

South Croxton Churches

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

Newsletter July and August 2017

With God we prosper even more

Hello to you all!

It was good to see the glorious sunshine, the local villagers, and those beyond, coming together at the fete at Ashby Folville on June 17. A great time was had by all, and with generous giving, the fete raised £2,300. So I would like to thank all those who planned, took part, and contributed to this magnificent day. I managed to introduce myself to most people I had not previously met by telling them that as their Parish Priest I am 'always at your service'. I then tell them to 'come to one of mine'. In August our services dramatically increase in the benefice and there are many opportunities to come along, to take Communion, and to worship God.



In the wider sense I am often asked about 'true Christianity' and if someone can be a Christian even if they don't come to Church. My answer is always the same – our whole life is a service to God and His people. We can function on our own perfectly well, and be good, kind, and honest people in society and to others. But when we do things together, and with the acceptance that we need God in our lives, we prosper even more. So you can be a good Christian without Church, but being together in a gathering, and taking the Sacrament of Holy Communion in bread and wine, allows the Holy Spirit to be at work within us. I always finish my sentence by telling people that religion isn't a science – it doesn't deal with 'how'

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something happens – it deals with the ‘why’ something happens.

In last week’s reading in Church we heard that ‘the harvest is plentiful but the labourers are few’ – indeed this ‘harvest’ refers to the people being plentiful – but few are willing to step forward into the breach. Therefore I make a plea; for you to consider if you are willing to come forward as a member of your Parochial Church Council (PCC)? We have five in the benefice and each deals with its local (parochial) matters. We mustn’t forget that each PCC is united in building up the kingdom and drives forward all that the Church represents in our lives; God gives. We receive. We give back to God.

At the centre of every PCC lies a very important thread that keeps it together – a group of believers, strong in faith, rich in gifts, but more importantly putting the Church at the centre of their own lives and at the centre of others. We are people builders and not building managers.

So if you’re interested in joining one of our PCCs and you meet the conditions laid down by the Church of England:

■ On the electoral roll and over 16

- Have been confirmed and attended worship – and received Holy Communion at least three times in the previous year.

■ Consent to being appointed

– call me on 841278 for a chat – and we’ll be glad to welcome you on board!

We need new eyes, new faces, new people with gifts and skills to complement our existing councils. All the requirement that I ask is that you wish to see the Church grow, and are a ‘people person’, and because that’s what Church is!

There is a lot happening within our benefice at the moment; plans are being made for harvest-time; we’re celebrating our Patronal festivals (giving thanks in worship to the Saints who our Churches bear their name); we will know very soon if we have been given a grant to begin the structural work to the tower at St John the Baptist Church in South Croxton and to begin to plan for the bells being returned and rang; couples are preparing to be married; families are preparing for baptisms; preparations are being made for birthdays and anniversaries; activities throughout the benefice are taking place which you will read about later in this newsletter; some are taking a hard earned rest from work; some are going on holiday.

Whatever the summer holds for you, may you find relaxation, discover and enhance peace in your life, and find time to thank God for all he has given to you.

Blessings,

Revd Neil



ALL SOULS DAY

(Commemoration for the Faithful departed)

St Luke Church, Gaddesby

On

Thursday November 2,

In the service at 09.30am

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If you wish to remember loved ones in this service please add their names to the list in any of our five benefice churches;

*St Mary, Ashby Folville*

*St Luke, Gaddesby*

*St John the Baptist, South Croxton*

*St Michael & All Angels,*

*Thorpe Satchville*

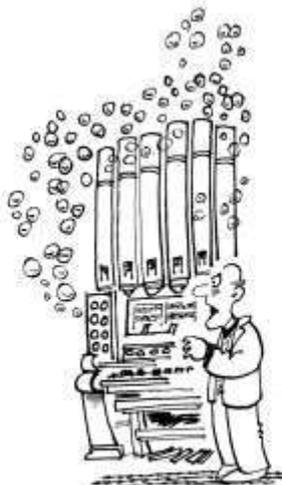
*St Andrew, Twyford*

Their names will be read out in the service and will be added to the order of service.



