

South Croxton Churches

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

Newsletter October 2017

Join the harvest celebration

Hello everyone!

The harvest season is upon us and is a time when we thank God for all that we have, and give thanks to all those who till and farm the land.

Did you know that harvest thanksgiving is a more modern addition to the Church calendar? Its origins are usually traced to the adaptation in 1843 of Lammas day (Loaf Mass) by the Revd R.S Hawker, a parish priest in Cornwall. He chose the first Sunday in October as a Christian response to coincide with the traditional but largely secular 'harvest home' celebration, but there is some evidence to suggest that a thanksgiving for the harvest was already a relatively widespread practice.

An annual Church celebration of the harvest certainly established itself rapidly with great popularity and was first recognised officially in the Church of England in 1862. I do hope you will be able to attend one of our Church services in celebration and thanks for all that we have; food, possessions, wealth, family, friends, homes and our own spirituality.



We also have a special service in St Luke's Church for the local primary school on Friday October 6 at 9.30am – where the children will be bringing their gifts which will be given to a charity for distribution to those in need. It is fitting therefore, in this season of giving thanks, that I personally would like to thank all those who currently take part in their parish giving scheme, by their weekly/monthly financial gift to Church. Please hold your PCC's in prayer, as we soon meet to consider each Parish Gift to our Diocese for the forthcoming year. It is with generosity of heart that Saint Paul said in his epistle to the

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Corinthians that ‘God loves a cheerful giver’ – by this he meant “whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.”

■ As I write this, I am preparing to spend three days at the 2017 Clergy Conference; a time when clergy from the Leicester Diocese gather and reflect, pray, and discern God’s calling; and give theological thought and consideration to the interpretation of Jesus in his Church – today. There are always three things that stand out for me that Jesus wanted us to do and he explicitly tells us this in Scripture; He asks us to go out into the world and baptise in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit; He asks us to build his Kingdom by growing spiritually and numerically as his people; He asks us to always ‘DO THIS’ in remembrance of him. These three tell me that we are here to build his Kingdom.

It is our actions, in this place, that God is calling us all to reflect upon; it is HIS Church that he is calling us all to grow; it is HIS people that he is asking us all to protect – the blind, the oppressed, the prisoner, the less fortunate. Let us never forget that God’s Church is a Church for the Poor (monetary and spiritually). We are humble servants and we pray for help from the Holy Spirit to do his work, which we can’t do alone.

Finally we think about all those who during this harvest thanksgiving season, that where there harvest is plenty – we give thought to those who go without food; we give thought to those without a home; we give thought to those who beg; we give thought that our services in this benefice and beyond give true thanks to God for all that we have and all that we receive. We pray that our harvest is in abundance and let us never forget where this comes from.

With every blessing,

Revd Neil

■ **Community Lunch:** The Parish Community Hub held its most recent get-together, in September at Scraftoft Golf Club. The next event will be at The Harboro Hotel, Melton Mowbray, Monday October 23, 12.00 pm for a 12.30 pm start. If you would like to come 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 valuable volunteers, in particular those who drive and collect people. Do come and join us. New people are coming along all the time.

The Community Lunch Team.

■ **Funeral:** Hubert Frank Higgins, at Twyford, on September 7. *We offer our sympathy to Hubert’s family and friends.*

Parish councils

Gaddesby, Barsby & Ashby Folville Parish Council: The next meeting will be at Gaddesby Village Hall on Monday October 9. The following meeting will be at Ashby and Barsby Village Hall on Monday November 13. All meetings start at 6.45pm. 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 is on Thursday October 5 at 6.30pm in the village hall. The following meeting will be on November 2.

Twyford and Thorpe Satchville Parish

Council: The next meeting will be on Tuesday October 17 in Thorpe Satchville Village Hall at 7.30pm.

Women's Institutes

Barsby and Ashby Folville: The branch will hold its annual meeting on Wednesday October 11. The competition is "a corn dolly".

Gaddesby: At the September meeting our speaker, Jo Colby, gave a very entertaining talk, 'Between Stairs', about the life of a lady's maid; some of the stories were highly amusing. Every other year we take a look at the food and customs of a different country. This time, on Wednesday October 11, we are featuring Finland – the land of birth of one of our members. We're looking forward to a good evening and if you are able, come dressed in blue and white, the colours of the flag of Finland. The competition letter is 'S'.

