

South Croxton Churches

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

Newsletter April 2018

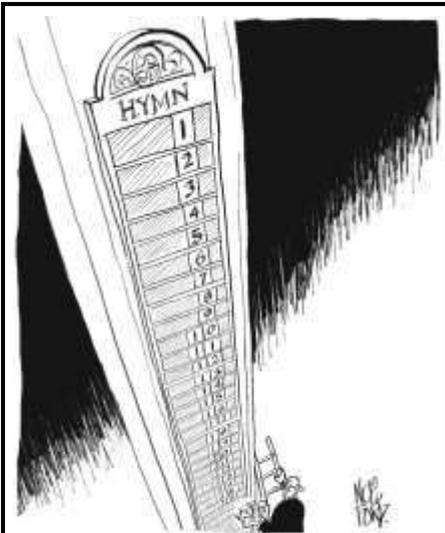
Pause for thought . . .

Less can be more

Hello everyone!

In my travels around the benefice I hear so many say: “We are so busy”. “We take on too much”. “Life is forever demanding”. “It’s never ending – everyone wants a piece of me and there just isn’t enough to go around”. “I’ll meet myself coming back one day”.

We all tend to think there are too few hours in a day to cram everything in! But, if we plan our time, if we don’t rush about, if we stop and think what life is all about, then perhaps we will enjoy life that little bit more.



“Are you sure the Guinness Book of Records people will turn up, Vicar?”

What I have learned in ministry is that you can’t achieve everything you want, and that sometimes we have to accept that ‘less is more’.

Life is challenging without us making it more complicated.

If we step back a little and look at what it is we are trying to achieve, or trying to fulfil or what our goals or our vision is in life – we give ourselves an aim, a desire, a want, a purpose for our lives.

Our purpose in life is simple – and the Bible tells us what this is; it tells us that we don’t have long on this earth. I love a section of Psalm 103 that describes life in a nutshell: “Our days are like the grass; we flourish like a flower of the field; when the wind goes over it, it is gone and its place will know it no

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more”.

This tells us that life is short and what we can do in our life is limited. If you only prioritise two things in life let them be to love and cherish everyone and everything that you have. Today you have it.

Tomorrow you may not.

■ In March, I went along to Gaddesby Primary School to see Esme, Liam, Sasha, Nathan and Esme help to plant an oak tree.

Planted at a size of half a metre, it will, with a little tender care, and help from Mother Nature, grow to around its full potential of 40 metres high.

Our hearts have that same potential to continue to grow to an incredible size! With big hearts we can achieve so much in our benefice.

All our Wardens and I have put together a new mission statement for our benefice:

“The benefice of South Croxton is here to serve God, his Church and his people, and to see the face of Jesus in everyone we meet.”

All the parochial church councils in our benefice are dedicated to ‘live out’ this mission statement and in so doing to give us a purpose to BE Church.

■ Just a quick reminder that we are starting a NEW service in our benefice – a ‘family service’ on the fifth Sunday of each month. The first one is at St Mary’s Ashby Folville on Sunday April 29 at 10.30am and it will have songs, events, stories and games. It is a service in which children of any age will feel comfortable. Daphne Tucker and Sue De Gaye will be helping to lead the service, which has the theme ‘New Life’ – I do hope that you are able to join us.

Please also try to join us at the main service of the year on Easter Day at Thorpe Satchville – 10.30am.

Please do try to see Jesus in everyone you meet this Easter and I wish you all a Blessed and peaceful Eastertide.

Revd Neil

■ **Community Lunch:** The Parish Community Hub held its most recent get-together, in February at Kirby Bellars Village Hall. The next event will be lunch at Scraftoft Golf Club on Monday April 23, 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.

■ **Interment of ashes:** Fred Earp at Gaddesby Parish Church on March 21.

■ **Funeral:** Martin Spokes at South Croxton Parish Church on March 22.

We offer our sympathy to the family and friends of Fred and Martin.



Parish councils

Gaddesby, Barsby & Ashby Folville Parish Council:

The next meeting will be at Ashby and Barsby Village Hall on Monday April 9. The following meeting will be at Gaddesby Village Hall on Monday May 14, which will also be the annual meeting. 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 April 5 at 6.30pm, in the village hall. The following meeting will be on Thursday May 3.

Twyford and Thorpe Satchville Parish Council: The next meeting will be Tuesday April 17 at 7.30pm in Thorpe Satchville Village Hall.



Affordable homes plan

SIX affordable homes are to be built at Twyford by Melton Mowbray Borough Council. They will be prioritised for those who have a connection with Twyford and Thorpe Satchville parish along with the Somerby and Gaddesby Ward. If people would like to register their interest for more information they can email Leigh Higgins, councillor for Somerby Ward, at Lhiggins@melton.gov.uk. Leigh said: “We will be holding an information event soon.”