# Church notices

■ **Community Lunch:** The Parish Community Hub held its most recent get-together at The Bowls Club, Melton Mowbray. The next event will be at Beedles Lake Golf Club, East Goscote, on Tuesday July 25, 12.00 pm for a 12.30 pm start. If you would like to come along please contact Annette Piper (840627); Davina Bates (454201); Beryl Newman (0116 2603247), Vic Allsop (434697) or Maureen Coleman (434120). A big ‘thank you’ to everyone of our many valuable volunteers, in particular those who volunteer to drive and collect people. Do come and join us. New people are coming along all the time.



For the last time . . . which member of the junior choir put bubble mixture in the organ-blower?

*The Community Lunch Team.*

■ **Baptism:** Chloe Grace Hubbard, June 11, at Thorpe Satchville Parish Church. We welcome Chloe into the church family.

## 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](http://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](mailto:churchmaged@gmail.com). Copies will be sent as “blind” carbons so others will not see your email address. People in the benefice will still get a paper copy and there is no intention of changing this for the foreseeable future.

## Parish councils

**Gaddesby, Barsby & Ashby Folville Parish Council:** The next meeting is at Ashby and Barsby Village Hall on Monday July 10. The following meeting will be at Gaddesby Village Hall on Monday August 14 at and the next on Monday September 11 at Ashby. 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](mailto:gaddesbypc@hotmail.co.uk). Minutes of meetings and dates for future meetings can be found on the Gaddesby village website: <http://www.gaddesby.org.uk/village-organisations/parish-council/>

**South Croxton Parish Council:** The next meeting will be on Thursday July 6. There is no meeting in August, the next being on Thursday September 7. All meetings, in the village hall, start at 6.30 pm.

**Twyford and Thorpe Satchville Parish Council:** The next meeting is at Twyford Village Hall on Tuesday July 18 at 7.30 pm. The following meeting is at Thorpe Satchville Village Hall on Tuesday August 15 at 7.30 pm.

## Women's Institutes

**Barsby and Ashby Folville:** Members will hear about *Real CSI* from Paul Taberner at Ashby Folville Village Hall on Wednesday July 12 and the competition is "a magnifying glass". The summer outing will be on Wednesday August 9.

**Gaddesby:** At the end of May members decided to hold a tea party to raise some money for the 'Save Denman' fund. Denman College was formally established in 1948, and named after Lady Denman, the first chairwoman of the WI federation.

Today, students attending Denman do not have to be members of the WI, and the college accepts both male and female learners.

Residential courses at Denman last between one and four nights, although non-residential day courses are also offered. Course subject areas include the arts, crafts, music, history, sport and technology. Denman is also the home of the WI Cookery School.

Many of our number have happy memories of taking part in courses at the college and wanted to express their support to keep the college financially viable. The party was in a member's new garden in Rothley – a lovely, beautifully maintained spot for such an event. The afternoon was gloriously sunny and a delicious tea (worthy of the WI) was provided. The afternoon raised almost £90 for the fund and was a delightful social occasion.

Three baby hoglets, safely wrapped in towels, provided 'cuteness overload' for members at their June meeting. The hoglets arrived courtesy of Pat Wadd, from 'Helping Hands Hedgehog Rescue', who gave an excellent, very interesting talk about hedgehogs. We learnt that they were around before the sabre-toothed tiger (now extinct), sharing distant ancestry with the shrew and has changed little over the past 15 million years! Obviously, you need to be very small, covered with spines and sleep all winter to survive for millennia! For our summer event on July 12, we are going, first to the Lodge in Market Overton for lunch and then on to Barnsdale Gardens for the afternoon. Let's hope the sun shines. The August meeting will be in the church owing to kitchen refurbishment at the village hall. *Daphne Tucker*

**South Croxton:** Members visited Stoneywell National Trust for their June meeting. In July the meeting will be held in a member's garden. Guests are very welcome at meetings at the cost of £5, which includes food and a cuppa. There is no meeting in August. *Rita Ross*



# Ashby Folville and Barsby

**Garden fete:** St Mary's PCC would like to say a big "thank you" to everyone who supported the fete on Saturday June 17, by either helping to set up, run a stall, or just by turning up on the day to enjoy the afternoon.