South Croxton: Members meet on the third Thursday of the month. This month we have a craft evening. Guests are very welcome; the cost is £5, which includes food and a cuppa.



Ashby Folville and Barsby

Death: John Favell passed away on September 11. A thanksgiving service for his life will be held on October 6 at 12 noon at St. Mary's. He was born in the little cottage in Highfield End and followed his father's trade as a plumber. He was involved in all aspects of life in Ashby and will be greatly missed. Our thoughts are with Sylvia, Andrew, David and the family. *RH*

Interment: Peggy Snowden's ashes will be interred in the Memorial Square at Ashby. She lived for many years at the Manor flat and attended St. Mary's before moving to Leicester. *RH*

Harvest Supper: Wednesday October 26, 7.30pm for 8.00pm. Please bring your own drink and glasses. Tickets £10 from Lucy Stroud (840667).

Church cleaning: After many years of helping with the cleaning of St Mary's Helen Sanderson and Sylvia Favell will no longer be carrying out these duties. On behalf of the PCC I would like to say a big thank you to both ladies for their help in keeping St Mary's spic and span over the years. *Angela Patton*

Grab a bargain! Fashion Show at Ashby Folville Village Hall, on Thursday October 12, 7.00— 10pm. Admission by £5 ticket only which includes a glass of wine or a non-alcoholic drink. Tickets from Sandra Smith (840151) and Ann Troop (840056).

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Coffee/Tea Morning: Ashby Village Hall 10.00—12 noon, October 12, for all residents of Gaddesby, Ashby Folville and Barsby.

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.

Gaddesby



Gaddesby Village Community

Join us for a three-course Harvest Supper at St Luke's Church on Thursday October 19, 7.00 for 7.30pm, with entertainment from the Gaddesby Band. Tickets are now on sale from: Daphne Tucker (841184) and Sue Milward (840213), adults £10, children (12 or under) £5. Tickets are still available but do get them soon to avoid disappointment. Please let Sue or Daphne know if you have any special dietary requirements e.g. vegetarian, allergies or gluten-free etc. **Please bring your own drink and glasses.** Profits to air ambulance and the church building fund.

Children's Society Boxes: The boxes have been collected and the total received this year was £159.99. Thanks to everyone who gave their support. If you would like to have a box please contact Jenny at 1 Cross Street.

Village hall

The village hall kitchen has been looking well past its sell by date for quite a while. We tried, and failed, to get a grant for a total rebuild so we decided to manage the project ourselves and we have taken advantage of the summer school break to refurbish the place. Obviously we are biased but we think we have done a good job. New plastering, lighting, cupboards and work surfaces along with new hot water heater all combine to transform the place. The final two stages are planned for the half-term when new flooring and final decorating is planned. Why not pop in and have a look. *Colin Rose* Yoga, Tuesdays, 7.30—9.00pm, contact Di Angrave (840013); Legs, Tums and Bums, Thursdays, 7.00—8.00pm, contact Justine Hunt (840435), *Jus-tine.hunt1@btinternet.com*; Why Not Come Dancing (WNCD) Saturdays, 7.00—11.00pm. 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.

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Christmas Fair in aid of British Heart Foundation and South Croxton Bells and Tower Project, Sunday, November 19, 10.30—2.00pm, Ashby Folville Village Hall. Come along and do a spot of Christmas shopping and enjoy a glass of mulled wine. £3.00 entrance fee. If anyone is interested in having a stall contact Sally (840644 or 07393853584)

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

■ Village hall:

Coffee Morning: Saturday October 7, in aid of the British Legion and memorial for Fred Draycott, village hall, 10.00—2.00pm. Contact Vanessa (840871) for more information

Rob's Disco: Saturday October 14. Music and dancing. Contact Rob (840353).

Crafty Chatter: Tea/coffee, chat and craft. We welcome visitors with any craft/project – from knitting, sewing and crochet to drawing, painting or jewellery making. Alternate Wednesdays at the village hall, 2.00—4.00 pm, £1 when you attend. October 4 and 18 and November 1. Caroline (840272).

