

South Croxton Churches

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

Newsletter February 2017

Rector designate appointed

The Bishop of Leicester, the Right Reverend Martyn Snow, is pleased to announce that the Revd. Neil Stothers, assistant curate in the Benefice of Southport (Emmanuel) in the Diocese of Liverpool has been appointed Priest in Charge (Rector Designate) of the South Croxton Benefice.

Mr Stothers will also be work enabler for Framland Deanery secondary schools.

The service for the Licensing and Induction of Mr Stothers as Priest in Charge (Rector designate) of the South Croxton Group Benefice, South West Framland Group, will take place at St Luke's Parish Church, Gaddesby, on March 28 at 6.00 pm by the Rt Revd Christopher Boyle, Assistant Bishop of Leicester.

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

The Bishop has also announced that the Revd David Philip Harknett, team vicar in the Melbury Team Ministry in the Diocese of Salisbury, has been appointed Priest in Charge (Rector Designate) of the Benefice and Parish of the Upper Wreake and Framland Deanery leadership development enabler.

The Archdeacon of Leicester, the Ven Dr Tim Stratford, says that discussions are ongoing about the parish priest vacancy in the Burrough Hill Parishes.



Church notices

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■ **Community Lunch:** The Parish Community Hub held its most recent get-together in January at Sysonby Knoll, Melton Mowbray. The next event will be lunch at Melton and District Indoor Bowls Club, on Monday February 27, 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. We thank everyone for the support and help they have given to us during 2016. It has been much appreciated. *The Community Lunch Team.*

■ **Marriage:**

Marco Mannino and Emily Hardcastle, at Twyford Parish Church, on January 14.
We wish this couple every happiness.

■ **Funerals:**

Donald Rhodes, at Gaddesby Parish Church, on January 9.
Media Farmer, at Twyford Parish Church, on January 17.
We offer our sympathy to their families and friends.

Multi-faith homeless shelter is opened

THE first multi-faith homeless shelter started in Leicester late last year. More than 200 volunteers from six different faith groups took part in the One Roof Leicester initiative, which involved moving around different faith venues over 11 weeks, as it provides food and emergency accommodation for ten rough sleepers each night.

The shelter brings together Anglican, Catholic, Jewish, Hindu, Muslim and Sikh groups across the area. The project is funded by the charities *Human Appeal* and *Housing Justice* and *Near Neighbours*, administered by Church Urban Fund.

More details at: <http://www.christiantoday.com/article/uks.first.multi.faith.homeless.shelter.recruits.200.volunteers.from.six.different.faith.groups/102963.htm>

Sometimes women are overly suspicious of their husbands . . .

When Adam stayed out very late for a few nights, Eve became upset. “You’re running around with other women,” she said.

“You’re being unreasonable,” Adam responded. “You’re the only woman on earth.” The quarrel continued until Adam fell asleep, only to be awakened by someone poking him in the chest. It was Eve. “What do you think you’re doing?” Adam demanded.

“Counting your ribs,” said Eve.

Parish councils

Gaddesby, Barsby & Ashby Folville Parish Council: The next meeting is at Ashby and Barsby Village Hall on Monday February 13. The following meeting, which will also be the annual parish meeting, will be at the same venue on March 13. 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/>

South Croxton Parish Council: The next meeting will be on Thursday February 2. The following meeting will be on Thursday March 2. All meetings, in the village hall, start at 6.30 pm.

Twyford and Thorpe Satchville Parish Council: The next meeting is on Tuesday February 28 at Thorpe Satchville Village Hall at 7.45 pm.

Housing needs survey

An independent Housing Needs Survey of Gaddesby parish is to be carried out to find out the true extent of housing need in the parish. Midlands Rural Housing will be delivering a questionnaire to every household in early February 2017. There will be separate questionnaires for Gaddesby, Ashby Folville and Barsby.

The returned questionnaires will enable Midlands Rural Housing to produce a report which will identify whether the housing needs, particularly the affordable housing needs, of local people are being addressed. The survey is being carried out at the request of Melton Borough Council. Your Parish Council has been fully consulted, supports the survey and will be interested to see the final results which will be useful in future planning.

Please could as many households as possible complete and return the questionnaire (a freepost envelope is provided), either to indicate a housing need or to pass comment on village life and housing issues. All the information is confidential and replies will not be seen by the Parish Council, the Borough Council or any other organisation.