This has been a tradition of the village for many years and one which we hope will continue. The support of all villagers is very much appreciated.

Unfortunately someone left a bag of goodies in the field after the fete, which included a couple of books, a plant, a jar of beetroot chutney and a bottle of bucks fizz. If the owner would like to claim them please contact me. *Angela Patton*

**An invitation to all residents of Ashby Folville, Barsby & Gaddesby:** Come and have a cup of tea or coffee (juice for the little ones), includes a biscuit or two. If you need transport we can fix it. **Where?** Ashby Folville Village Hall on Thursday July 13 10.00—12 noon and afterwards every second Thursday of the month. Contact Pat Walton (840463) or Sue de Gaye (840904).

**St Mary's:** Guided tour of the church on Saturday July 15 at 11.00 am. Come and look round this beautiful building. *RH*

## Gaddesby

**Harvest Supper:** We are planning to have an evening Harvest Supper in St Luke's Church as the launch event of our community facility. The date is **Thursday October 19**, and follows a special patronal festival service for St. Luke, in the morning at 9.30 am.

Put the date in your diaries now so you don't miss out. It will be a ticketed event and will hopefully include entertainment. We are at the

early stages of planning but if you would like to help in any way with the event please contact me by telephone (841184) or email [dat7469@gmail.com](mailto:dat7469@gmail.com) Further details will follow in September. *Daphne Tucker*

**Urgent appeal for bell-ringers:** Would you like to learn to ring our church bells at St Luke's for weddings, Christmas, services and other church events? You do not need to have a faith to ring church bells! All you need is to be able to count one to eight and back again, have a good sense of rhythm, and be reasonably fit. It's also good fun! All we ask is that you are able to commit to ring for Sunday services (half-an-hour's ringing), usually twice a month. Ask your friends and family members so they can learn with you, and enjoy being part of a great British tradition – Oh! And we are paid to ring for weddings!

For further information and to arrange a no obligation one-to-one trial, contact Maurice Deacon (840123 or 07799 284150).

### Village hall

Yoga, Tuesdays, 7.30—9.00 pm, contact Barbara Jackson (424487); Aerobics, Thursdays, 7.00—8.00 pm, contact Justine Hunt (840435); Why Not Come Dancing



(WNCD) Saturdays, 7.00—11.00 pm, contact Barry Preston (840381) and the Gaddesby Women's Institute, second Wednesday of the month, 7.30—10.00 pm, contact Daphne Tucker (841184).

Contact Sue Evans (840305) for hall bookings.

## South Croxton

**Quiz Night:** Tickets for the quiz night with fish 'n chip supper at South Croxton Village Hall in aid of South Croxton Bell and Tower Fund at 7.00 pm on Saturday September 23 from Liz (840803), Pat (840229) or Angela (840620).

**Garden fete:** Huge "thank you" to everyone who helped make the South Croxton garden fete such a great success. We raised more than £2,000. Grateful thanks to Mr and Mrs M. Norton for the use of their lovely garden!  
*Angela Wood*

**Lottery:** Anyone wishing to join the monthly lottery can contact Tracy Campbell (840042), Ann Crawford (840231) or Angela Wood (840620).

### Village hall

**Crafty Chatter** Tea/coffee, chat and craft. We welcome visitors with any craft/project – from knitting, sewing and crochet to drawing, painting or jewellery-making. Alternate Wednesdays at the village hall, June 28, July 12 and August 9 and 23, 2.0—4.00 pm, £1 when you attend. More details from Caroline (840272).

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



**Fortunately it was a perfect mosquito,  
without spot or blemish.**

## Thorpe Satchville

### Village Hall

Thank you to everyone who came along to our Dolly Parton night on June 3 and joined in the fun. It would be fair to say it was an excellent evening. Kelly O'Brien as Dolly was amazing !