Bookings: The hall is available for events, parties and classes. Caroline (840272).

Thorpe Satchville

Harvest: The harvest festival service is on Sunday October 1 at 10.30am, followed by an auction of the produce in aid of church funds. Please welcome our new priest to our church and join us for 'harvest' refreshments. Please give produce to Judith Randell or Jane Smith or bring it to the church on the day. We look forward to seeing you!

Village Hall

As you know we had to cancel our annual village BBQ & rounders match as the weather refused to play ball! It was far too wet and soggy underfoot, and also quite cold. Thank you very much for your kind donations for the tombola. We will be holding it at the family pub night on September 29 from 6.00pm. There will be games for the children, tombola and a wine game. We'll be serving burgers and hot dogs and the bar will be open as usual. Please come along with your family and friends, the more the merrier!

■ Dates for your diaries

Thursday October 12, coffee morning. Everyone is welcome to drop in for coffee, cake and a chat 10.30 —12.00. Come along and get to know your neighbours !

Friday October 27: Halloween pub night.

Friday November 17: Quiz night and fish & chip supper.

Thursday December 14: Carol singing with mince pies and mulled wine.

More information on these events to follow – keep an eye out for a flyer.

Boot camp: An experienced trainer is running exercise sessions at Victory Lodge Farm on Klondyke Lane. Anyone interested should contact Michelle (07814423438) . All welcome, whatever fitness level you are – enjoy good company and get fit.

■ The village hall can be hired for £10 an hour before 6.00pm and £15 after 6.00pm. 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: All three sections were set to enjoy their first came as a group at Topstones Guide campsite on Sludge Hall Hill, near Tilton, on the weekend of September 22-24. Topstones is a super facility which has been in place for many years, although it is largely unknown outside of Girl Guiding. We'll give an update on how it went in the next issue. We do have a number of places in our Beaver Colony – which is for boys and girls aged 5 3/4 to around 8 years old. We meet on Thursdays between 17.30 and 18.30 at Thorpe Satchville Village Hall. If you have a child or grandchild who would like to join please contact Simon Hargrave (07795 281332) or email lthorpescouts@gmail.com

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Twyford

Village hall:

Karate: Sundays, 10.00am, October 1, 15, 22, 29; Mondays, 7.00pm, October 2, 30; Wednesdays, 6.00pm, October 4, 11, 18, 25. More details: Alison (851238).

Carpet bowls: Mondays, 8.00pm, October 9, 23.

Whist drives: Fridays, 7.00pm, October 13, 27.

Drop In: Fridays, 10.30am, October 13, 27.

Yoga: Mixed ability, Mondays, 11.00am, October 2, 9, 17, 23, 30; men's, Thursdays, 7.00pm, October 5, 12, 19, 26.

Twyford Guild of Artists Exhibition: October 7—8, 12.00—5.00 pm, Twyford Village Hall. Your chance to catch up with the artists' creative output this year. Admission free.

Inns and Outs: Tuesday October 10, 7.30pm. The 1914 Christmas Truce. Historical talk with slides by Dr John Sutton. Bring your own drink, and a plate of food for the supper table. Queries: (840787). Advance notice: November. Visit to Dickinson & Morris Pork Pies. Opportunity to make your own pie. £10.00 per person. Places limited. Deadline for booking October 31. Contact Peter / Frances (07876 800495), email: peter@franceslowe.co.uk

Woolly Days: Saturday October 14, 10.30—3.30pm. Knitting, spinning, crochet, weaving . . . enjoy a day with like-minded people. Everyone welcome, £5 and something for a shared lunch. For more details contact Lizzie (07754 497004).

Book and Film Club: All welcome at The Saddle, Thursday October 26. For further details please telephone 840774 or 840605

Tackling Fraud and Scams: Monday October 16, Twyford Village Hall, 7.00pm. Find out how you can stop yourself and your loved ones from becoming victims of fraud. Refreshments available.

