

South Croxton Churches

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

Newsletter October 2014

Letter from South Croxton Rectory

Thank you . . .

It is a time of year when we give thanks to God for another harvest, and all the provisions we enjoy day by day. We also remember those who enable this to happen, from the farmer tending crops and livestock to the packers, drivers and shops to sell us goods. When we pause to think we realise how dependant we are on a large number of people!

The same can be said of many organisations, and as I look back on my time here, I appreciate the many people who enable the Church to function – from the church councils, the fundraisers, the cleaners, flower arrangers, ringers organists, churchyard maintenance, caring for neighbours, etc etc! Although some may think ‘Vicar or Rector’ when they hear the word ‘church’, I am conscious that the ministry I carry out is only possible because of the commitment and hard work of others who desire the village church to continue, and the love of God to be known in our communities.

So as I celebrate harvest this year I will be particularly thankful to God, not only for material provisions, but for the blessing of being here with you in the past six years.



“Good news on the lottery funding for the organ repairs, vicar — three of our numbers came up for £25!”

. . . and farewell

I hope to see many of you in October at various events and services, and I would be particularly pleased to see you at our farewell service at Ashby Folville on Sunday 19th October at 10.30am, and afterwards at the Village Hall for a ‘Bring and Share’ lunch. As our family leaves this scenic part of Leicestershire we will continue to remember our time here, to pray for you all, and for the preparations you make to welcome a future vicar.

Revd Susan Leighton

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. All

ages are welcome. The next ‘Messy Church’ session will be on **Saturday October 4**, *Healthy body, healthy soul*. This will be my last Messy Church, and I would be delighted to see people who have visited Messy Church in the past five years!

The following sessions will be on November 1 and December 6. Contact Mel Richman (840197) for more information.

■ **Baptism:** To have your baby, child or yourselves baptised please contact Vic Allsop (561909).

Looking back . . .

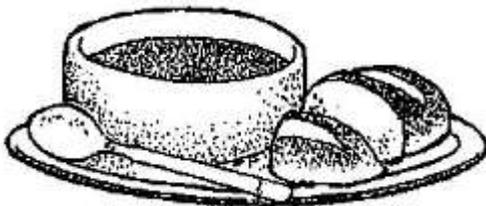
■ **Marriage:** Steven Washington and Laura Harby at Twyford church on Friday September 26.

We wish this couple every happiness as they begin their married life together.

■ **News of** Martha Housby of Barsby. Martha is travelling with her school, Catmose College, to Ghana this month (October). During their two weeks the students will be building part of a Christian orphanage. Please pray for Martha and the group, for safe travel and keeping well during their time away. Well done to Martha and family for all the fund-raising! We hope to hear about her experiences in a future magazine.

Thorpe Satchville Church: Take a walk down Church Lane, Thorpe Satchville, to see St Michael and All Angels Church in a new way. The scaffolding has now been put in position, sheeting covers the church, and the work on the roof continues! Thank you to all who have contributed to fund-raising activities. Services are being held in the village hall.

Looking forward . . .



■ **Date for your diaries:** Susan and Tony’s farewell service will be on Sunday October 19 at 10.30 am in Ashby Folville church. This will be followed by a bring-and-share lunch in the village hall. Please come to share in this occasion – the lunch or service or both!

■ The **Mothers’ Union** invites you to their meeting on **Thursday October 2** at 2.30 pm at 38 Main Street, South Croxton. All welcome.

■ **Harvest services and**

events: Sunday
October 5 at 6.00 pm
Twyford (united with
Methodists)

Sunday October 12 at
6.00 pm Ashby Folville

There will be a **Harvest**

Auction in The Saddle Inn, Twyford, on Monday October 6.

Ashby Folville Harvest Supper is on Thursday October 16 at 7.30 pm in the village hall. To book contact Sylvia Favell (840259).

South Croxton Harvest Supper is on Friday October 17 in the village hall.

■ During the interregnum the service pattern will remain similar to the present pattern, with each church having one service a month, and occasionally a second service.

■ **Community Lunch:** Thank you to everyone who joined us at Sysonby Knoll. The next event will be at The Golden Fleece, South Croxton, on Monday, October 27, 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. If you are thinking of joining us for the first time, please get in touch to find out more.

The lunches are a great opportunity for the people of our villages to meet up, and enjoy each others company.

The Community Lunch Team.

■ Looking ahead to November:

○ **On Sunday November 2** there will be an **Annual Bereavement Service** at St Thomas of Canterbury, Frisby on the Wreake, at 3.00 pm. The service will provide an opportunity for all those in our communities in the South West Framland Group, who have lost loved ones in recent times to come together in an act of remembrance, and to give thanks to God for those who have died. During the service there will be a time of reflection, when names of our loved ones are recalled and a candle lit for each one. If you would like the name of a loved one to be recalled please let Vic Allsop in the Cluster Office know (561909). Refreshments will be served after the service.

