

South Croxton Churches

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

Newsletter November 2017

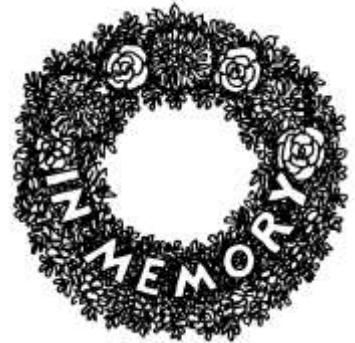
Services of remembrance

Hello everyone!

Thank you to all those who attended one of our five harvest thanksgiving services – giving thanks to God for all that we have, all that we have been given in the past, and all that we look forward to receiving – everything that we have comes from God and all belongs to God. We brought nothing into this world and we take nothing out.

Thanks, too, to all those who attended the Pet Service at St John the Baptist, South Croxton. There will be a display of photographs soon in Church.

November is another busy time in the Church calendar beginning with



All Souls' Day commemoration of the faithful departed, remembering all those who have died in the past year, and also those who we love but see no longer; This service will be at St Luke's, Gaddesby, on **Thursday November 2 at 9.30am**. I do hope you can join us at this special service.

On **Saturday November 11 at 10.55am** there will be a short service, and laying of a wreath at the memorial outside the Church of St Luke, Gaddesby.

Join us for our remembrance service at **St Michael & All Angels Church at Thorpe Satchville on Sunday November 12 at 10.45am (for a prompt start)**.

The week on the run up to Remembrance Sunday will see our Churches at Twyford and South Croxton lit up in 'red' to show that we remember

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The vicar's alternative to after-service coffee was having a dramatic effect on male attendance.

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and honour all the fallen in the world wars.

Evensong throughout the autumn and winter months will be held on the first Sunday of the month at St John the Baptist, South Croxton, at the earlier time of **3.00 pm**.

Our final celebration of November will be on **Thursday November 30 at 7.00 pm** at Twyford to celebrate the Patronal Festival of St Andrew.

We then go into the penitential season of Advent beginning Sunday December 3 – but more about that in December’s newsletter. It will be a wonderful day to rejoice when we baptise Hector Thomas into the Christian community at St Michael & All Angels, Thorpe Satchville, in their 10.30am service. Please do attend this act of worship with celebration as it is a **community event** to welcome Hector and his family.

During the next few months we will be discerning what it is to be ‘Church’ in this benefice. You will not be surprised to hear then when I say that Church is about people, and about building up the Kingdom. The Bishop of Leicester has asked us, as a Church, to consider three important questions;

1. How are you growing, and enabling others to grow in the depth of their discipleship?
2. How are you enabling growth in the numbers of disciples of Jesus?
3. How are you serving your community, and enabling others to love and serve those around them?

I’m going to try to open discussion as much as I can and involve as many people as I can (not just PCCs) as we endeavour to take seriously our growth in this benefice.

As we hear in Scripture; He said therefore “What is the kingdom of God like? And to what should I compare it? It is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in the garden; it grew and became a tree, and the birds of the air made nests in its branches” (Luke 13.18-19).

We will also be adding to that discernment a ‘mission statement’ which gives everyone an idea of what it is we are trying to achieve as a Church.

■ We have had one of our Wardens step down from office – David Wyrko at St Luke’s, Gaddesby. Can I give thanks for his work and involvement as a buildings warden and Churchwarden in the past. This means that we are now looking for his successor to continue the good work at St Luke’s alongside the other Warden; anyone who is interested in being Warden (to be elected by the APCM at their meeting in April 2018) please contact me in the first instance (841278).

Finally, can I thank all those who continue to give their time to the Church, and pray for God’s healing and peace where there is division and conflict. We are blessed with committed Christians doing as Christ himself did – serving others day in and day out.

With every blessing,

Revd Neil

■ **Community Lunch:** The Parish Community Hub held its most recent get-together, in October at the Harboro Hotel, Melton Mowbray. The next event will be the Christmas Lunch at Hoby and District Village Hall, with catering by the Blue Bell Inn, Hoby, on Tuesday November 28, 12.00pm for a 12.30pm 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.*

■ **Baptisms:** October 1, at Twyford, Molly Elizabeth Healey; October 8, at Gaddesby, Primrose Myring.

We welcome Molly and Primrose into the church family

■ **Funerals:** October 6, at Ashby Folville, John Favell; October 27, at Gaddesby, Clifford Walker.

■ **Burial of Ashes:** October 26, at Beeby, Christopher Barrett.

We offer our sympathy to the family and friends of John, Clifford and Christopher.

Parish councils

Gaddesby, Barsby & Ashby Folville Parish Council: The next meeting will be at Ashby and Barsby Village Hall on Monday November 13. The following meeting will be at Gaddesby Village Hall on Monday December 11. 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 November 2 at 6.30pm in the village hall. The following meeting will be on Thursday December 7.

