

South Croxton Churches

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

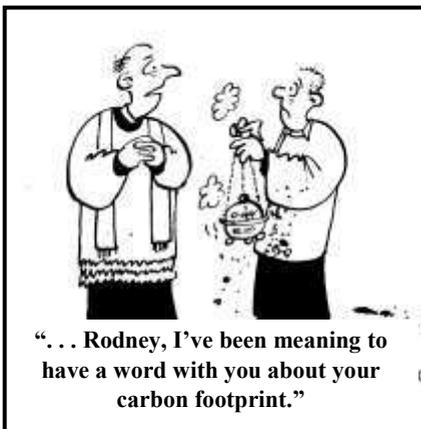
Newsletter September 2017

'Messy Church' revival plan

Hello to you all!

I do hope you have enjoyed the summer and have taken that well deserved rest/holiday. There has been lots happening in the Benefice, and lots more still to come!

Messy Church is returning to the benefice after a long break. Messy Church is designed for all the family to come together for an hour of worship, celebration and fun. Children make crafts, share in our celebrations, hear Bible stories presented in a fun way that they can understand, while parents enjoy a tea or coffee – but most of all – just enjoy time being together! We are in the very early stages of setting up Messy Church. We don't know the venue yet, or on which day of the week it will take place, or the time – but we do know we will need leaders and helpers to make this a success. So there will be a 'get-together' at The Rectory in South Croxton on Wednesday September 13 at 7.00 pm (with wine and nibbles) for those who wish to be part of this new venture. Anyone can help – even if you don't usually attend Church! Come along and you will be made very welcome and find out what Messy Church is all about and give us your views and ideas.



■ I am very aware, as I have said on many occasions, that time is a precious commodity and I am so grateful for all those who help raise funds for our five Churches, and grateful, too, for the time you are able to commit.

So I'm looking at ways of relieving some burden on Churches and people (with the business side of Church) so that we can focus on what Church actually “is” – and that's building up God's Kingdom.

Local Churches will always have a say on what happens in their Church community, but the thought is that the wider benefice will have just one tier of authority (a parochial church council

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– PCC) and each Church will have its own level of representation, (a district church council – DCC) which will need far fewer people to deal with administration and red tape and free up time to do other things but, most importantly, it will be discussed thoroughly and there will be a consultation period before any changes are made. More about this in the new year.

■ As part of growing our Church we are commanded to ‘Go out and baptise in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit’. We have these baptisms coming up in our benefice: Molly Healey; Primrose Myring; Hector Thomas; Merlie Warrington; and William Fletcher-Brewer. This will be a great celebration and time for rejoicing as our community welcomes the newly-baptised into the Christian fellowship. The benefice will also see the weddings of Jessica Warrington and Ben Hardy, Renea Reece and Scott Taylor and Claire Bowen and Ben Kemp.

We send our very best wishes to all who are preparing, supporting or just being part of these special occasions in which couples will be making vows to each other, and before God, declaring their love and commitment to each other.

■ Our mid-week services are going well and if you are unable to come to Church on Sunday – then do come along in the week. We have a new evening (7.00pm) service twice each month on the first and third Tuesdays, and a new Thursday morning service at 9.30am four times each month, the first, second, third and fourth Thursdays. Please take a leaflet from any of our Churches for full details of all the services that we offer.

■ If you want to keep right up to date with events that are going on in the benefice, you can keep in touch via social media and access our new page in

Facebook at: [South Croxton Benefice, Leicestershire](#)



■ Calling all musicians! Are you able to help us in our Sunday 10.30am worship? We currently have organ music most of the time, but sometimes it would be good to have an alternative accompaniment to our songs/hymns by way of guitars, drums, keyboard etc.

If you feel that you can help call me (841278) to discuss further.

■ I’ve received overwhelming comments about our Pet Service that will take place in South Croxton Church on Sunday October 15 at 2.00 pm. Do come along with your pet (any size) for an opportunity to thank God for all the love and pleasure they give us.

■ Our harvest festival services take place in October; these are traditional services, with Eucharist and traditional harvest hymns.

