

South Croxton Churches

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

Newsletter June 2014

Letter from Reader Malcolm Britton

Take note of near misses

One summer we had been in a tourist information office in Oban for only a few minutes and were on our way out when we heard the familiar voice of a friend. We were amazed by the coincidence of being there at exactly the same time, when neither pair knew of the other's holiday plans. A few minutes either way and we would have missed the encounter completely

As a result of this, I sometimes wonder how many near misses there have been in my life. Did someone I know leave the crowded platform just before I arrived or have I walked past a long-lost school friend and not recognised them because we have both changed in appearance over the years?



Luke dreamed of a world for Christ. He wrote of birds (representing nations) sheltering and finding protection in a large tree (representing the kingdom of heaven). His point is that the kingdom of God will grow into a vast empire in which all kinds of people and nations will come together and will find the shelter and protection of God.

There is much in Luke's way thinking that we would do well to note.

There is room in the kingdom for a wide variety of beliefs. No person or church has the monopoly of truth. So long as all beliefs are stemmed in Christ, they are all facets of God's truth.

A wide variety of experiences. We may come to Christ as a sudden shattering experience at a certain time on a certain day or we may be open to Christ naturally and without crisis.

A wide variety of ways of worship. Some find closeness to God in elaborate ritual and splendid

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☐ The next magazine will be a 12-page edition covering July and August. Deadline is June 22.

liturgy, others in bare simplicities and others in shows of tremendous emotion. It is the glory of the church that in its fellowship anyone can find a worship that brings them to God, but no way is more valid or more worthy than any other.

All kinds of people. In the kingdom, there is no distinction on the basis of gender, age, wealth, position or any of the other criteria we use to label people and create barriers. In the church, distinctions have no legitimate place.

All nations. In the world, there are many barriers between nations but none of them has any standing with God. In the city of God, there is room for the entire world and more. If we go through life believing we alone have the monopoly of wisdom in spiritual matters and dismiss all others' beliefs, experiences and ways of worship and if we try to avoid everyone who is not "like us", then on the basis of one of the other parables in Luke's gospel we shall almost certainly have experienced many near misses – we shall have missed encounters with the Living Christ.

Best wishes



Church notices

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

■ 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 June 7 – 3.00 pm onwards: Summer Picnic with craft, story etc. in Gaddesby Church and grounds. Please bring your own picnic, drinks provided.

Saturday July 5: Drop in between 12 noon and 5.00 pm. Join with Messy Church activities at Leicester Cathedral for the "Garden of Life" celebrations. See information under **Looking forward** . . . "Opportunity to visit our cathedral".

All ages are welcome. Contact the rector for more information.

■ **Baptism:** To have your baby, child or yourselves baptised please contact the rector.

Looking back . . .

■ **Marriage:** Richard Riley and Lizzie Pannett on May 10 at Twyford. *We wish this couple every happiness as they begin their married lives together.*

■ **Funerals:** We offer our prayers and sympathy to the families and friends of : Ann Little, formerly of South Croxton. A thanksgiving service for her life was held in South Croxton church on Thursday May 8.

Mary Florence Smith, formerly of Thorpe Satchville. Her funeral service was held at Thorpe Satchville on Friday May 23.

Roy Johnson, of Gaddesby. The funeral will be at Gaddesby on Wednesday June 4 at 11.00 am.

Looking forward . . .

■ On Sunday June 8 we will be celebrating Pentecost. At Twyford there will be a service of Holy Communion at 10.30 am. You are warmly invited to come to this service wearing something red and/or orange and yellow as a fun celebration of this important event. This is just an invitation but if you have nothing appropriate or those are “not your colours” please do not feel under any pressure!

■ **Evensong** will be on Sunday June 15 at 6.00 pm at Ashby Folville. 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.” The next rehearsal is on Tuesday June 10 at 7.00 pm at Gaddesby church.



■ On **Sunday June 29** you are invited to St Peter’s, Kirby Bellars, for a United Group Service at 10.30 am.