○ The Remembrance Day Service, with the Twyford and District Branch of the Royal British Legion, is on **Sunday November 9** at 10.45 am at Twyford church.

○ There will be an Act of Remembrance at Gaddesby War Memorial on Tuesday November 11 at 10.50 am

○ Because of harvest services in October the next Evensong will be on Sunday November 16, at 6.00 pm in Twyford church.



Revd Susan Leighton (840245).

Mothers' Union

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 October 13, at Ashby and Barsby Village Hall. The following meeting will be at Gaddesby Village Hall on Monday November 10. 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 October 2 at 6.30 pm at the village hall.

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

Women's Institutes

Barsby and Ashby Folville: *Mad as a hatter* will be Sandy Leong's subject at the meeting on Wednesday October 8. The competition is "A silky scarf". Please bring a plate for sharing.

Gaddesby: Members heard a talk by Liz Credington of 'When you Wish upon a Star'. This charity arranges for seriously, indeed fatally, ill children to have one of their dearest wishes come true, if that is at all possible, while they are still able to enjoy it. Amazing journeys are made and well-known personalities met. We saw a moving film of a visit to Lapland where a group of children were able to tell Santa Claus what they would like for Christmas. The children were giddily happy although we, ourselves, were horribly aware that some of them may not even live to see that Christmas Day. We made our contribution via the fee and the collecting box – but it seemed almost a pathetic gesture in the face of such tragedies. It was one of the most touching causes we have ever heard about.

On October 8 we visit Roots Farm Shop at Barkby Thorpe. to watch Claire Symington of Seldom Seen Farm, Billesdon, prepare a three-bird roast. The host at the event is Jane Mount. Pick up at the village hall at 7.00 pm.

South Croxton: The next meeting is on Thursday October 10 at 7.30 pm at the village hall. Members will hear about *Wainwright's Way*.

Ashby Folville and Barsby

Harvest supper: The church and village hall harvest supper at Ashby Folville will be on Thursday, October 16, 7.30 for 8.00 pm. Tickets £8 from Sylvia (840259). Bring your own drink and glasses.

Gaddesby

Fashion show: There will be an 'SOS Fashion Show' in the village hall on Friday November 14 at 7.30 pm. 'SOS' stocks a wide variety of well-known high street clothing brands at half price or less. Tickets cost £5 which includes a glass of wine or fruit juice. There will also be a raffle. Tickets will be available from the beginning of October from WI committee members, or contact Daphne (841184).

Village hall

Zumba, Mondays, 7.00—8.00 pm, contact Jess Warrington (840732); Yoga, Tuesdays, 7.30—9.00 pm, contact Barbara Jackson (424487); Aerobics, Thursdays, 7.00—8.00 pm, contact Justine Hunt (840435) and during the autumn, spring and winter months Why Not Come Dancing (WNCD) Saturdays, 7.00—11.00 pm, starting again this month, contact Barry Preston (840381) and the Gaddesby Women's Institute, second Wednesday of the month, 7.00—11.00 pm, contact Daphne Tucker (841184).

Contact Sue Evans (840305) for hall bookings.

Defibrillator: An application has been made for the adoption of the phone box in the hope that it can house the defibrillator. Sarah McWilliam said: "We are currently waiting to hear the outcome of this application. We are unable to progress further with the project or obtain the final costs for the defibrillator project until the location for the defibrillator is settled."



As far as Reg could tell, the burglar had disturbed nothing in the vestry.

South Croxton

Harvest Supper: Friday October 17 in the village hall, 6.30 pm for 7.00 pm. Tickets £7.00 (adults), £3.00 (children under 11).

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

Big Brunch Walk, Saturday October 11 (Please note change of date). Bring your family and friends on a guided walk (50p per walker and bus fare for bus hop walk finishing with a 'home cooked' brunch (for sale) at the village hall.

Bus hop walk! (no dogs): Be at the bus stop opposite the pub at 9.45 am prompt.

Bookings for Brunch will be taken before leaving for a walk of about six miles

Local walk: About four miles, starting at 10.00am from the village hall.

Food served from 12.30 pm (just in case you don't want to walk).

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

Thorpe Satchville

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).*

Twyford

Village hall:

Karate: Sundays, 10.00 am, October 5, 12, 19, 26.

Tuesday, 6.00 pm, October 7.

Wednesdays, 6.00 pm, October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29.

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

Drop In: Fridays, 10.30 am, October 3, 17, 31

Whist drive: Friday, 7.00 pm, October 3, 17, 21.

