

South Croxton Churches

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

Newsletter May 2017

New rector explains plans for benefice churches

Ministry and mission . . .

Hello to you all!

I hope you managed to attend one of the services over Eastertide at one of the South Croxton Benefice Churches, or even beyond to a service in South West Framland. They remain the most important days in the Christian calendar as we rejoice in the resurrection of Christ, giving us all hope. Then, when we are called, it will be into a life everlasting – just as Jesus promised!

Just to let you know one or two things that are happening in the benefice:

■ **We are looking to increase** the number of church services we provide each month, and to reach a regular pattern. We are looking at services in the week as well as on Sundays, giving those who are unable to attend at the weekend a chance to do so in the week. More about these changes coming soon!

■ **There is going to be a service** to say a BIG “thank you” to all the volunteers that help out in all of our benefice churches. Regular and occasional volunteers are invited to attend this special service at Gaddesby on Sunday May 7 which will be part of the 10.30 am service. Those who helped the ‘spring clean’ at South Croxton and Thorpe Satchville churches please come along. Let this be your day!

■ **Ascension day service** is on Thursday May 25 at Gaddesby at 7.30 pm when we celebrate Christ ascending to Heaven. Everyone is welcome!

■ **Have you been Baptised?** If not – it’s not too late. We are looking at a special service to baptise adults all at once! If you have been baptised, have you been CONFIRMED? This is when you repeat for yourself the commitments made for you by your parents and Godparents at your baptism. We usually meet a handful of times on one day each week to discuss what confirmation is, and then we’ll arrange a service of confirmation with our Bishop. Adults are very welcome, and those in Y6 onward are very welcome too. If you’re interested then call me on 841278



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to chat about both baptism and confirmation. It's the first and second Sacrament (or milestone) of life's journey in faith.

■ **Are you sceptical about religion?** Do you have burning questions that need answers? Whether you are a theist (true believer), an agnostic (not quite sure what it is you believe), or an atheist (non-believer) then my Philosophy, Theology and Ethics class is just for you! We deal with matters on a purely academic basis and it's a subject I used to teach at A-level. It does have 'answers' to life and draws upon many philosophers' views, (Plato and Aristotle) right through to modern-day thinkers (Bentham and Hume). You then just have to formulate your own views and see how these sit in the bigger picture. Ethical issues affect us all in our world today; same-sex relationships – IVF, euthanasia, famine, GM foods . . . how much you participate in our conversation is entirely up to you. Just sit and listen if you wish! Or give us your view. I am currently arranging a 'taster session', and I'll give more details in the next issue. I think when you discover what exactly philosophy and ethics are you'll want to know more! You have everything to gain – nothing to lose!

■ **A BIG ASK FOR HELP:** In all of our benefice churches we need help and would ask that you volunteer if you are able and your time permits. Even if you can only give ONE hour a week – that's absolutely fine. We are looking for another churchwarden at St Mary's, Ashby Folville – to help an existing warden (we usually have two in each church); a PCC secretary at St Andrew, Twyford, to take minutes of meetings that occur four times each year; sidesmen/women at all our Churches (to meet and greet our congregations coming to worship and to hand out and collect hymn books and service books); Sacristans at our Churches (helping maintain and polish the Church silver, wash and iron the small amount of linen, checking on the Church candles and maintaining stocks of wafers and wine); help needed with figures and accounts and claims for grants seeking financial assistance from charitable bodies (eg English Heritage); opening up and locking our Churches (dawn 'til dusk) so that the public may visit our beautiful historic buildings; fundraising assistants at our galas and fetes; if YOU are able to help in any way – please call me for more information (841278).

■ **We are undertaking a feasibility study** and cost exercise to have a water supply to four of our Churches – South Croxton, Ashby Folville, Thorpe Satchville and Twyford. It's at its very early stages but the intention is to equip all our Churches with toilet/hand-washing facilities, and a small space for a kitchen to provide hot drinks in Church. More details to follow when we have fully analysed the costs.

■ **Are you on the Electoral Roll of your Church?** Please think about adding your name as it means you have a say in how you wish the Church to develop. Please contact me if you are interested (841278) and I'll see that a form is sent to you for completion.

■ **Time is such a precious commodity** – and we all have much to do at work, or with our families, or going on holiday, caring for others . . . etc, etc. That is why every hour you can give to Church is very much appreciated and is the best way we can help each other. Thank you for taking the time to read this and I do hope that I can appeal to you to give these matters further thought.

With God's Blessings

Revd Neil



“ . . . and the theme of this morning's service is . . . 'Preaching a gospel of simplicity' . . . ”

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.

■ **Community Lunch:** The Parish Community Hub held its most recent get-together in April at Brooksby Melton College in Melton Mowbray. The next event will be on Tuesday May 23 at The Brewery, Old Dalby, 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.*

Southport message: A coachload of people from Revd Neil's former parish attended his licensing at Gaddesby and left his new parishioners a message. "To the churchwardens and all in the South Croxton Benefice. Thank you for your welcome and hospitality. Neil has been a valued and much loved priest at Emmanuel. We feel sure he will make a good and valued 'Rector'. Many blessings from all at Emmanuel Church, Southport."

