

South Croxton Churches

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

Newsletter March 2017

A message from our rector designate, the Rev Neil Stothers

Greetings from new rector

Hello to you all! I am very much looking forward to living and being among you all in the South Croxton Benefice, and will hopefully be meeting you all at my licensing in St Luke's Church, Gaddesby, on March 28.

Eileen, my wife and Chloe my daughter and I will be moving into the Rectory a little earlier to settle ourselves in. My little dog 'Fluffy' will be joining us too – he's a Bichon Frisé – and is almost 13 years old. We also have two sons, Craig and Christian, who will continue living in Southport.

My background is in public and private sector management and teaching of religious studies, philosophy and ethics, and maths (though not at the same time!) – which have proven very useful tools in my ministry.

Enough about me – it's probably useful to briefly mention my thinking philosophically

about 'the Church'; people are the Church, and I thoroughly enjoy meeting and chatting to everyone, either in small talk or more deeper conversations about their faith; I'm here to cure souls after all, and always strive to build good relationships with everyone. Win-win situations are always the best to strive for.

I am very approachable, and have a good sense of humour. I am, at the end of the day, however, a mere human being who functions well on the spiritual refreshment and guidance given by the Holy Spirit.

I do look forward to joining you all soon, and walking alongside you in your own journey of faith with Christ himself, and sharing in the joys and delights of worshipping God in the benefice of South Croxton.

Blessings,

Revd Neil



Church notices

The South Croxton Benefice is part of the South West Framland (SWF) Group which operates an office. For all baptism and wedding enquiries please contact the Administrator Canon Vic Allsop at the SWF Group Office, 29 Main Street, Great Dalby, LE14 2ET (561909) or clusteradmin@btinternet.com.

■ **Licensing service:** On March 28, at 6.00 pm, the South Croxton Benefice will be holding the licensing service for Revd. Neil Stothers, our long awaited new rector, at St Luke's Church, Gaddesby. Please come along to welcome Neil and his family to our benefice.

■ **Community Lunch:** The Parish Community Hub held its most recent get-together in February at Melton and District Indoor Bowls Club. The next event will be at Ashby Folville Village Hall on Tuesday March 28. Catering will be provided by the Carington Arms, 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. New people are coming along all the time.
The Community Lunch Team.

■ **Lent Group – The York Course 2017:** Receiving Christ in five different ways. This course will be led by David and Lorraine Perril and will take place at: 5 Old Brewery Court, off Church Lane, Somerby. It will be held on Mondays throughout Lent: March 6, 13, 20, 27, and April 3, from 10.30 —11.30 am. Please contact David or Lorraine (452117) to book a place.



■ **Lent School of Prayer:** Bishop Martyn will be travelling the diocese during Lent to teach about prayer. As one of his top priorities, he is keen to invite as many people as possible to attend one of the evenings and commit to learning more about prayer.

The evenings are designed for “beginners in the language of prayer” (Bishop Martyn counts himself a beginner) and will appeal to those who want to pray but struggle to know how; those who have tried but feel they have failed; those who are simply curious; those who have been recently confirmed as well as those who have attended church for many years. No prior knowledge or experience will be assumed.

Bishop Martyn writes: “For most of my life as a Christian, I have lived with a curious mix of feelings about prayer: desire, guilt, incomprehension, joy. There have been moments of extraordinary ‘answers’ to prayer, and moments of darkness and bitter silence. Yet one thing has remained constant – a belief that the Christian life is nothing without an ongoing exploration of what it means to converse with and encounter God. I look forward to sharing something of my own journey with you.”

The Bishop will be at The Samworth Centre, Melton Mowbray, on Tuesday April 4, at 7.30—9.30 pm, free of charge.

■ **Deserving desserts—Lent meetings with a difference:** The Upper Wreake Methodist Church Frisby Centre invites you to join them for a tasty bite and conversation, Thursdays from March 9—30, 7.30 pm, numbers for catering purposes to Mrs Janet Norburn (0116 2695295) or jannathome@hotmail.com

Parish councils

Gaddesby, Barsby & Ashby Folville Parish Council: The next meeting, which will also be the annual parish meeting, will be at Ashby and Barsby Village Hall on Monday March 13. The following meeting will be at Gaddesby Village Hall on Monday April 10. 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 March 2. The following meeting will be on Thursday April 6. All meetings, in the village hall, start at 6.30 pm.

Twyford and Thorpe Satchville Parish Council: The next meeting is on Tuesday March 21 at 7.30 pm in Twyford Village Hall.