■ Opportunity to visit our cathedral! Come to a great celebration ‘Garden of Life’ on **Saturday July 5** when the cathedral gardens will be opened. There will be activities for all ages, bands, gospel choir, drinks and refreshments. Drop in any time between 12 noon to 5.00 pm – concluding with a service of open air baptisms and confirmations at 5.00 pm.

■ **Community Lunch:** The Parish Community Hub met at Great Dalby Village Hall on Tuesday May 27 with the Royal Oak providing the catering. Thank you to everyone who came along and joined us on that day. The next event will be at Beedles Lake, East Goscote, on Tuesday June 24, 12.00 pm for a 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 other’s company.

The Community Lunch Team.

Dates for your diaries:-

■ Saturday June 14 at 2.30 pm South Croxton fete in the grounds of the village hall.
Saturday June 21 at 2.00 pm Ashby Folville fete on the cricket ground (this includes a dog show). *Come early at 1.40 pm to see the Battle of Britain flypast!*

These events enable our churches to raise much needed income either for repairs or major building works, or for the ongoing running costs, and we do appreciate your support.

■ Please note that the next magazine will be a combined edition for **July and August.**

Mothers' Union

There will be Evensong with Malcolm Britton at St Andrew's Church, Twyford, on June 5. The group meets on the first Thursday of the month. Further information from Annette Piper (840627). New members welcome.

Parish councils

Gaddesby, Barsby & Ashby Folville Parish Council: The next meeting will be on Monday June 9 at Ashby and Barsby Village Hall. The following meeting will be at Gaddesby Village Hall on Monday July 14. Both 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. Please contact the clerk, Trudy Toon (840490), if you wish to raise any issues.

South Croxton Parish Council: The next meeting is on Thursday June 5 at 6.30 pm at the village hall. The following meeting will be on Thursday July 3.

Twyford and Thorpe Satchville Parish Council: The next meeting is on Tuesday June 10 at 7.30 pm at Thorpe Satchville.

Women's Institutes

Barsby and Ashby Folville: *Ceylon* — where the tea comes from is the subject of Mrs J. Taylor's talk on Wednesday June 11. The competition is "Pretty cream jug".

Gaddesby: Deborah Spencer will tell members about stilton cheese from the Long Clawson Dairy at the meeting on Wednesday June 11, starting at 7.30 pm. The competition is any object beginning with "A".

South Croxton: The branch has an outing planned for Thursday June 19.

Ashby Folville and Barsby

Garden fete: A traditional family afternoon at Ashby Folville on Saturday June 21 with lots of stalls, teas, family dog show and marching band. Come early to see the Battle of Britain flypast, expected at about 1.40 pm, before the stalls officially open at 2.00 pm.

Classes in the family dog show will be as follows: Class 1 – Best small/medium dog; 2 – Best large dog; 3 – Dog with the waggiest tail; 4 – Dog in the best condition; 5 – Best young handler (12 years and under); 6 – Fancy dress for both owner and dog (anyone can enter). Rosettes to 6th place and goodies for all entrants, £2.00 per class. Entries on the day between 2.00 pm and 3.00 pm. Judging will start at 3.00 pm.

Pam East, at Barsby Farm, would appreciate any bric-a-brac for her Granny's Attic stall, which is always a great attraction. Offers of help and raffle prizes would be very welcome. Contact Angela Patton (840964).



Gaddesby

Teas and things: Please join us at St Luke's Church on Sunday July 20, noon to 5.00 pm for this event in aid of church funds. Offers of cakes/scones for tea or sale or of help on the day to Diana (840267) — many thanks.

Church history: Members of the National Association of Decorative Fine Arts (NADFAS) presented a book giving a detailed record of everything within and without St Luke's Church at the Holy Communion service on Sunday May 18. The association has been working for three years to complete the task.