Our next event is the village walk and brunch on Sunday July 9. We will meet by the village hall at 9.00 am for the walk. Brunch will be served at 11.00 am for the walkers and for anyone who would just like to join us for a late breakfast, £5.00 per head. The bar will also be open .

**Advance notice:** Annual BBQ and rounders match will be held on the green on **Sunday September 3**. Tombola prizes to Annie please (2 Salters Hill) and any empty wine bottles! This is a great village event so put it on your calendar now!

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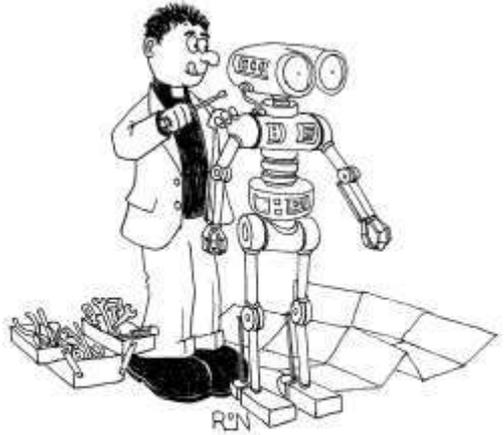
**Coffee mornings:** Drop in for coffee, cake and chat on every second Thursday of the month, 10.30—12.00 pm. The next will be on Thursday July 13 and the following one on Thursday August 10. Absolutely everyone is welcome – young, old, babies and toddlers! These coffee mornings have proved to be very successful and have been running for over a year now. If you haven't come along to one so far, please do and get to know more of your neighbours.

**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 6.00 pm and £15 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](http://www.thorpesatchville.co.uk) where you will find all the relevant information.

**Scout groups:** Since the last update the group has been busy with, amongst other things, cycling to Moscow Farm through the rain and mud; putting up tents; exploring a wood on the Ashby Folville Estate (thanks again) and hiking through the fields around Thorpe Satchville. The group is preparing for its first all sections camp in September. Thanks to those who have donated Sainsbury's "Active Kids" vouchers – we are currently deciding what to put them towards. Choices, choices!!

If you'd like to help or put your child forward to join our Beavers, Cubs or Scouts please email [lthorpescouts@gmail.com](mailto:lthorpescouts@gmail.com) or call Group Scout Leader Tim Ashton (07976 378 795).



**The difficult bit was persuading a bishop to ordain him.**

## Twyford

### **Village hall:**

#### **JULY**

**Karate:** Sundays, 10.00 am, July 2, 9, 30.

Mondays, 7.00 pm, July 10.

Wednesdays, 6.00 pm, July 5, 12.

For more details please contact Alison (851238)

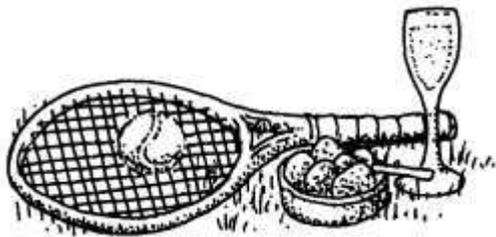
**Carpet bowls:** No meetings until September.

**Whist drive:** Friday, 7.00 pm, July 7, 21.

**Drop In:** Fridays, 10.30 am, July 7, 21.

**Yoga:** Mixed ability, Mondays, 11.00 am, July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31; Men's, Thursdays, 7.00 pm, July 6, 13, 20, 27 (no classes in August).

**Inns and Outs:** Visit to Tolethorpe to see *Hobson's Choice*. Sandy will already have numbers because she has booked tickets. For further information ring Sandy (840454).



**Woolly Days:** Knitting, spinning, crochet, weaving . . . Saturday July 8, 10.30—3.30 pm. Bring your work and enjoy a day with like-minded people, everyone welcome. £5.00 and something for shared lunch. Contact Lizzie (07754 497004) for more details.

**Book and Film Club:** Thursday July 27, 4.00 pm at The Saddle. July's book is *Their Finest Hour and a Half*, by Lissa Evans, widely available because there is a film tie-in. The film is called *Their Finest* and has been showing in Melton.