An independent, commissioned survey will provide clear evidence of local housing need and is essential to help both maintain and protect villages and ensure local needs are identified.

Please look out for the survey arriving through your letter box during early February and rest assured that the Parish Council will be fully consulted on the results and, if required, on any possible options for solutions. If you have any queries please contact us at

enquiries@midlandsrural.org.uk



... and yet the church mice still put it
about that they were poor

Women's Institutes

Barsby and Ashby Folville: Members meet on the second Wednesday of the month.

Gaddesby: In December we enjoyed a Christmas party in the company of Ian Rogerson who provided us with an excellent 'Turkey and Ham Carvery' as well as entertaining us with singing and comedy. This was followed in January by a post-Christmas meal with a difference – a 'pie night' lunch – at the Cheney Arms; yes, we are always eating! The January meeting proved to be a most delightful evening with Julie Bell teaching us some circle dances which, although should have had a calming effect, resulted in much giggling as we tried to accomplish the steps.

On February 8, at 7.30 pm, we welcome Charlotte Marson who will be telling us about the work of the air ambulance. Visitors are always welcome so just turn up on the night. The competition is anything beginning with 'H' and there will be a raffle in aid of funds. Don't forget to bring an amusing card or postcard to submit to the 'Group' competition.

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" carbons so others will not see your email address. If you have asked for an online copy and not received it, please send me a reminder. *Editor*

Ashby Folville and Barsby

Death: Anne Taylor has died at Egerton Lodge and her funeral will take place at the Natural Burial Ground, South Croxton, on January 31 at 10.30 am. Anne has left a beautiful legacy to Barsby, with the hundreds of spring bulbs she planted at the cross-roads. *RH*



... Well your sermon on the theme of 'Life under President Trump' seems to have gone down very well, vicar

Found: A navy blue child's coat was left in St Mary's during the Christmas period. *RH*

Candlemas: February 2, all Candlemas day, marks the end of Christmastide in the church calendar. It was when Jesus was presented in the temple and Simeon said the beautiful *Nunc Dimittis*, Luke 2, verses 22–29. In olden times candles were lit and snowdrops were brought into the church. These lovely flowers were often called Candlemas bells, or Mary's tears. *RH*

Gaddesby

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) or email: 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

Poppy appeal: A very big “thank you” to the villagers of South Croxton for their generous donations of £306.44 to last year's British Legion Poppy Appeal. Many thanks.

Richard Spokes

Lottery: The November winner was Ray Vernon and the December winner Sally Elliot. Anyone wishing to join the monthly lottery can contact Tracy Campbell (840042), Ann Crawford (840231) or Angela Wood (840620).

Village hall:

Coffee and Book Sale Morning with Art Exhibition and WI Stall: Saturday February 4, 10.30 am – 12 noon. Come along and have a chat with other villagers over a coffee and home-made cake. Stock up with your holiday reading by buying a bargain book. Ann Goodger will have some of her art work on display and the WI will have some quality items for sale. Donations of books and other items welcomed. Contact Caroline (840272). Books can be left with any committee member.

Dates for your diary:

An Evening at Café du Village – Good food/live music/quiz, Saturday March 25.

Big Brunch Walk: April 22.

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

Thorpe Satchville

Village Hall

The village hall committee would like to thank everyone who came to our carol singing event. It was very well attended and we had some excellent singing, especially from the younger residents of the village! A total of £145.00 in donations was collected on the night – a fantastic total! Your generosity was greatly appreciated, thank you.

The village hall committee annual meeting is to be held in the hall on Wednesday March 1 at 7.00 pm. You are all most welcome to join us .

■ Dates for your diary

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 February 9 and then on Thursday March 9. Absolutely everyone is welcome – young, old, babies and toddlers !

Pub night: Friday January 27, Friday February 24 (pub and nachos, £5 a plate) and Friday March 31. Doors open 7.00 pm.

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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.

Scout groups: 1st Thorpe Satchville Scout Group had a good turnout at the annual Melton District Christmas Concert. Nine Beavers and one Cub Scout received their Bronze and Silver Chief Scouts Awards from Leicestershire County Commissioner Carol Black. Amongst other activities this year we are looking forward to our first annual camp as a group in May. If you would like to volunteer to help us – especially the Beavers – please contact Tim Ashton (07976 378795).