Gravestones: We need to catalogue the gravestones in the churchyard. If you can help for a couple of hours now and then please contact Linda (841220) or Diana (840267). Thanks again, D.

Annual meeting: The annual general meeting of Gaddesby Village Hall Committee will be held on Wednesday June 18 at 7.00 pm. All Welcome

Open garden: Pine House in Gaddesby is opening its garden in aid of Leicestershire Historic Churches Trust on Sunday June 29, 2.00—5.00 pm. Admission £2.50. Tea and cake available (no dogs).



Keith was very strict about confetti in the church yard.

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Christian Aid: Donations for this year's Christian Aid Week are currently £254 with some more to come. A big "Thank You" to those who gave so generously. *Brian Piper*

Lottery: The April lottery winner was Frank Black Anyone wishing to join the monthly lottery can contact Tracy Campbell (01664.840042), Ann Crawford (840231) or Angela Wood (840620) to find out more.

Village hall – Dates for your diary:

BBQ in the Park (with a difference) June 28

Big Brunch Walk: September 6

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

Thorpe Satchville

Village hall:

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

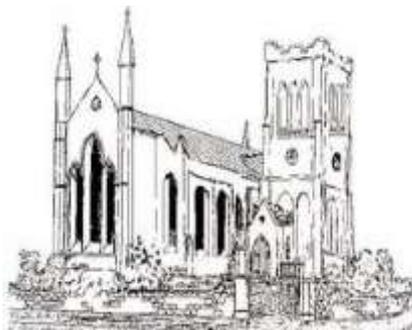
Scout groups: The beavers meet every Thursday evening 5.30—6.30 at the village hall and the cubs every other Thursday evening 7.40—8.15. The groups are looking for new young people to join. Contact lthorpescouts@gmail.com or come along at 5.30 pm onwards for beavers and 6.45 onwards for cubs. *Petra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

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■ 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.

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June 2014**Where to Worship in the South West Framland Group**

June 1 Easter 7	8.30am	Holy Communion	Frisby
	8.30am	Holy Communion	Ashby Folville
	10.30am	Parish Communion	Hoby
	10.30am	All Age Worship	Burrough
	10.30am	Holy Communion	South Croxton
	3.00pm	Deanery Evensong & Tea	Leicester Cathedral
June 7 (Sat.)	3.00pm	Messy Church	Frisby MC
	3.00pm	Messy Church Picnic	Gaddesby
June 8 Pentecost	8.30am	Holy Communion	Brooksby
	10.30am	United Big Welcome	Frisby
	10.30am	All Age Communion	Pickwell
	10.30am	All Age Communion	Twyford
June 15 Trinity Sunday	8.30am	Holy Communion	Hoby
	8.30am	Holy Communion	Thorpe Satchville
	10.30am	United Service	Frisby
	10.30am	Holy Communion	Somerby
	10.30am	Holy Communion	Gaddesby
	6.00pm	Songs of Praise	Little Dalby
	6.00pm	Evensong	Ashby Folville
June 22 Trinity 1	8.30am	Holy Communion	Ragdale
	10.30am	Parish Communion	Rotherby
	10.30am	Holy Communion	Great Dalby
	10.30am	Holy Communion	Ashby Folville
	6.00pm	Evensong	Kirby Bellars
	7.00pm	Songs of Praise	Hoby
June 29 Peter & Paul	10.30am	United Group and Patronal Festival Service of HC	Kirby Bellars
July 5 (Sat.)	3.00pm	Messy Church	Frisby MC
	3.00pm	Messy Church	Leicester Cathedral
July 6 Trinity 3	8.30am	Holy Communion	Frisby
	8.30am	Holy Communion	Ashby Folville
	10.30am	Parish Communion	Hoby
	10.30am	All Age Worship	Little Dalby
	10.30am	Holy Communion	South Croxton
Wednesdays	9.15am	Holy Communion	Frisby
	9.30am	Holy Communion	Somerby

MC = Methodist Centre/Church, VH = Village Hall,
HC = Holy Communion