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

Women's Institutes

Barsby and Ashby Folville: Farrier Ben Coy will be the speaker at the meeting on Wednesday November 8. The competition is "a picture or photograph of a horse".

Gaddesby: At the October meeting everyone one arrived dressed in blue and white, the colours of the flag of Finland and we had a splendid time sampling food and enjoying a few little-known, interesting anecdotes and facts about Finland, the country of birth of one of our members (who sadly was too ill to come herself).

On November 8 we come, once more, to our annual meeting when we reflect on the past year's activities and look to the future of our institute. There will be a 'bring and buy' and possibly a little something to tickle the taste buds!

South Croxton: We will be having a glass workshop, from 7.30 pm to about 10.00 pm at the village hall on Thursday November 16. As this is a workshop and you will be making a glass Christmas ornament to keep there will be a charge, guests/non-member £12.50 and members £2.50 This will also include a light snack and a cuppa. Anyone interested please join us.

Ashby Folville and Barsby

John Favell: Sylvia and family would like to thank all who sent cards and messages of sympathy and all who attended the service at the church, a wonderful memorial to John and very much appreciated by us all. Donations to the air ambulance amounted to more than £900.

Harvest festival: The service was a joyful occasion and the collection of £85 has been sent to the farmers' charity. Many thanks to those who decorated the church so beautifully and for donating the produce, gratefully received by the LOROS hospice. *RH*

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Diary date: Carol service, December 10, 6.00pm. *RH*

Winner: The race night on September 30 was a great success and raised almost £1,000 for St Mary's. It proved to be great fun for all. A big thank you to all members of the PCC who came along to support the event. *Angela Patton*

Charity boost: The Macmillan Coffee Morning held at Walnut Tree Farm, Barsby, on September 29, raised £741.65. Many thanks to all the helpers and supporters. *Ann Troop*

Coffee/Tea Morning: The village hall at Ashby Folville will be open 10—12 noon on Thursday November 9 for coffee and tea. If you need transport please contact Pat Walton (840463) or Sue de Gaye (840904). Look forward to seeing you.

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

Harvest supper: Thank you to everyone who came to the harvest supper. I hope you all had a good time in the company of friends and neighbours. Very grateful thanks go to all those people who worked so hard to produce such a lovely evening especially the 'cooks', the helpers and the brilliant Gaddesby Band. We are so lucky to have such a wealth of talent in our community and I'm sure we'll look forward to doing something similar. After expenses, £532 will be divided equally between the air ambulance and St Luke's building fund, to continue to equip the kitchen for community use.

Very many thanks to everyone for the produce at the harvest festival services at Thorpe Satchville and Gaddesby and especially the vast array of dry goods brought in by Gaddesby School pupils. It was all safely delivered to the 'Storehouse at the Fox' in Melton together with £55 for the four pumpkins from Thorpe, auctioned at Gaddesby's harvest supper.

I hope to see you all at our 'Carols by Candlelight' on Thursday December 14.

Daphne Tucker, Churchwarden

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

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. Interested in having a stall? Contact Sally (840644 or 07393853584)

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

■ Village hall:

Bonfire night: Sunday November 5. Fireworks from 6.30pm. There will be a break halfway through the fireworks for refreshments.

Christmas Craft Fair: Saturday November 18, 11.00—4.00pm. Christmas shopping made easy! Get your Christmas all wrapped up at our festive craft fair. There will be lots of stalls, where you can find inspiring presents that you'll love to give as well as receive. Stay for morning coffee, lunch or afternoon tea. You can enjoy a delicious hog roast followed by homemade cakes and mince pies.

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. November 1, 15 and 29 and December 13. Caroline (840272).

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

Thorpe Satchville

Village Hall

Table tennis: Monday November 6, 7.00—9.00pm, table tennis! Do come along and support this new activity. All ages and abilities welcome. This will be held every Monday evening from now onwards.

Coffee and cake: Thursday November 9, 10.30—12.00pm, coffee, cake and chat morning. All welcome.

Quiz night: Friday November 17, 7.30pm, quiz night with a fish and chip supper. Test your general knowledge skills! The bar will be open from 7.30pm ready to start the quiz at 8.00pm. Supper at 9.00pm. Please let one of the committee members know if you are attending as we have to order the fish and chips well in advance. Tickets cost £15.00 per couple.

□December

Coffee and cake: Thursday December 14. Coffee, cake and chat morning. All welcome 10.30—12.00pm.

Carol singing: And in the evening on December 14, at 6.00pm, carol singing with mince pies and mulled wine around the tree..