**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. Please call Chris (07811 859813) or (840774) for more information, or enquire online via [www.twyford-vh.org](http://www.twyford-vh.org).

**Twyford Village Hall website:** [www.twyford-vh.org](http://www.twyford-vh.org) Check out what's coming up and our news. See the hall's facilities, availability for hire, and contact us to book your event!

## AUGUST

**Karate:** Sundays, 10.00 am, August 6, 13, 20.

Mondays, 7.00 pm, August 7, 21.

Wednesdays, 6.00 pm, August 2, 9, 16, 30.

For more details please contact Alison (851238)

**Carpet bowls:** Mondays, 8.00 pm. Restarts September 11.

**Whist drive:** Friday, 7.00 pm, August 4, 18.

**Drop In:** Fridays, 10.30 am, August 4, 18.

**Yoga:** Mixed ability, Mondays, 11.00 am, restarts September 4; Men's, Thursdays, 7.00 pm, restarts September 7.

**Inns and Outs:** Walk and pub supper, meeting at 7.00 pm on August 8. Final details of the location will follow nearer the time. Book the meal with Chris (840774) or Robin (840383) before August 1, please.

**Woolly Days:** Knitting, spinning, crochet, weaving . . . Saturday August 12, 10.30—3.30 pm. Bring your work and enjoy a day with like-minded people, everyone welcome. £5.00 and something for shared lunch. Contact Lizzie (07754 497004) for more details.

**Book and Film Club:** Thursday August 24 at The Saddle. Please ring Sheelagh (840605) or Joy (840774).

**New facility:** We now have a refurbished small meeting room which is available for hire, either separately or in conjunction with the main space. We are in the process of furnishing and equipping the room. If you need a comfortable venue for meetings, groups or 1-to-1 sessions, please contact us via the web-site or by phoning Chris (840774). Why not arrange a visit to check this new facility?

## **Who to contact in the South Croxton Benefice**

**Priest in charge (Rector Designate): The Revd Neil Stothers**

The Rectory, 19 Main Street, South Croxton LE7 3RJ

Tel: 01664 841278 or email: [revneilstothers@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:revneilstothers@yahoo.co.uk)

Please contact Revd Neil for all wedding, funeral, baptism or home communion visits, or urgent pastoral matters in the first instance. When Revd Neil is on leave, kindly contact the administration office (01664) 561909 or the appropriate contact from the list of Churches below;

The South Croxton Benefice is part of the South West Framland group of Churches and has an administrative office that deals with official and authorised forms that you may have to complete, and for collection of all fees for the services we provide. This office is open on Tuesdays and Fridays (01664 561909); or by email; [clusterradmin@btinternet.com](mailto:clusterradmin@btinternet.com)

For general matters relating to one of our Benefice Churches, visits, or record searches, please contact: (All numbers preceded by 01664):

**St Mary Ashby Folville & Barsby:** Rosemary Holt – Warden (840783).

**St Luke Gaddesby:** Daphne Tucker – Warden (841184) or David Wyrko – Warden (840385).

**St John the Baptist South Croxton & Beeby:** Ann Crawford – Warden (840231) or Brian Piper – Warden (840627)

**St Michael & All Angels Thorpe Satchville:** Jane Smith – Warden (840333)

**St Andrew Twyford:** Dorothy Edwards – Warden (840591)

■ The Wardens may direct you to other contacts that will assist your enquiry as necessary.

For matters relating to this magazine, contributions, news items, celebrations or events contact Glyn Tucker (841184) or email [churchmaged@gmail.com](mailto:churchmaged@gmail.com)