Woolly Days: Knitting, spinning, crochet, weaving and other crafts, Saturday October 11, 10.00—4.00 pm. Bring your work with you, everyone welcome, £5.00.

Murder Mystery Evening — “A Fête Worse than Death”: Saturday October 4, 7.00 pm for 7.30 pm start. An evening with a difference for all the family (8 years +). The Barrow Players perform the build-up to a murder committed off stage by an unknown culprit. The task of the audience (divided into teams) is then to work out who did it and why! There will be a prize for the team that comes closest. A ploughman's supper will be served during the evening. Book tickets asap, £10 adult, £5 child (840992).

Inns and Outs: Tuesday, October 14, 7.30 pm. Andrew Thomas talks about his work as a physiotherapist for horse riders in world-class competitions

Advance notice: First Centre Stage event, Friday November 21, 7.30 pm.

Spiltmilk say Dance! *‘What an amazing show! Our family aged from 5 to 60 all enjoyed it!’ A family friendly night out...* Tickets (£8 and £5) available (840774).

Village hall bookings: Twyford Village Hall is available for booking for your party, wedding, meeting or other event. Please call Chris (07811 859813) or (840774) for more information.

The story behind . . .

HYMN: Come Ye Thankful People Come

*Come, ye thankful people, come,
Raise the song of harvest home!
All be safely gathered in,
Ere the winter storms begin . . .*

By H Alford (1810 – 71)

Very probably, you will have sung or will sing this well-loved harvest hymn this autumn. It was written by the Rev Henry Alford, DD, a Victorian clergyman who was a

fellow student of Alfred Tennyson at Trinity College, Cambridge, and whose transparent goodness and friendliness seem to have made him liked and appreciated wherever he went.

He began his ministry as vicar of the tiny village of Wymeswold, in our own county, at a badly neglected church. Over 18 years, Henry rebuilt the faltering Christian community, faithfully visiting every person in his parish, and preaching his way through the Bible in sermons that were so clear that everyone could understand him. He then moved on to the incumbency of Quebec Chapel in London for four years, before moving to the Deanery of Canterbury, in 1857, where he lived until his death in early 1871.

Henry was one of life's good people; gentle, kindly, grateful for everything he had (he used to say 'grace' before AND after each meal), and eager to encourage all those whom he served. He was prodigiously productive: writing something like 50 books. The best known of these was a four-volume exposition of the New Testament, which took him almost 20 years.

His famous hymn draws upon two of Jesus' parables: the story of the wheat and tares (Mt 13:24-30) and also the story of the seed that grows unbeknown to the sower (Mark 4:26-29).

Who's who in the South Croxton Benefice

Rector of the South Croxton Benefice (all numbers preceded by area code 01664): Revd Susan Leighton: The Rectory, 19 Main Street, South Croxton, LE7 3RJ. Tel: (840245)
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mr.britton@virgin.net

Churchwardens (all numbers preceded by area code 01664)

Asby 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 contact: David Wyrko (840385)

Thorpe Satchville contacts: Janet Collins (840649) & Jane Smith (840876)

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 cluste-admin@btinternet.com.

October 2014

Where to Worship in the South West Framland Group

October 4 Saturday	3.00pm	Messy Church	Frisby MC
	3.00pm	Messy Church	Thorpe Satchville VH
October 5 Trinity 16	8.30am	Holy Communion	Frisby
	8.30am	Holy Communion	Ashby Folville
	10.30am	United Harvest Festival	Hoby
	10.30am	Holy Communion	South Croxton
	10.30am	United Harvest	Somerby
	6.00pm	Harvest Holy Communion	Little Dalby
	6.00pm	United Harvest	Twyford
6.00pm	Harvest Festival	Kirby Bellars	
October 10 Friday	7.00pm	Harvest Festival	Ragdale
October 12 Trinity 17	8.30am	Holy Communion	Brooksby
	10.30am	United Harvest All Age Communion	Great Dalby
	10.30am	Parish Communion	Kirby Bellars
	10.30am	Holy Communion	Thorpe Satchville
	6.00pm	Harvest Festival	Ashby Folville
October 19 Trinity 18	10.30am	Group Service of Holy Communion and farewell to Revd Susan and Revd Tony Leighton	Ashby Folville
October 26 Bible Sunday	8.30am	Holy Communion	South Croxton
	10.30am	Parish Communion	Rotherby
	10.30am	All Age Worship	Gaddesby
	10.30am	Holy Communion	Burrough
	6.00pm	Evensong	Kirby Bellars
Wednesdays	9.15am	Holy Communion	Frisby

MC = Methodist Centre/Church, VH = Village Hall,