

# South Croxton Churches

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

Newsletter February 2013

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## From South Croxton Rectory

### A question for us all – WWYD?

A few years ago a number of Christian young people started wearing cloth bracelets bearing the initials WWJD – ‘What Would Jesus Do?’. This phrase came to my mind as I read about the government’s proposed welfare cuts.

In a conversation with a fellow Christian we discussed our thoughts and responses. We realized that Jesus would be with the lonely, vulnerable and impoverished – whether they are in our towns and cities, or in our villages. **WWJD** . . . he would be caring, supportive to those in need, and addressing those in positions of power.

Although we may, or may not, be personally affected by the welfare cuts I am reminded of a passage in the Bible, Matthew Chapter 25, in which Jesus makes clear that we will all be held accountable for our actions, either upon our death or in a cataclysmic Day of Judgement. We will be judged on whether we cared for those in need, and then separated into two groups, like sheep and goats. As I thought and prayed about the proposed cuts, this uncomfortable question came into my mind – **WWYD** – What Will

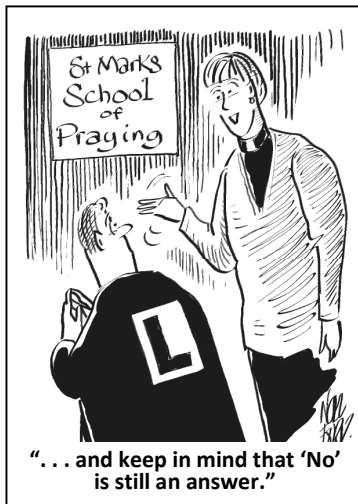
**You Do?**

In the first part of Matthew Chapter 25, Jesus commends those who did care. “Insofar as you ministered to them, you ministered to me,” but in the second part he condemns those who failed to see the need to care. The excuse of those condemned is that they did not realize Jesus was in there suffering with the lonely, vulnerable and impoverished. “If only we had known, we would have ministered to you.” To which Jesus replies, quite unequivocally: “You should have cared anyway.”

Welfare cuts – it is a challenge for us all in 2013 to be informed, to be aware of what the consequences will be for those less able to care for themselves, and to raise questions to those making decisions.

**WWYD?**

**Revd Susan Leighton**



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



**Saturday, February 2.** *'Travelling with Abraham and Sarah'*.

**Saturday, March 3.** *'Joseph trusts God'*.

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, February 10**, in South Croxton Church in the morning. For further dates and information please ring Wendy Hardy (0116 260 7949) or Revd Susan Leighton (840245).

### Looking back . . .

**Baptisms:** Zak Paul Wroblewski on December 30, at St Luke's, Gaddesby. *We welcome Zak in to the church family.*

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

**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.

**Funerals:** We offer our prayers and sympathy to the family and friends of Angela Jamieson of Gaddesby. Her funeral was held at St Luke's, Gaddesby, on December 17.

We offer our prayers and sympathy to the family and friends of Gerry (Geraldine) Golland of Twyford. A Thanksgiving service for her life was held on January 8, at St Andrew's, Twyford.

**Congratulations:** Canon Michael Covington has been appointed Priest in Charge of the Benefice of South Framland (Wymondham, Saxby, Buckminster etc) until further notice. This is to allow time for the Framland Deanery to work out the way the benefices in that part of the deanery will be re-organised. He will be keeping in touch with our group but will not be as available for ministry as he has been previously.

**Belated congratulations** to Barry and Pam Adams of Ashby Folville on their Diamond Wedding Anniversary on January 1!

*Revd Susan Leighton*

## **THANK YOU**

Many thanks to all those who helped decorate our churches for Christmas, the Churchwardens and others who set and cleared away and to all those took part in any way. You all helped to make the season very special.

**Thank you to Tony Molyneux**, of Burrough, who has been the Treasurer of the South West Framland Group of churches for the past four years. He has ably steered the finances of the coming together of the three benefices, and now wishes to step down to give more time to family and other commitments in his retirement.

Please contact Revd Susan Leighton (840245) if you are interested in this post.

This is the outline of the tasks of the post:-

### **Treasurer of the SWF Group . . .**

- to send out monthly requests for payments to SWF Group
- to receive payments from each of the three benefices (Burrough Hill Parishes, South Croxton Group and Upper Wreake) towards the expenses of the clergy and SWFG office
- to identify any additional costs to be paid by each benefice
- to receive fees for weddings, funerals, baptisms (if applicable) and monuments in churchyards and redirect appropriate monies to the relevant church
- to identify monies due to the Diocese of Leicester
- to arrange the payment of the Group Administrator.
- to attend and present accounts to the quarterly South West Framland Group Council
- to project costs and budget for each year in collaboration with the other members of the treasurers' group
- This post has an associated honorarium which is agreed each year by the SWF Group Council.

For this post effective financial processes are in place and transitional support will be provided by the outgoing Treasurer.

