

South Croxton Churches

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

Newsletter March 2013

From Frisby on the Wreake

Who am I? A question for Lent

Lent is a 40-day season of reflection and self-discipline before the celebrations of Easter, replicating the withdrawal of Jesus into the wilderness to fast and pray in preparation for his mission. For the church this is a time of self-reflection, prayer and penance. In our secular society Lent has become more of an encouragement to abstinence in order to shed those stubborn Christmas pounds prior to squeezing into the summer wardrobe. I encourage both.

Whatever your faith Lent offers the time and space for each one of us to take a good look at ourselves, our relationships with our families, friends, neighbours, and God – but starting with our relationship with the “self”.

“Who am I?” can be approached from a number of perspectives.

The biologists categorise us as *Homo sapiens*, an evolving carbon-based life-form which is about 70 per cent water. The historians tell the story of our humanity, recording and interpreting past events which give identity to the nations in which we live. The bureaucrats would like to reduce us to identity cards (name, date of birth, National



Insurance number, address, post code). The physicist Brian Cox and the psalmist (Psalm 8) both look at the night sky and ponder both the vastness of the physical universe and the wonder of our place in it.

Contemporary society views us as consumers and customers, identifying us through the products we buy, the clothes we wear and the lifestyle we develop and choose.

But none of these address the deeper question of our uniqueness, individuality and “essence” that reveals who we truly are. We are spiritual beings. This embodiment is a part of our spirituality, as our sexuality is part of our humanity. We explore and express our spirituality through music, art, poetry, faith and prayer, but have become unfamiliar, in

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contemporary society, with exploring through question and discussion. “Religious” or not, you are a spiritual being and your life is also a spiritual journey.

“Who am I?” is the first of six, weekly, “puzzling questions” being explored in a relaxed and informal way in the Bell Inn, Frisby, on Monday evenings during Lent. Each works as an independent unit.

You are most welcome at any or all of them.

Revd Peter Collins

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 3.00—4.30 pm at Thorpe Satchville Village Hall (£1 per family).

Saturday, March 2. *‘Joseph trusts God’.*

Saturday, March 30. *‘Messy Easter – fun, food and chocolate’.*

Contact Revd Susan Leighton (840245).

■ **The Sunday Club** (for 0-11 years). (*Children under 5 years – please bring a carer to stay with you.*). Held in South Croxton Church on a Sunday morning. Please ring Wendy Hardy (0116 260 7949) or Revd Susan Leighton (840245) for the March date.

Looking back . . .

Baptisms: Genevieve Illingworth, James Saunders and Daniel Saunders were baptised at St Luke’s, Gaddesby on January 26. *We welcome Genevieve, Daniel and James into 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 Leonard Gardner (formerly of South Croxton). His funeral was held at Grantham Crematorium on February 28. A Thanksgiving service for his life will be held on Tuesday, March 12, at 1.00 pm at St John the Baptist, South Croxton

Looking forward . . .

This month contains special services for Mothering Sunday, Holy Week and Easter, and I invite you to be part of this wonderful time of preparation and celebration!

On **Mothering Sunday, March 10**, there are two special services:

10.30 am Ashby Folville Communion for all ages

3.00 pm Gaddesby All Age Worship

There will be a floral gift for mothers/grandmothers, and refreshments at both services.

On **Palm Sunday, March 24**, there will be a special All Age Service at Thorpe Satchville at 10.30 am.

In **Holy Week** there are three afternoon meditations at Somerby Church at 3.00 pm on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

On **Maundy Thursday, March 28**, we are joining with All Saints' Asfordby, at 7.30 pm, to hear Ven David Newman present 'Mark – The Gospel' an event for the Framland Mission Partnership and Melton Methodist Circuit. Flyers giving more information are in church. Lifts can be arranged. Contact Susan (840245).

On **Good Friday, March 29**, there will be a Reflection Service, 3.00—4.00 pm at South Croxton Church.

On **Easter Eve** there will be the Lighting of the New Fire at Pickwell Church at 7.30 pm.

(NB. The clocks move forward by one hour before our great day of celebration!)

Easter Day Celebrations will be held at Ashby Folville at 8.30 am; Twyford at 10.30 am and an Easter Songs of Praise at Thorpe Satchville at 6.00 pm.

■ Evensong will be on the second Sunday, March 10, at 6.00 pm at Twyford. 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 March 10, will be on:

Wednesday, March 6, at 7.30 pm at Twyford Church.

If you are interested please speak to Susan Leighton (840245) or Neville Richards (568335)

■ **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 finish at 4.00 pm. All are welcome.

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(**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)?

■ **Community Lunch Project:** The Parish Community Hub monthly lunch will be on Monday, March 25, at 12.30 pm, at The Golden Fleece, South Croxton.. 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)

Tanzania mission

A quiz night at Gaddesby in aid of the Bishops Youth Council's Mission to Tanzania raised £850. Rebecca Moore, of South Croxton, who is one of those taking part said: "This has brought the total money I've raised up to £1,000 meaning I am now halfway there with just another £1,000 to raise before we leave at the end of July. I'd like to say a huge 'thank you' to everybody who helped and who supported the event." For more information or to make a donation contact Becca on 840144.

Mothers' Union

The next meeting is on Thursday, March 7, at 2.30 pm at Lesley Case's home in Hoby. The Rev. Philip Norwood will speak on "Travels with a Primate". For further information, contact Annette Piper (840627).