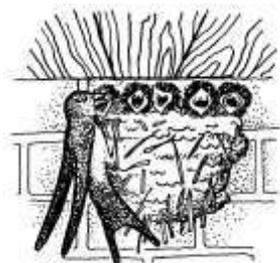
Women’s Institutes

Barsby and Ashby Folville: Heather Herrington of the National Trust will be the speaker on Wednesday April 11. The competition is “something silver”.

Gaddesby: On March 14 we welcomed Brian Johnson, whose talk, ‘Living in a Box’, was both intriguing and very interesting, especially because there are several of the ‘prefabs’ close by. For our next meeting, on Wednesday April 11, we welcome Jess Dixon who will tell us about the work of Rainbows Hospice for Children and Young People. The competition letter is ‘D’.

South Croxton: Our next meeting is on Thursday April 19 at 7.30pm at South Croxton Village Hall. Kerstin Hartman will be giving a talk and demonstration on willow weaving. There will also be an opportunity for you to have a go at

making a willow wind spiral. Guests are welcome; the cost is £5 which includes a glass of wine and nibbles (or a cuppa)



Ashby Folville and Barsby

Garden fete: St Mary's garden fete will be held on Saturday June 16. If you would like to be involved in any way by running a stall, or helping to set up, please contact Angela Patton (840964) or e mail angela_david_patton@btinternet.com

Spring supper: Ashby Folville Spring Supper will be held at village hall on Thursday April 26, 7.30 for 8.00pm. The tickets are £10, from Lucy Stroud (840667).

Coffee morning: The open morning for a cuppa and a chat will be in the village hall on Thursday April 12, 10.00—12 noon. If you need transport please contact Sue De Gaye on 840904 or Pat Walton on 840463. Looking forward to seeing you all.

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

LOROS Donation Station: Many, many thanks to everyone who has brought donations to the LOROS 'DONATION STATION' at St Luke's Church. The response has been amazing. By the time you read this there will have already been two collections by the LOROS van. If you haven't quite got around to doing that sorting out that you promised yourself, there is still time. The 'Station' will be there for a bit longer – hopefully until the end of April.

Just put your items in a strong bag and bring them up to St Luke's any time during daylight hours and if you are a UK taxpayer, think about completing a gift aid form; the forms and the instructions are all there and LOROS will be able to claim a further 20p in the £ on anything of yours that is sold. You'll be helping LOROS hospice care for the 2,500 people who are terminally ill, and their families.

'Store House at The Fox' box: There is a box at St. Luke's for donations of food to help those in need in Melton and the surrounding area. The Storehouse especially needs: tinned fruit or custard, quick pasta meals, tinned vegetables and potatoes, pasta sauce jars, tinned meat/fish, toiletries. If you want to know more about the 'Storehouse' visit <http://www.storehousemelton.org.uk/>

Daphne Tucker

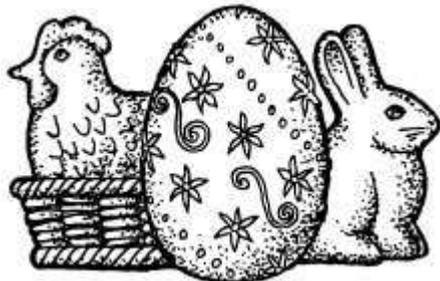
Village hall

Annual meeting: The Gaddesby Village Hall annual general meeting will be held in the hall on Wednesday May 23 at 7.00pm.

Weekly events: 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).

Bookings: Contact Sue Evans (840305) for hall bookings.

Spring Fayre: Gaddesby School Community Pre-School group, Saturday April 21, 10.00—2.00pm, village hall, free entry. Free tea or coffee on presentation of this magazine.



South Croxton

■ Village hall:

Thanks to all those who supported our coffee and book sale morning in March. We raised £106 for village hall funds.

Big Brunch Walk: Saturday April 21. The bus did not arrive for our last bus hop walk so we are offering only the local walk on this occasion. Bring your family and friends on a guided walk, 50p per walker, finishing with a home-cooked brunch (for purchase) at the village hall. The walk is about four miles, starting at 10.00am from the village hall.

Dogs allowed on leads. Food served from 12.00 pm (just in case you don't want to walk).

An evening at the races: Saturday May 19, 7.30pm, at the village hall. This is a ticket-only event – on sale now! Adults £8, 12 years and under £5. This will include a serving of cottage pie or vegetarian option (state when buying ticket). Bring your own drinks and nibbles and get ready to place your bets!