Sunday October 1 at 10.30am at Thorpe Satchville

Sunday October 1 at 6.00pm at Twyford

Sunday October 8 at 10.30am at Gaddesby

Sunday October 8 at 6.00pm at South Croxton

Sunday October 15 at 6.00pm at Ashby Folville

“All good gifts around us are sent from heaven above; then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord, for all his love”

COME and CELEBRATE WITH US

Blessings,

Revd Neil

■ **Community Lunch:** The Parish Community Hub held its most recent get-together, an afternoon “vintage” tea, in August at Somerby Methodist Church. The next event will be lunch on Tuesday September 26 at Scraftoft Golf Club, 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 our valuable volunteers, in particular those who drive and collect people. Do come and join us. *The Community Lunch Team.*

Parish councils

Gaddesby, Barsby & Ashby Folville Parish Council: The next meeting will be at Ashby and Barsby Village Hall on Monday September 11. The following meeting will be at Gaddesby Village Hall on Monday October 9. 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 September 7 at 6.30pm in the village hall. The following meeting will be on October 5.

Twyford and Thorpe Satchville Parish Council: Tuesday September 19 at 7.30pm in Twyford Village Hall.

Women’s Institutes

Barsby and Ashby Folville: *Carry on Catering* is the title of Graham Johnson’s talk on September 13. The competition is “an old cooking utensil”.

Gaddesby: The August meeting was in St Luke’s church because the hall kitchen is being refurbished. It proved to be a very good and convenient venue. The guest speaker, Carolyn Boulter, demonstrated her version of a patchwork owl. Much squinting followed as members attempted to thread needles to produce something similar. At the end, a creditable parliament of owls stood proudly on the font cover for a photograph and members heaved a sigh of relief over a cup of tea for a task well completed.

The title of Jo Colby’s talk on September 13 is ‘Between Stairs – the life of a lady’s maid’. The competition letter is ‘A’. Visitors are always welcome .

South Croxton: Members meet on the third Thursday of the month. This month our speaker will give an introduction to “Mindfulness Meditation”. Guests are very welcome; the cost is £5, which includes food and a cuppa.

Ashby Folville and Barsby

Baptism: Colin Parker and his little son, Harvey, were both christened at the ancient font in St. Mary’s. We welcome them both into the family of Christ. *RH*

Henry Warrington: On September 27, 1917, Henry Herbert Warrington of Ashby Folville lost his life somewhere in France, aged 22. He has no known grave. Spare a thought for him on that day. *RH*

St Mary’s history: After two years of dedicated and detailed work the NADFAS team has completed its gigantic task of cataloguing St. Mary’s Church. It has been presented to us in the form of a large book. Copies will be kept in the County Records Office and the V&A Museum. Eventually, there will be an opportunity for everyone to look at this amazing work. *RH*

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Race Night: Saturday September 30 at Ashby Folville Village Hall, 7.30pm, in aid of St Mary's. A night at the races with a hot supper provided by the Carington Arms. Tickets £10.00 or £90.00 for a table of 8 with two bottles of prosecco. Please bring your own drinks and glasses. Sponsor a race or be listed as a racehorse trainer for an additional £10.00 – a good way of advertising your business or service. Tickets from Angela Patton (840964), Sarah Short (840192), or Sue de Gaye (840904).

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).

Coffee: Macmillan Coffee Morning, Friday September 29, at Kevin and Ann's Walnut Tree Farm, Barsby, 11—2.00pm. Please support.

Coffee/Tea Morning: Ashby Village Hall 10.00—12 noon, Thursday September 14.

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

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), Sue Milward (840213) and Jane Winterton (840748).

Adults £10, children (12 or under) £5.

(Tickets are limited so book early to avoid disappointment). **Please bring your own**

drink and glasses. Profits to air ambulance and the church building fund.

Children's Society Boxes: I will be calling to collect the Childrens Society Boxes during September. Could you please have your box ready for collection. If you would like to have a box please contact Jenny at 1 Cross Street.

Village hall

Yoga, Tuesdays, 7.30—9.00pm, contact Di Angrave (840013); Legs, Tums and Bums, Thursdays, 7.00—8.00pm, contact Justine Hunt (840435), Justine.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.



South Croxton

Quiz night: There will be a quiz night with a fish and chip supper in aid of the Bell and Tower Fund at the village hall on Saturday September 23. Prompt start at 7.15pm. Tickets £12 from Pat Sanderson (840229) or Liz Norton (840803).

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

■ **Village hall:**

Big Brunch Walk, Saturday September 23: Bring your family and friends on a guided walk, 50p per walker + bus fare for bus hop walk, finishing with a home-cooked brunch (for purchase) at the village hall.

BUS HOP WALK! (no dogs) Be at the bus stop opposite the pub at 9.45 am. Bookings for brunch will be taken before leaving for a walk of about six miles.

LOCAL WALK (about 4 miles) starting at 10.00 am from the village hall. Dogs allowed on leads. Food served from 12.30 pm (just in case you don't want to walk).

Dates for your Diary: 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) for more information.