### **Looking forward . . .**

■ **Ash Wednesday, February 13:** An opportunity to mark the start of Lent, 7.30 pm at St Andrew's, Twyford — Holy Communion & Ashing

I invite you to this very special service. Ashes are an ancient sign of penitence and Ash Wednesday is named after the custom (since the Middle Ages) of being marked in ash with the sign of the cross on the forehead. Accordingly during this service there will be an opportunity for you to receive in this way. It is not compulsory and a fuller explanation will be given during the service.

Similar services are taking place at the same time at Hoby and Pickwell.

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**South West Framland Group of Anglican Churches and Methodist Churches**  
***LENT COURSE***

Do you want to be **'Inspired'** this Lent?

If so, please join in this five-session **\*'Inspire'** course on Monday afternoons to help you grow in your walk with God. This will cover the following spiritual practices:

***Prayer; Scripture; the Lord's Supper and Fellowship***

The course will be held at Great Dalby Methodist Church, starting on Monday, February 18. ALL meetings will start at 2.30 pm and conclude at 4.00 pm. All are welcome. (***\*Inspire is an ecumenical movement whose focus is on fellowship and how to grow in discipleship.***)

In addition there will be a 'Puzzling Questions' group for those who wish to discuss matters of life and faith. This will be in the Bell Inn at Frisby on Monday evenings. For more details contact Revd Andrew Barker (567870) or Revd Peter Collins (434985). It is hoped 'Puzzling Questions' may run in other parts of the SWF Group after Easter.

■ **A challenge for Lent . . .** perhaps you're unable to attend a Lent group . . . why not take up helping a neighbour for an hour a week, or meeting with one other person to discuss the gospel reading (set for each Sunday in Lent), or attend a Sunday Service weekly in your own Benefice (or one in the group you may not have been to before)?

■ Evensong will be on the second Sunday, February 10, at 6.00 pm at Ashby Folville. 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 February 10, will be on:

*Wednesday, February 6, at 7.30 pm at Ashby Folville 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 Tuesday, February 26, at 12.30 pm, at **Syonsby Knoll Hotel, Melton Mowbray** (*this venue was cancelled in January due to weather conditions*). 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.

*The Community Hub Team.*

## **IMPORTANT: Revision of the Church Electoral Roll**

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. Under the Church Representation Rules you are entitled to have your name entered on your parish's electoral roll if you:

- (1) are baptised and aged 16 or over;
- (2) have signed a form of application for enrolment;

*and either*

(3) are a member of the Church of England or of any Church in communion with the Church of England being resident in the parish or (not being resident in the parish) have habitually attended public worship in the parish during the six months prior to the application for enrolment;

*or*

(4) are a member in good standing of a Church (not in communion with the Church of England) which subscribes to the doctrine of the Holy Trinity and declare yourself to be also a member of the Church of England and have habitually attended public worship in the parish during the period of six months prior to enrolment.

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 by ***Sunday, March 24***, to the person listed below.

For further information and for an application form to be included on the new electoral roll please contact (*forms are also available in the churches*):

**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)

## **Mothers' Union**

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, February 4, at Ashby and Barsby Village Hall at 6.45 pm. The next meeting, on Monday, March 4, will be the annual meeting followed by the parish council, also at Barsby and Ashby Folville Village Hall at 6.45 pm.

**Twyford and Thorpe Satchville Parish Council:** The next meeting is on Wednesday, February 20, at 7.30 pm in Thorpe Satchville Village Hall.

## WI meetings

**Barsby and Ashby Folville:** *Dastardly doctors* is the subject of a talk by G. Sutherland on February 13. The competition is “a small piece of jewellery”.

**Gaddesby:** Beetle drive plus competition, on Wednesday, February 13, anything beginning with “E”. There is an additional competition, any small antique item, for entry to the group competition.

**South Croxton:** Members will hear *Tales from a Toastmaster* at their meeting at 7.30 pm on Thursday, January 17.

## Gaddesby

**Quiz night:** Charity Fish and Chip Quiz Night at Gaddesby Village Hall on February 16 at 7.00 pm. The event is aimed at raising funds for the Bishop’s Youth Council’s mission to Tanzania. Tickets are £8.50, to include supper. Licensed bar. Tickets from Kirstie Black (840572), Jo Charles (840501) and Nicky Gardener (840666).

## South Croxton

**Village Hall:** Coffee and Book Sale, February 16, 10.30—12 noon. Come along and have a chat over coffee and home-made cake. Before you leave you can buy a bargain book, CD, or DVD. Donations of books, etc., welcomed. Contact Julian (840455) or Caroline (840272) for collection before the event.

**Ceilidh:** *3 Around 3* (three-piece band) will play some lively music with a caller to keep us all on track with the dances! Friday, March 15, tickets include finger buffet, but you need to bring your own drinks. Tickets £10.00, £8 under 16, from David (840900) or Caroline (84027).

**Charity Fish and Chip Quiz Night:** See entry under Gaddesby.

## Thorpe Satchville

**Village Hall:** February 2, chocolate bingo, 4—5.30 pm. All ages welcome – no need to book, just turn up – the more the merrier.