Advance notice: Two theatrical events in November – not to be missed, so book your tickets now! (840774). Another entertaining Murder Mystery evening: *The Sound of Mu...rder*. Friday November 10, 7.30. Tickets include supper. Suitable for children 10+ Farnham Maltings came to Twyford with its a wonderful life and we all loved it. On Saturday November 18 they are here with *Brilliance*, which explores the eventual arrival of electricity in a community in the 1960s. This is a live theatre show with music and song for adults and children aged 10+. Tickets £10 and reductions for children and advance purchases. Don't miss it!

Website: www.twyford-vh.org Check out what's coming up and the latest news. See the hall's facilities and availability and book your event!

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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.



The vicar's scheme to make the church more appealing to men seemed to be have a degree of success.

Who to contact in the South Croxton Benefice

Priest in charge (Rector Designate): The Revd Neil Stothers

The Rectory, 19 Main Street, South Croxton LE7 3RJ

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Please contact Revd Neil for all wedding, funeral, baptism or home communion visits, or urgent pastoral matters in the first instance. When Revd Neil is on leave, kindly contact the administration office (01664) 561909 or the appropriate contact from the list of Churches below;

The South Croxton Benefice is part of the South West Framland group of Churches and has an administrative office that deals with official and authorised forms that you may have to complete, and for collection of all fees for the services we provide. This office is open on Tuesdays and Fridays (01664 561909); or by email; clusteradmin@btinternet.com

For general matters relating to one of our Benefice Churches, visits, or record searches, please contact: (All numbers preceded by 01664):

St Mary Ashby Folville & Barsby: Rosemary Holt – Warden (840783).

St Luke Gaddesby: Daphne Tucker – Warden (841184) or David Wyrko – Warden (840385).

St John the Baptist South Croxton & Beeby: Ann Crawford – Warden (840231) or Brian Piper – Warden (840627)

St Michael & All Angels Thorpe Satchville: Jane Smith – Warden (840333)

St Andrew Twyford: Dorothy Edwards – Warden (840591)

■ The Wardens may direct you to other contacts that will assist your enquiry as necessary.

For matters relating to this magazine, contributions, news items, celebrations or events contact Glyn Tucker (841184) or email

churchmaged@gmail.com

The deadline for the November newsletter is October 22.



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Where to Worship in South West Framland

October 1 Trinity 16	8.30am	BCP Holy Communion	Twyford
	8.30am	Harvest Holy Communion	Hoby
	10.30am	Worship with Eucharist	Thorpe Satchville
	10.30am	United Harvest HC	Somerby
	10.30am	Harvest Festival & Bapt.	Frisby
	6.00pm	Harvest Festival Evensong	Burrough
	6.00pm	Harvest Festival Eucharist	Twyford
Oct. 7 Sat.	3.00pm	Messy Church	Frisby MC
October 8 Trinity 17	8.30am	BCP Holy Communion	Ashby Folville
	8.30am	Holy Communion	Brooksby
	10.30am	Harvest Festival with Eucharist & Bapt.	Gaddesby
	10.30am	Family Service	Rotherby
	10.30am	United Harvest Festival	Great Dalby
October 15 Trinity 18	8.30am	BCP Holy Communion	Twyford
	8.30am	Holy Communion	Hoby
	10.30am	Worship with Eucharist	South Croxton
	10.30am	United Café Church	Frisby
	10.30am	Harvest Festival HC	Little Dalby
	2.00pm	Pet Service with Blessing	South Croxton
October 22 Trinity 19	8.30am	BCP Holy Communion	Ashby Folville
	10.30am	Worship with Eucharist	Twyford
	10.30am	Holy Communion	Pickwell
	10.30am	Holy Communion	Ragdale
	6.00pm	Evensong	Kirby Bellars
October 29 Last aft. Trin.	10.30am	SWF United Group Service of HC	Twyford
Tuesdays	7.00pm	BCP Holy Communion	1 st South Croxton 3 rd Ashby Folville
Wednesdays	9.15am	Holy Communion	Frisby
Thursdays	9.30am	BCP Holy Communion	1 st /3 rd Gaddesby 2 nd /4 th Thorpe Satchville

MC = Methodist Centre/Church. Please note that during the Burrough Parishes interregnum services may be subject to change.