scout groups: In the last month members of our Beavers, Cubs and Scouts have had sessions on creating things digitally; made mobiles and learned about knots; used codes and ciphers; explored the playing field for signs of spring; shown each other their hobbies and collections and explored health and fitness. If you would like to know more or volunteer to help please email 1thorpescouts@gmail.com or call Group Scout Leader Tim Ashton (07976 378 795).

Twyford

Village hall:

Karate: Sundays, 10.00 am, April 2, 9, 23, 30; Mondays, 7.00 pm, April 3; Wednesdays, 6.00 pm, April 5, 12, 26.

Carpet bowls: Mondays, 8.00 pm, April 10, 24.

Whist drive: Friday, 7.00 pm, April 28.

Drop In: Easter bingo and drop-in, Wednesday April 12; Friday April 28, 10.30 am.

Yoga: Mixed ability, Mondays, 11.00 am, April 3, 10, 24; men's, Thursdays, 7.00 pm, April 6, 13, 20, 27.

"The Whispering Road": Twyford Village Hall, April 7, 7:15 pm. An evening of music and fantastic storytelling. Tickets £10 adult, £7 child, with discounts for advance purchase – the third child in a family is free! Contact Chris (840774), See www.twyford-vh.org for more details.

Woolly Days: Saturday April 8 and 22, 10.30—3.30 pm. Knitting, spinning, crochet, weaving . . . bring your work with you and enjoy a day with like-minded people, everyone welcome, £5 and something for a shared lunch. For more details contact Lizzie (07754 497004).

Inns and Outs: Tuesday April 11, Twyford Village Hall, 7.30 pm. On the 35th anniversary of Operation Black Buck, Squadron Leader (Rtd) Mike Setterfield will give his story of the Vulcan's role in re-taking the Falkland Islands. £2.50 each, bring a plate of supper food and a drink. All welcome.

Easter Bingo, and Drop In: Back by popular demand, at the village hall on Wednesday April 12 at 10.30 am. Refreshments and prizes, open to everyone, with children especially welcome.

Book and Film Club: Thursday April 27 at 4.00 pm in The Saddle. April's book is *A Long Way Home* by Saroo Brierley. (This book has also been published under the name *Lion*). The film of the book, *Lion*, is showing at the Regal in Melton on April 7, 8, 13, 24, 25.

Website: www.twyford-vh.org Use the web-site for information about our latest news, forthcoming events, to view the hall's facilities, to check our availability for hire, and to book your event online!

Village Hall Supporters Draw: If you haven't joined already then please do! £12 a year helps to support the village hall and it gives you the chance to win prizes each month. Subscriptions are now due. More information from Wendy Atton (454457).

Village hall bookings: Twyford Village Hall is available for booking for your party, wedding, meeting or other event. Regular activities or 'one off' events can also be advertised in the VH Programme which is delivered to every house in the village. Call Chris (07811 859813) or (840774) or enquire online at www.twyford-vh.org.

Easter Services and contacts – See Centre Pages