March 6, village hall committee annual meeting, 7.00 pm; March 9, coffee morning/cake sale, 10.00–12 noon.

**Zumba:** Monday nights, 7.00—8.00 pm.

## Twyford

**Village hall:** Karate, Sundays: February 3, 10,17, 24, 10.00 am; Wednesdays: February 6, 13, 20, 27, 6.00 pm.

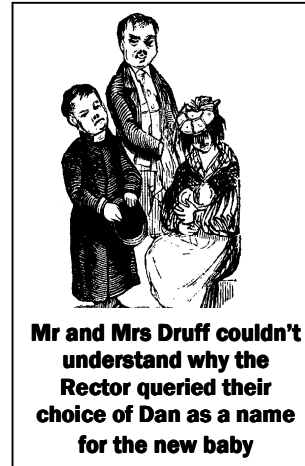
**Carpet Bowls:** Mondays, February 4, 18, 8.00 pm

**Drop In:** Fridays, February 8, 22, 10.30 am. All welcome.

**Whist Drives:** Friday, February 8, 15, 22, 7.00 pm.

**Inns + Outs:** *Smile Please and Say Cheese.* A witty and entertaining talk about a wide variety of cheeses, with samples to taste, on Tuesday, February 12, 7.30 pm, £2.50, bring food to share and a drink.

**Fascinating Rhythm.** A finely-tuned quartet featuring four of the Midlands' most accomplished musicians playing the great American songbook: Gershwin, Irving Berlin, Brubeck and more. Chris Gumbley (saxophone), Sara Coleman (voice) plus Al Gurr (piano) and Ben Markland (bass). Thursday, February 7, 7.30 pm. Bar and cocktails, tickets £8 adult, £5 child, available in advance from 07903 333148, and also on the door.



## 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](http://www.gaddesby.org.uk)

## Who's who in the parishes of the South Croxton Group

<b>Priest-in-charge</b>	The Reverend Susan Leighton, 01664 840245
<b>Churchwardens</b> (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
<b>Gaddesby</b> contact:	David Wyrko 840385
<b>Thorpe Satchville</b> contacts:	Janet Collins 840649 or Jane Smith 840876

Newsletter Editor: Glyn Tucker

Contributions, news, events and notices may be emailed to

[churchmaged@gmail.com](mailto: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 March magazine is February 22.**

## February services — new rota

	<b>Feb 2</b> Saturday	<b>Feb 3</b> Lent -2	<b>Feb 10</b> Lent -1	<b>Feb 13</b> Ash Weds	<b>Feb 17</b> Lent 1	<b>Feb 24</b> Lent 2	<b>March 2</b> Saturday	<b>March 3</b> Lent 3
Ashby F			<b>6.00 ES</b> SL					
Gaddesby		<b>8.30 HC</b> PC				<b>10.30 AAW</b> SL		
S Croxton						<b>8.30 HC</b> PC		
Thorpe S	<b>3.00 MC</b> TSVH SL		<b>10.30 HC</b> SL/KN				<b>3.00 MC</b> TSVH SL	<b>8.30 HC</b> SL
Twyford				<b>7.30 HC*</b> TL/KN/LT	<b>10.30 HC</b> PC			

### Other services in the South West Framland (SWF) Group

Burrough		<b>6.00 HC</b> SL/MB			<b>10.30 HC</b> MC			
Frisby	<b>3.00 MC</b> FMC JN		<b>10.30 FS</b> PC		<b>10.30 SX</b> FM TH		<b>3.00 MC</b> FMC JN	<b>10.30 HC</b> PC
Grt Dalby		<b>10.30 AAW</b> TL/RT	<b>4.00 MC</b> GDMC JC/RT					
Hoby		<b>10.30 HC</b> PC		<b>7.30 HC*</b> PC				
K Bellars		<b>6.00 ES</b> PC						<b>6.00 ES</b> MB/KN
Lt Dalby						<b>10.30 HC</b> PC		
Pickwell				<b>7.30 HC*</b> SL/RT				<b>6.00 HC</b> SL/TL
Ragdale					<b>8.30 HC</b> PC			
Rotherby			<b>8.30 HC</b> PC			<b>10.30 HC</b> TL/RT		
Somerby			<b>10.30 HC</b> TL/RT		<b>6.00 ES</b> PC			<b>10.30 AAW</b> TL/RT

\* Ashing; HC Holy Communion; AAW All Age Worship; FS Family Service; MC Messy Church; ES Evensong SX Sunday Xpress. FMC Frisby Methodist Centre; GDMC Great Dalby Methodist Church; TSVH Thorpe Satchville Village Hall. PC Revd Peter Collins; TL Revd Tony Leighton; SL Revd Susan Leighton; RT Rhona Tomlyn; MB Malcolm Britton; MC Canon Michael Covington; JC Revd Jane Carter; KN Kathryn Noble; TH Ted Hutchin; JN Janet Norburn