Women's Institutes

Barsby and Ashby Folville: Heather Herrington will lead a Kurling session at the meeting on Wednesday March 8. The competition is "An interesting pair of gloves".

Gaddesby: At the February meeting we had an interesting talk about the work of the Air Ambulance which generated a very lively question and answer session. On March 8, we welcome Virginia Wright who will be guiding us in the very popular activity of 'Tracing the Family Tree'. This will be an open meeting and visitors will be most welcome (cost £3). Just come along at 7.30 pm to the village hall. There is a 'Bring and Buy' and the competition letter is 'R'

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.

Editor



The verger was on hand to keep the vicar to his 20-minute pledge.

Ashby Folville and Barsby

St Mary's: The annual parochial church council meeting will be held on Tuesday March 14 in St Mary's at 8.00 pm. All parishioners welcome

Date for your diary: The Ashby Folville Annual Garden Fete will be held on Saturday June 17.

Barsby church: Did you know that Barsby once had a little church of its own? No-one knows where it stood, or to whom it was dedicated. It fell into disrepair after the reformation, the parish was absorbed into Ashby Folville and now St. Mary's is Barsby's church as well. *RH*

Aumbry: The aumbry cupboard at St. Mary's was finally opened but was empty. Aumbrys contained sacred vessels, including the pyx, which was a box containing the holy sacrament, ready to take to the sick or dying. Thomas Hardy wrote a lovely poem called "The Lost Pyx: A Mediaeval Legend". *RH*

Village hall

Spring supper: Thursday April 27, 7.30 pm for 8.00 pm. Tickets £9 from Sylvia.

Date for your diary: Harvest supper October 26.

Supper proceeds: Due to a misunderstanding the harvest supper proceeds were reported as £393. In fact, the church and village hall each received £393.

Music at the Mill: The date for your diary is Saturday 1st July 1 at Mill Farm Ashby Road Gaddesby – more details to follow! *Antony Cresswell-Black, Barsby Village Charity chairman*

Gaddesby

St Luke's Church: The Electoral Roll for St Luke's Parish is being updated. If you wish your name to be included on the electoral roll, forms are available from the church notice board, inside the porch, or can be obtained from Daphne Tucker, 18 Ashby Road, Gaddesby. The closing date for application is Friday 24 March.

The Electoral Roll is the register of electors for a parish. In the same way that being on the civic Electoral Roll allows members of that roll to vote in parliamentary and local elections and referenda, joining the Church Electoral Roll means that people can vote on Church matters, attend the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) and stand for election to the Parochial Church Council (PCC). Those entitled to have their names on this roll must be 16 years of age or more and they must live in the parish or be regular worshippers in the church whose roll they wish to join.

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.

Gaddesby Hall: Mrs Valerie Jinks is appealing for memorabilia of the hall that could be copied into the historic records that she has put together. Mrs Jinks says: "Through three large folders the records trace the history of the owners, servants and glorious Edwardian days, its place in the Melton hunting scene, troop occupation during

the war, and the restoration of hall and grounds up to the present time. If you have anything that could be helpful to fill the gaps of everyday life at Gaddesby Hall or the village life around it please get in touch, it would be most appreciated. You would not have to part with anything, it can be copied there and then.” Mrs Jinks can be contacted at jinksdv@gmail.com, 840809, or 07831 698030.

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

Village hall:

An Evening at Café du Village: Saturday March 25, 7.30 pm, at the village hall. Tickets £15, 15 years and under, £9. Join us for an entertaining evening (French dress optional). We will have a French menu and fun quiz, with live music from “Fi Fi” the accordionist. Tickets from 840272, 840900 and 840612. Bring your own drink.

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 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 March 9. Absolutely everyone is welcome – young, old, babies and toddlers!

Pub night: Friday March 31. If any villagers would like to host our pub nights, please feel free to volunteer. The bar will be stocked for you. Contact Annie on the number below. Doors open 7.00 pm.

Friday April 28: Pub and Pie Night

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 hour 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: In the last month members of our Beavers, Cubs and Scouts have celebrated the Chinese New Year; made model catapults; explored health and fitness; seen how people cope with disabilities; made pancakes and completed indoor challenges. If you would like to know more or volunteer to help please email

lthorpescouts@gmail.com or call Group Scout Leader Tim Ashton on 07976 378 795.

Twyford

■ **St Andrew's Church:** There will be an ordinary parochial church council meeting on Wednesday March 1 at 7.30 pm in the vestry. The annual meeting is scheduled for Wednesday March 22 at 7.30 pm, also in the vestry, which will be followed by the parishioners' meeting immediately afterwards.