Parish councils

Gaddesby, Barsby & Ashby Folville Parish Council: The next meeting will be at Ashby and Barsby Village Hall on Monday May 8, which will also be the annual meeting of the council. The following meeting will be at Gaddesby Village Hall on Monday June 12. 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/>

Vacancy: Gaddesby Parish Council has a vacancy for a parish councillor. The vacancy is open to anyone living in the villages, who has an interest in general village matters, including, planning, highway maintenance and street lighting. If you would like further information or are interested in becoming a parish councillor please contact the clerk, Mrs Trudy Toon (840490), or email gaddesbypc@hotmail.co.uk.

South Croxton Parish Council: The next meeting will be on Thursday May 11 at the village hall at 6.30 pm. The following meeting, on Thursday June 1 at 6.30 pm in the village hall, will be the annual parish meeting.

Twyford and Thorpe Satchville Parish Council: The annual parish meeting is at 7.00 pm on Monday May 15 at 7.00 pm to be followed by the annual parish council meeting at 7.30 pm. Both meetings are at Twyford Village Hall.



"... And finally I'm happy to report that decision-making has become much easier following the downsizing of the church council."

Women's Institutes

Barsby and Ashby Folville: A visit to Hollands Nurseries and WI resolutions are on the agenda on Wednesday May 10.

Gaddesby: In April our speaker, Felicity Austin, shared some interesting facts and intriguing stories about how some of the 'Big Brand Names' of the past came into being. Members had a nostalgic trip down memory lane!

On Wednesday May 10 we meet to discuss and vote on this year's proposed resolutions. Please try to read about them in your 'WI Life'.

There will also be a plant stall and the competition letter is 'S'.

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

Ashby Folville and Barsby

A date for your diary: Spring Jazz Event with the Brian Humpherson Quintet at St Mary's on Friday May 19. Tickets £10.00, including a glass of Pimms. Contact Angela Patton (840964) for tickets.

Death: Mr. Richard Wain passed away at the beginning of April. Our sympathy to his sister Jill and family. *RH*

Popular: St. Mary's, which has eight bells, is very popular with visiting bell ringers. A group will come on April 29, 2.00—3.00 pm; Framland ringers on May 6, 6.00—8.30 pm and Peterborough diocese on May 23, 10.00—1.00 pm. Why not learn to ring yourselves? See your warden for details. *RH*

Annual Garden Fete: The fete takes place on Saturday June 17 at 2.00 pm. Contributions towards the individual stalls in the way of cakes, plants, bric-a-brac and books, would be very much appreciated as would any contributions towards the raffle prizes. Contact Angela Patton (840964).

Coffee morning: Wednesday May 17, at 10.00 am, hosted by Pam East of Barsby Farm, Barsby, to raise funds for St Mary's – please come along and bring your friends.

Village hall: For village hall bookings please ring Lucy Stroud (840667). The hall is very well equipped, and is a perfect venue for parties . . . catering/bar can be provided if required.



Gaddesby

New brooms please: Can you spare a few hours once a year (June or February) to dust/sweep/vacuum through the church and maintain hygiene in the kitchen and loo? Your help would be much appreciated. Please contact Diana (840267) or Daphne (841184). Thank you. *DP*

Open garden: The garden opening at Parkside, 6 Park Hill, on April 9 attracted 140 visitors and raised £1,000 for the National Garden Scheme charities.

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), 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

Garden fete: The church garden fete will be held on Saturday June 3 at 2.30 pm in the gardens of 97 Main Street, South Croxton (by kind permission of Mr & Mrs M Norton). Come and enjoy a cream tea while browsing the usual stalls. Children's fancy dress. Any help or contributions would be very much appreciated. Contact Liz Norton (840803), JoAnn Charles (840501) or Angela Wood (840620)

Ragdale Hall: Clarins evening in aid of the Church Bell and Tower Fund, Thursday June 22 at 7.00 pm. Evening includes light refreshments/wine/canapes, tour of Ragdale Hall, skin/make up demonstrations, £5 off purchases from the Clarins beauty shop and a chance to win an experience day at Ragdale Hall. Numbers limited. Tickets £18. Contact Pat Sanderson (07979737268).

Quiz night: There will be a quiz night with a fish and chip supper in aid of South Croxton Bell and Tower Fund at the village hall on Saturday September 23. Tickets from Pat Sanderson (840229), Angela Wood (840620), or Liz Norton (840803).

Spring clean: Huge thank you to everyone who turned out for the churchyard and church spring clean. Brilliant team effort. *Angela.*

Lottery: The March winner was Tracey Whitehead. If you wish to join the monthly lottery contact Tracy Campbell (840042), Ann Crawford (840231) or Angela Wood (840620).