Twyford

Churchyard: Volunteers are wanted to help mow the churchyard. This involves mowing a couple of times a year as part of a team. If interested please phone Dave Denton (840273) or Pete Brown (840752). Thanks, *Dave*

Village hall:

Karate: Sundays, 10.00 am, February 5, 12, 19, 26; Wednesdays, 6.00 pm, February 1, 8, 15, 22.

Carpet bowls: Mondays, 8.00 pm, February 13, 27.

Whist drives: Friday, 7.00 pm, February 2, 17.

Drop In: Fridays, 10.30 am, February 2, 17.

Yoga: Mixed ability, Mondays, 11.00 am, February 6, 13, 20, 27; men’s, Thursdays, 7.00 pm, February 2, 9, 16, 23.

Inns and Outs: Tuesday February 14, Twyford Village Hall, 7.30 pm. ‘Working at Rio 2016’. Andrew Thomas is based in Twyford, and works as a physiotherapy educator as well as physiotherapist with national equestrian teams. He will talk about his experiences with Team USA at Rio 2016. £2.50 per person. Bring a plate of food for the supper table and a drink. All welcome.

Woolly Days: Saturday February 11 and Saturday February 25, 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, Saturday November 12, 10.30—3.30 pm. For more details contact Lizzie (07754 497004).

Book and Film Club: February’s book and film is Richard III by William Shakespeare, widely available (Two notable films of Richard III – one starring Lawrence Olivier and the other, Ian McKellen). Meet on February 23 at 4pm in The Saddle.

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).

Who's who in the South Croxton Benefice

Priest in Charge (Area Dean): Revd Dr Peter Hooper: The Rectory, 2 Church Lane, Asfordby, Melton Mowbray LE14 3RU (812191)

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During Parish Vacancy: For funerals, visits to those who are ill and home communions contact Malcolm Britton (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 Dr Peter Hooper (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

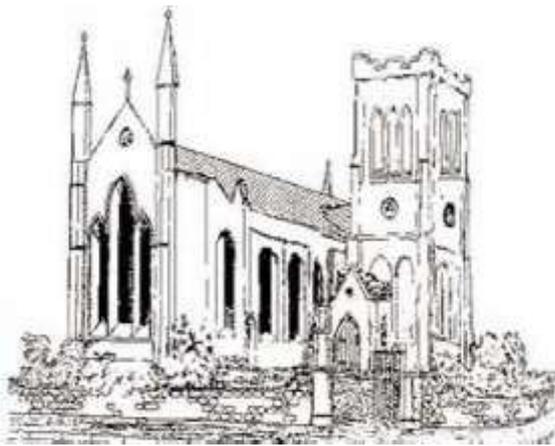
Randell (840249).

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 March edition is February 22



February 2017

Where to Worship in South West Framland Group

February 2 Thursday	7.30pm	Presentation of Christ in the Temple, Candlemas	Pickwell
February 4 Saturday	3.00pm	Messy Church	Frisby MC
February 5 4 before Lent	8.30am	Holy Communion	Ragdale
	10.30am	Family Worship	Frisby
	10.30am	Holy Communion	Pickwell
	10.30am	Holy Communion	Gaddesby
	6.00pm	Evening Worship and Sacrament	Hoby MC
February 12 3 before Lent	8.30am	Holy Communion	Frisby
	10.30am	Holy Communion	Burrough
	10.30am	Holy Communion	Ashby Folville
	3.00pm	Evensong	Kirby Bellars
February 19 2 before Lent	8.30am	Holy Communion	Twyford
	10.30am	Holy Communion	Thorpe Satchville
	10.30am	Holy Communion	Little Dalby
	10.30am	Café Church	Frisby MC
	3.00pm	Evensong	Somerby
February 26 Sunday next before Lent	8.30am	Holy Communion	Rotherby
	10.30am	Family Worship	Hoby MC
	10.30am	Holy Communion	Great Dalby
	10.30am	Holy Communion	South Croxton
	3.00pm	Evensong	Gaddesby
Wednesdays	9.15am	Holy Communion	Frisby

MC = Methodist Centre/Church VH = Village Hall

Please note that during the interregnum in 2017 some services may be subject to alteration at short notice. Please see your weekly pew sheet for details or contact the office if you are unsure or require any clarification at any point.

Unhappy in love . . .

I think my girlfriend's hallucinating. She keeps telling me she's seeing other people.