If you would like to help with church flowers and cleaning, we are looking for anyone who would be prepared to help for two weeks a year. Please contact Dorothy Edwards, churchwarden, for more information (840591).



Village hall:

Karate: Sundays, 10.00 am, March 5, 12, 19, 26; Wednesdays, 6.00 pm, March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29.

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

Whist drives: Friday, 7.00 pm, March 3, 17, 31.

Drop In: Fridays, 10.30 am, March 3, 17, 31.

Yoga: Mixed ability, Mondays, 11.00 am, March 6, 13, 20, 27; men's, Thursdays, 7.00 pm, March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30.

Inns and Outs: Tuesday March 14, Twyford Village Hall, 7.30 pm. Very special visitors: "Impressions" Women's Steel Band from Leicester. Admission £3 each. Bring something for the buffet and a drink. All welcome.

Woolly Days: Saturday March 11 and Saturday March 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).

Twyford Village Hall AGM. Monday March 20, 7.30 pm. Do you fancy a free cup of tea or glass of wine and a preview of the newly refurbished Twyford Village Hall? Come and join us at 7.30 pm, and stay afterwards for the AGM. We're grateful for your feedback in our recent survey and welcome any comments on the improvements and future events. If you'd like to get involved then please let us know!

Book and Film Club: Thursday March 30 at 4.00 pm in The Saddle. The book/film for this month is *Rum Punch* by Elmore Leonard (published in 1992) The book was used as the basis for the film *Jackie Brown*, directed by Quentin Tarantino and released in 1997.

Advance notice: "The Whispering Road", Twyford Village Hall, April 7, 7.15 pm.

An evening of sublime music and fantastic storytelling from SeriousKitchen.

Tickets £10 adult, £7 child, with discounts for advance purchase and the third child in a family free! Contact Chris on (840774), See www.twyford-vh.org for more details.

New: Twyford Village Hall website: www.twyford-vh.org Check out what's coming up and our latest news. See the hall's facilities, our availability for hire, and contact us directly to book your event!

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) or enquire online at www.twyford-vh.org.

Who's who in the South Croxton Benefice

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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

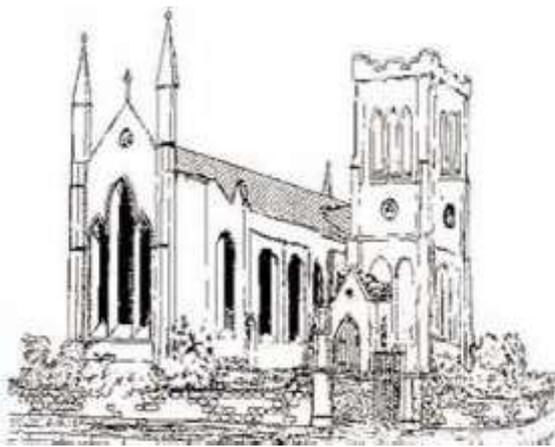
Randell (840249).

Newsletter Editor: Glyn Tucker (841184) Contributions, news, events and notices may be emailed to

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or left at/posted to 18 Ashby Road, Gaddesby, LE7 4WF (next to the village hall car park).

The deadline for the April edition is March 22.



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Where to Worship in South West Framland Group

March 1 Ash Wednesday	9.15am	Holy Communion and Ashing	Frisby
	7.30pm	Holy Communion and Ashing	Somerby
March 4 Saturday	3.00pm	Messy Church	Frisby MC
March 5 Lent 1	8.30am	Holy Communion	Hoby
	10.30am	Family Worship	Ragdale
	10.30am	Holy Communion	Little Dalby
	10.30am	Holy Communion	Gaddesby
	3.00pm	Evensong	Great Dalby
	6.00pm	United Evening Worship	Hoby MC
March 12 Lent 2	8.30am	Holy Communion	Ashby Folville
	10.30am	Lambing Service with the Bishop of Leicester	Hall Farm, Brooksby
	10.30am	Holy Communion	Burrough
March 19 Lent 3	8.30am	Holy Communion	Kirby Bellars
	10.30am	Holy Communion	Thorpe Satchville
	10.30am	Holy Communion	South Croxton
	10.30am	Café Church	Frisby MC
	3.00pm	Evensong	Twyford
March 26 Lent 4 Mothering Sunday	10.30am	SWF Group Service of Holy Communion for Mothering Sunday, with The Bishop of Leicester	Pickwell
March 28 Tuesday	6.00pm	Licensing of the Revd Neil Stothers as Priest in Charge (Rector designate) of the South Croxton Group by the Assistant Bishop of Leicester.	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.