Village hall:

Crafty Chatter: Tea/Coffee, chat and craft. Alternate Wednesdays at the village hall, 2.00—4.00 pm. £1 when you attend. Dates: May 3, 17 and 31. For more details contact Caroline (840272).

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

Thorpe Satchville

Church: We are having a spring clean at St Michael and All Angels on Saturday May 6 at 10.00 am. Can you help? Just come along if you can! *Judith Randell*

Village Hall

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 May 11. 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.

Pub night: There is no pub night on Friday May 26 but if any villagers would like to host future 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.

Saturday June 3. For one night only – a Dolly Parton tribute act and hog roast! It promises to be a really great evening. The act comes highly recommended so don't miss it! Be sure to purchase your tickets in advance from Annie or any of the committee members, £20.00 per person. The village hall committee is trying something new by putting on this very special evening of entertainment. Please come along and support it; bring friends and family too!

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 where you will find all the relevant information.

Scout groups: We rounded off the spring term's programme with a guided tour of Brooksby College's Hall Farm for all three sections – Beavers, Cubs and Scouts. The annual St George's Day Parade was at Melton on April 23. All sections marched through town to the bandstand in the park for a short service. We start our summer term programme on Thursday April 27 with a look forward to our camp at the end of the summer. If you would like to know more or volunteer to help please email 1thorpescouts@gmail.com or call Group Scout Leader Tim Ashton (07976 378 795).

Twyford

Village hall:

Karate: Sundays, 10.00 am, May 7, 14, 21, 28; Mondays, 7.00 pm, May 1, 15; Wednesdays, 6.00 pm, May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31. For more details please contact Alison (01664 851238).

Carpet bowls: Mondays, 8.00 pm, May 8, 22.

Whist drive: Fridays, 7.00 pm, May 12, 26.

Drop In: Fridays, 10.30 am, May 12, 26.

Yoga: Mixed ability, Mondays, 11.00 am, May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29; men's, Thursdays, 7.00 pm, May 11, 18, 25.

Twyford Bake Off: Twyford Village Hall, 2.00 pm. All residents, of all ages, invited!

Bake a cake to be judged by the audience. There will be a special class for under-12s. For more details contact Wendy (454457).

Inns and Outs: Tuesday May 9, 7.00 pm, a circular ramble starting at 7.00 pm at Ashby Folville church, followed by supper at The Saddle (about 8.30—9.00pm). To book a place for the supper contact Pete (840752), or email pbrowntwyford@yahoo.co.uk

Woolly Days: Saturday May 13, 10.30—3.30 pm. Knitting, spinning, crochet, weaving . . . bring your work with you and enjoy a day with like-minded people, £5 and something for a shared lunch. For more details contact Lizzie (07754 497004).

Book and Film Club: Thursday May 25 at 4.00 pm in The Saddle. May's book and film: *A Street Cat named Bob* (2012) by James Bowen. The book is/will be widely available. The DVD will be released on May 7 and will also be widely available.

Website: www.twyford-vh.org Use the web-site for information about our latest news, forthcoming events, to view the hall's facilities, to check our availability for hire, and to book your event online!

Village Hall Supporters Draw: If you haven't joined already then please do! £12 a year helps to support the village hall and it gives you the chance to win prizes each month. Subscriptions are now due. More information from Wendy Atton (454457).

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 check online at www.twyford-vh.org.

Who's who in the South Croxton Benefice

Rector of the South Croxton Benefice (all numbers preceded by area code 01664): Revd Neil Stothers, The Rectory, 19 Main Street, South Croxton LE7 3RJ (841278), email revneilstothers@yahoo.co.uk

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For funerals, visits to those who are ill and home communions contact Revd Neil Stothers (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 Neil Stothers (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 June edition is May 22.**

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

May 6 Saturday	3.00pm	Messy Church	Frisby MC
May 7 Easter 4	8.30am	Holy Communion	Kirby Bellars
	10.30am	Family Service	Rotherby
	10.30am	Holy Communion	Pickwell
	10.30am	Holy Communion	Gaddesby
	6.00pm	United Evening Worship	Hoby MC
May 14 Easter 5	8.30am	Holy Communion	Brooksby
	10.30am	Family Service	Hoby
	10.30am	Holy Communion	Ashby Folville
	10.30am	Holy Communion and Baptism	Somerby
	6.00pm	Evensong	Twyford
May 21 Easter 6 Rogation Sunday	8.30am	Holy Communion	Thorpe Satchville
	10.30am	Family Service	South Croxton
	10.30am	Holy Communion	Little Dalby
	10.30am	United Café Church for Rogation Sunday	Frisby
	6.00pm	Evensong	Kirby Bellars
May 25 Thursday Ascension Day	9.15am	Holy Communion	Frisby
	7.30pm	Holy Communion	Gaddesby
	7.30pm	Holy Communion	Burrough
May 28 Ascension 1	8.30am	Holy Communion	Hoby
	10.30am	Holy Communion	Great Dalby
	10.30am	Parish Communion	Ragdale
	10.30am	Holy Communion	Twyford
Wednesdays	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.