Crafty Chatter: Tea/coffee, chat and craft. Alternate Wednesdays at the village hall, 2.00—4.00 pm, £1 when you attend. September 6 and 20. 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

Thank you to everyone who came along to our village walk and brunch at the beginning of July. It was a great success – adults, children, dogs and horses – a great turn out!

Our next event is the annual BBQ and rounders match on Sunday September 10 (note the change of date). Please come along with family and friends for a fun afternoon – we've already put in a request for lovely sunny weather!

Please have a rummage through your cupboards for any tombola prizes and bring them along to 2 Salters Hill (or I can collect) and any empty wine bottles! Thank you.

Coffee mornings: Thursday September 14 and Thursday October 12. Drop in for a coffee, cake and a chat on every second Thursday of the month. Absolutely everyone is welcome – young, old, babies and toddlers! These coffee mornings have proved to be very successful and have been running for more than a year now. If you haven't come along to one so far, please do and get to know more of your neighbours.

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 at the same time.

■ 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.

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Scout groups: The group finished its year in style with raft-building and stand-up paddle boarding at Rutland Watersports in Whitwell. They had a fantastic time culminating in a running leap into the water from the pontoon. A special evening for those new Beavers and Cubs we invested. Our autumn meetings start in September when we'll be focussing on our first camp as a group at the Guides' Topstones campsite at Tilton on the Hill. We currently have spaces in our Beaver Colony so if you have children or grandchildren aged 6—8 please contact Tim Ashton on 07976 378 795 or via lthorpscouts@gmail.com

Twyford

Village hall:

Karate: Sundays, 10.00am, September 3, 10, 17, 24; Mondays, 7.00pm, September 4, 18; Wednesdays, 6.00pm, September 6, 13, 20, 27. More details: Alison (851238).

Carpet bowls: Mondays, 8.00pm, September 11, 25.

Whist drives: Fridays, 7.00pm, September 1, 15, 29.

Drop In: Fridays, 10.30am, September 1, 15, 29.

Yoga: Mixed ability, Mondays, 11.00am, September 4, 11, 17, 24; men's, Thursdays, 7.00pm, September 7, 14, 21, 28.

Inns and Outs: Tuesday September 12. Mark's Music Quiz, £3.50 each. Bring your own drink and a plate of food for the supper table. Queries – 840621. 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 September 9, 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: The book and film this month is *The Sense of an Ending* by Julian Barnes. DVD and novel widely available. All welcome at The Saddle, Thursday September 28.

Twyford Village Hall Charity Weekend: During this weekend, Friday and Saturday September 29-30, help us celebrate the official opening of our new meeting space (funded by the National Lottery). Enjoy the events, or just call in to look round, have a drink with us and contribute to a charity bucket of your choice! (just like Waitrose...) Friday 10.30 – 12.30pm, Macmillan coffee morning; whist drive, 7.00pm; Saturday, at 2.00 pm everyone welcome at the Oddfellows whist special. Prizes and raffle in aid of LOROS.

Advance notice: Twyford Guild of Artists Exhibition. Saturday October 7 and Sunday October 8 at Twyford Village Hall. Your chance to catch up with these artists' creative output this year. More details to follow in next month's magazine.

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!

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 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

Tel: 01664 841278 or email: revneilstothers@yahoo.co.uk

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 October newsletter is September 18.



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Where to Worship in South West Framland

September 3 Trinity 12 Merchant Navy Day	8.30am	BCP Holy Communion	Twyford
	8.30am	Holy Communion	Frisby
	10.30am	Worship with Eucharist	Thorpe Satchville
	10.30am	Holy Communion	Little Dalby
	10.30am	Iona Holy Communion	Hoby
	6.00pm	Evensong	Great Dalby
	6.00pm	Evensong	South Croxton
Sept. 9 Sat.	11.00am	Messy Church, to 4.00pm	Frisby MC
September 10 Trinity 13 Education Sunday	8.30am	BCP Holy Communion	Ashby Folville
	8.30am	Holy Communion	Brooksby
	10.30am	Worship with Eucharist	Gaddesby
	10.30am	Family Service	Rotherby
	10.45am	Arnhem Service	Somerby
September 17 Trinity 14 Battle of Britain Sunday	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	Holy Communion	Burrough
September 24 Trinity 15	8.30am	BCP Holy Communion	Ashby Folville
	10.30am	Worship with Eucharist	Twyford
	10.30am	Harvest Holy Communion	Pickwell
	10.30am	Harvest Holy Communion	Ragdale
	6.00pm	Holy Communion	Kirby Bellars
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 Hill Parishes interregnum some services may be subject to alteration.