Parish councils

Gaddesby, Barsby & Ashby Folville Parish Council: The meeting on Monday, March 4, at Barsby and Ashby Folville Village Hall at 6.45 pm, will be the annual meeting followed by the parish council. The next meeting will be on Monday, April 8, at Gaddesby Village Hall at 6.45 pm.

Twyford and Thorpe Satchville Parish Council: The next meeting is on Thursday, March 14, at 7.30 pm in Twyford Village Hall.

WI meetings

Barsby and Ashby Folville: Jo Carter will speak about *The history of Laura Ashley* at the meeting on April 10 at Ashby Folville Village Hall.

Gaddesby: Members will be hearing about *Life on the Home Front* from Felicity Austine, on Wednesday, March 13. Bring and buy.

South Croxton: A talk about Vista, a charity that is dedicated to improving the lives of people with sight loss in Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland, is on the agenda at 7.30 pm on Thursday, March 21.

Ashby Folville and Barsby

Village Hall Spring Supper: Thursday, April 25, 7.30 pm. Tickets (£7.50) from Sylvia (840259).

Church flowers: Donations towards the Easter flowers would be very much appreciated. *Sylvia* (840259).

Gaddesby

Gaddesby Open Gardens: Saturday and Sunday June 22-23. Stop Press: 10 gardens confirmed open. Everyone is invited to a community meeting in Gaddesby Village Hall on Wednesday, March 20, 7.30 pm, to share ideas and discuss this community event. We need your help and support in what we hope will be a memorable weekend of celebration and community activity in support of St Luke's Church . . . "one of the most beautiful village churches in Leicestershire" (Pevsner, 1950), at the heart of our village life.

An hour or so to spare? If you have then we would be pleased to see you at the church on Saturday, March 16, at 10.00 am to help us tidy up around the church and in the churchyard. Plenty of small jobs for everyone and hopefully we can get the grounds looking spick and span for the Spring and Summer. If you need more information please contact David Wyrko (840385).

South Croxton

Coffee morning at Ann Crawford's, South Manor Farm, Saturday, March 16, 11.00—2.30pm. This is the first fund-raising event in our Bells and Tower Project to repair the tower and re-hang the bells. Your support will be very welcome. A very enthusiastic group have plans for plenty more, so watch this space!

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).

Thorpe Satchville

Village Hall: 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, 10.00 am, March 3, 10, 17, 24; Wednesdays, 6.00 pm, March 6, 13, 20, 27.

Carpent Bowls: Mondays, March 4, 18, 8.00 pm

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

Whist Drives: Friday, March 8, 22, 7.00 pm.

Inns + Outs: *The Hose Pipe Band*, on Tuesday, March 12, 7.30 pm, £2.50, bring a plate of food to share for the buffet and a drink. In aid of cancer research.

Annual meeting: Please come along and hear more about plans for the village hall and future events — everyone with ideas or suggestions welcome, Monday, March 25 at 8.0 pm

A date for your diary: St Andrew's Church cake, preserves and plant stall on Monday, May 6, in the churchyard.

The Twyford Photo Album: A peep down memory lane — is now ready to circulate. If you would like to see it, please contact: Dorothy Spencer (840316) or Wendy Atton (454457).

Royal British Legion

The legion is planning a trip to the Coldstream Guards' concert at the De Montfort Hall in Leicester on Thursday, April 23, and a visit to the National Memorial Arboretum near Lichfield on Friday, June 28. There will be a bus from the Cheney Arms for both trips and guests are welcome to swell the numbers for the bus. Contact Keith Wilby (840284). The annual dinner will be at the Carrington Arms, Ashby Folville on May 23.

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

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

Priest-in-charge The Reverend Susan Leighton, 01664 840245

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

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Contributions, news, events and notices may be emailed to

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The deadline for the March magazine is March 22.

March services — new rota

	Mar 2 Saturday	Mar 3 Lent 3	Mar 10 Mothering S	Mar 17 Lent 5	Mar 24 Palm Sun	Holy Week and Easter services <input type="checkbox"/> See separate sheet	Apr 7 Easter 2
Ashby F			10.30 AAC SL/RT				
Gaddesby			3.00AAW SL/KN		8.30 HC SL		
S Croxton				10.30 HC PC			8.30 HC PC
Thorpe S	3.00 MC TSVH SL	8.30 HC SL			10.30 AAW SL/KN		
Twyford			6.00 ES PC				

Other services in the South West Framland (SWF) Group

Brooksby			10.30 ULS MB/JN Hall Fm			
Burrough				10.30 HC SL		
Frisby	3.00 MC FMC JN	10.30 HC PC				
Grt Dalby			10.30 AAC TL		4.00 LS JC/RT Woodgate Fm	6.00 HC PC
Hoby			8.30 HC SL		10.30 usaw PC/AB	
K Bellars		6.00 ES MB/KN		10.30 FS TL		6.00 ES MB
Lt Dalby					10.30 HC TL/RT	
Pickwell		6.00 HC SL				10.30 AAW RT & T
Ragdale						10.30 HC PC
Rotherby				8.30 HC SL		
Somerby		10.30 AAW TL/RT/Team				

HC Holy Communion; AAW All Age Worship; FS Family Service; LS Lambing Service; MC Messy Church; ES Evensong; US & W United Service and Walk; ULS United Lambing Service. FMC Frisby Methodist Centre; GDMC Great Dalby Methodist Church; TSVH Thorpe Satchville Village Hall. AB Revd Andrew Barker; MB Malcolm Britton; JC Revd Jane Carter; PC Revd Peter Collins; SL Revd Susan Leighton; TL Revd Tony Leighton; KN Kathryn Noble; JN Janet Norburn; RT Rhona Tomlyn; T Team.