**The deadline for the September newsletter is August 22.**

**August  
2017**

***Where to Worship in the  
South Croxton Group***

|                                      |         |                                            |                   |
|--------------------------------------|---------|--------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| August 1<br>Lammas Day               | 7.00pm  | BCP Holy Communion                         | South Croxton     |
| August 3<br>Thursday                 | 9.30am  | BCP Holy Communion                         | Gaddesby          |
| August 6<br>Trinity 8                | 8.30am  | BCP Holy Communion                         | Twyford           |
|                                      | 10.30am | Worship with Eucharist                     | Thorpe Satchville |
|                                      | 6.00pm  | Evensong                                   | South Croxton     |
| August 10<br>Thursday                | 9.30am  | BCP Holy Communion                         | Thorpe Satchville |
| August 13<br>Trinity 9               | 8.30am  | BCP Holy Communion                         | Ashby Folville    |
|                                      | 10.30am | Worship with Eucharist                     | Gaddesby          |
| August 15<br>Tuesday                 | 7.00pm  | Patronal Festival, The Blessed Virgin Mary | Ashby Folville    |
| August 17<br>Thursday                | 9.30am  | BCP Holy Communion                         | Gaddesby          |
| August 20<br>Trinity 10              | 8.30am  | BCP Holy Communion                         | Twyford           |
|                                      | 10.30am | Worship with Eucharist                     | South Croxton     |
| August 24<br>Bartholomew the Apostle | 9.30am  | BCP Holy Communion                         | Thorpe Satchville |
| August 27<br>Trinity 11              | 8.30am  | BCP Holy Communion                         | Ashby Folville    |
|                                      | 10.30am | Worship with Eucharist                     | Twyford           |

**Hole for one**

A golfing priest, after having been beaten by an elderly parishioner, returned to the clubhouse somewhat depressed. "Cheer up," said the layman. Remember, you'll be burying me some day." "Yes," said the priest. "But even then it will be your hole!"



**July  
2017**

***Where to Worship in  
South West Framland Group***

|                              |         |                                                                     |                                         |
|------------------------------|---------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| <b>July 1<br/>Saturday</b>   | 3.00pm  | Messy Church                                                        | Frisby MC                               |
| <b>July 2<br/>Trinity 3</b>  | 8.30am  | Holy Communion                                                      | Rotherby                                |
|                              | 10.30am | Holy Communion                                                      | Gaddesby                                |
|                              | 10.30am | Family Service                                                      | Brooksby                                |
|                              | 10.30am | Holy Communion                                                      | Burrough                                |
|                              | 6.00pm  | United Evening Worship                                              | Hoby MC                                 |
| <b>July 9<br/>Trinity 4</b>  | 8.30am  | Holy Communion                                                      | Ashby Folville                          |
|                              | 8.30am  | Holy Communion                                                      | Kirby Bellars                           |
|                              | 10.30am | Parish Communion                                                    | Hoby                                    |
|                              | 10.30am | Holy Communion                                                      | Little Dalby                            |
|                              | 10.30am | Family Service                                                      | South Croxton                           |
| <b>July 16<br/>Trinity 5</b> | 8.30am  | Holy Communion                                                      | Frisby                                  |
|                              | 8.30am  | Holy Communion                                                      | Twyford                                 |
|                              | 10.30am | United Café Church for<br>Rural Mission Sunday                      | Frisby, at Zion Farm,<br>Rotherby Lane. |
|                              | 10.30am | Holy Communion                                                      | Pickwell                                |
|                              | 6.00pm  | United Patronal Festival<br>for St Swithun (July 15 <sup>th</sup> ) | Great Dalby                             |
|                              | 6.00pm  | Evensong                                                            | South Croxton                           |
| <b>July 23<br/>Trinity 6</b> | 8.30am  | Holy Communion                                                      | Gaddesby                                |
|                              | 10.30am | Family Worship                                                      | Ragdale                                 |
|                              | 10.30am | Family Worship                                                      | Thorpe Satchville                       |
|                              | 10.30am | Holy Communion                                                      | Somerby                                 |
|                              | 6.00pm  | Evensong                                                            | Kirby Bellars                           |
| <b>July 30<br/>Trinity 7</b> | 10.30am | United SWF Group<br>Service of Holy<br>Communion                    | Hoby                                    |
| <b>Wednesdays</b>            | 9.15am  | Holy Communion                                                      | Frisby                                  |

MC = Methodist Centre/Church    VH = Village Hall

Please note that during the Burrough Hill Parishes interregnum 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.