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

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 has an excellent catering kitchen, fridges and freezer. It is attached to a large village playing field and play area, which makes it ideal for children's parties. Contact Annie Jones (07871277177/840470). Alternatively visit www.thorpesatchville.co.uk

Scout groups: Our group camp at the Topstones Girl Guide site was a big success. More than 40 youngsters from all three sections had a great time with activities from mountain biking and bouldering to making shelters and fires. Group Scout Leader Tim organised a superb campfire entertainment on the Friday night which will live long in our memories. Thanks to those parents who helped us over the weekend and made it so special.

We have four new starters in our Beaver Colony – which is for boys and girls aged 5³/₄ to around 8 years old. We meet on Thursdays between 17.45 and 18.45 at Thorpe Satchville Village Hall. We do have more places so 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

Bonfire & fireworks: Twyford recreation ground, Sunday November 5, 7.00pm, adults £5, juniors £3 (pre-bought adult tickets £4 and juniors £2.50 from the Saddle Inn or Twyford shop). Barbecue food and drinks for sale.

Village hall:

Karate: Sundays, 10.00am, November 5, 12, 19, 26; Mondays, 7.00pm, November 13, 27; Wednesdays, 6.00pm, November 1, 8, 15, 22, 29. More details: Alison (851238).

Carpet bowls: Mondays, 8.00pm, November 6, 20.

Whist drives: Friday, 7.00pm, November 24.

Drop In: Fridays, 10.30am, November 10, 24.

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

Murder Mystery Evening: "The Sound Of Mu...rder" – Barrow Panto Group, Friday November 10, 7.30pm. Come and try solving the murder mystery, Tickets £10 per person, supper included. To book call 840992

Woolly Days: Saturday November 11, 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).

Inns and Outs: Tuesday November 14, 7.00pm. Come along to Ye Olde Pork Pie Shoppe and hand-raise your very own Melton Mowbray Pork Pie! A demonstration and history of the pork pie, followed by a chance to make your own, which will be ready the following day. Cost £10 per person. Contact Frances or Peter to book (840704) or email peter@franceslowe.co.uk (by October 31 at the latest).

"Brilliance" – Farnham Maltings Theatre Company: Saturday November 18, 7.30pm. Long after its arrival in the city, the slow process of rural electrification is starting to illuminate every corner and crevice of village life. Brilliance is a 90-minute theatrical event that celebrates progress and change in a bright new world. Tickets £10 on the night, £9 in advance. Discounts for children under 16. To book or for more information call Chris (840774).

Book and Film Club: A slightly different approach this month. Read *The Island* by Victoria Hislop, or any other novel by this writer. Screen adaptations may be hard to find. For further details please telephone 840774 or 840605

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!

Harvest Festival: Dorothy and Sandy wish to thank everyone who helped with the harvest festival – our auctioneer Mark, and all those who bought the produce, raising a magnificent £494.

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

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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).

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 who 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 December edition will cover the months of December and January. The deadline is November 22.**



November 2017 *Where to worship in South West Framl and*

November 1 All Saints	7.30pm	Holy Communion and All Souls Service	Pickwell
November 2 All Souls	9.30am	Commemoration of the Faithful Departed.	Gaddesby
November 4	3.00pm	Messy Church (Saturday)	Frisby MC
November 5 4 before Lent	8.30am	BCP Holy Communion	Twyford
	8.30am	Harvest Holy Communion	Rotherby
	10.30am	Worship with Eucharist	Thorpe Satchville
	10.30am	Holy Communion	Great Dalby
	10.30am	Iona Holy Communion	Hoby
	3.00pm	Service of Loving Remembrance	Hoby
November 11 Armistice Day	10.55am	Act of Remembrance	Hoby
	10.55am	Act of Remembrance	Gaddesby
November 12 Remembrance Sunday	8.30am	BCP Holy Communion	Ashby Folville
	9.30am	Remembrance Service	Pickwell
	10.15am	United Service and Act of Remembrance	Great Dalby MC
	10.45am	Remembrance Service	Brooksby
	10.45am	Remembrance Service	Thorpe Satchville
	10.55am	War Memorial	Pickwell
	10.55am	War Memorial, Village Hall	Somerby
November 19 2 before Lent	8.30am	BCP Holy Communion	Twyford
	8.30am	Holy Communion	Hoby
	10.30am	Worship with Eucharist	South Croxton
	10.30am	United Café Church	Frisby MC
	10.30am	Holy Communion	Burrough
November 26 Christ the King	8.30am	BCP Holy Communion	Ashby Folville
	10.30am	Worship with Eucharist	Twyford
	10.30am	Holy Communion	Little Dalby
	10.30am	Holy Communion by Ext.	Ragdale
	6.00pm	Holy Communion by Ext.	Kirby Bellars
November 30 St. Andrew	7.00pm	Patronal Festival, Holy Communion with Hymns	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