Dates for your diary: Bonfire Night, Monday November 5; Pub Night (at the village hall) on Saturday November 24.

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—4.00pm, £1, April 4, 18 and May 2. For more details contact Caroline (840272).

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

Thorpe Satchville

Village Hall

Table tennis: Every Monday evening, 7.00—9.00pm. All ages and abilities welcome for just 50p a session

Social: Thursday April 12, 10.30—12.00pm, coffee, cake and chat with your neighbours. All welcome, every second Thursday of the month.

Pub and pie night: Friday April 27. Please note the time, 7.00—10.30 pm Don't be late as once the pies have gone they're gone! The bar will be open as usual. The next pub night will be on Friday May 25.



■ 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

Boot camp: An experienced trainer is running exercise sessions at Victory Lodge Farm on Klondyke Lane. Anyone interested should contact Michelle (07814423438).

1st Thorpe Satchville Scout Group: It has been a fun half-term for our sections with an emphasis on exercise and healthy eating. We've also made Mother's' Day cards, met a para cyclist and made some pork pies at Brockleby's! After the holidays we'll be looking to spend our meetings outside with some "traditional" scouting activities as well as trips to Hollands Nurseries and Melton Museum. The Beavers are hoping to have an overnight camp in June. We do have vacancies for Beaver Scouts (age 5 3/4—8 years old) and we are looking for someone to become our Assistant Beaver Scout Leader. If this interests you or someone you know please get in touch with Simon Hargrave, Beaver Scout Leader, via 1thorpescouts@gmail.com or on 07795 281332

Twyford

Village hall:

Karate: Twyford Karate is a traditional Shotokan karate club founded in the village 16 years ago and run by Alison Golland (3rd Dan). It is a welcoming club for both children and adults from complete beginners to experts. It's a great way to keep fit and stay fit while learning a new skill. Mixed ability classes are all suitable for beginners. Classes are held at Twyford Village Hall; Wednesday 6.00—7.00pm (mixed ability), Wednesday 7.00—8.00pm except for the first Wednesday of the month (senior grades only, brown belts and above), Sunday 10.00—11am (mixed ability). The club also has a mixed ability class at Jubilee Sports in Melton on Tuesday 6.00—7.00pm. For more information contact Sensei Alison (851238) or email

Alison.golland1@ntlworld.com or follow Twyford Karate on Facebook.

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

Whist drive: Fridays, 7.00pm, April 13, 27

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

Yoga: Mixed ability, Mondays, 11.00am; men's, Thursdays, 7.00pm. More details from Diane (840013).

Inns and Outs: Tuesday April 10, 7.30pm, memories of old Twyford from Pat and Andy Holland, with slides and photos and other memorabilia. Bring your own drink plus a plate of food for the buffet. More details from Paula (840787).

Woolly Days: Saturday April 14. Knitting, spinning, crochet, weaving, etc, bring your work with you and enjoy a day with like-minded people. Everyone welcome. £5.00 and something for shared lunch. For more details please contact Lizzy (07754 497004).

Book and Film Club: This month's book and film is *The Revenant* by Michael Punke (2015). Widely available in both formats! We are meeting at 4.00pm on Thursday April 26, at The Saddle. Further details 840774/840605.

Twyford Computer Club: Alternate Wednesdays 10.30—4.0 pm April 4 and 18. Make the most of your laptop, tablet or iPad. Learn new skills; share the ones you have. Complete beginners very welcome. £2.50 per session including refreshments. More details from 840137.

Village Hall Bookings

Twyford Village Hall has a website: www.twyford-vh.org Please take a look! Check out our news and coming events. See the hall's facilities and our availability for hire. Please contact us to book your party, wedding, meetings or other events. 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 859813/840774) for bookings and more information, or enquire online at www.twyford-vh.org.



**The open baptism policy
worked, up to a point.**

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 Luke Gaddesby: Daphne Tucker – Warden (841184).

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

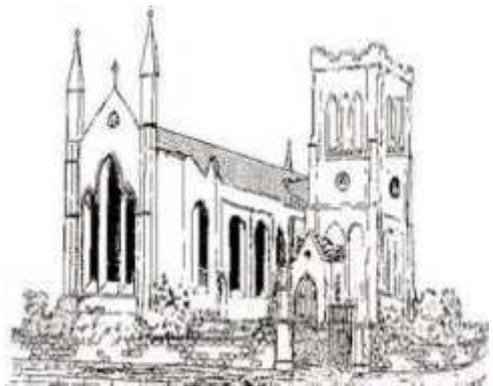
St Michael & All Angels Thorpe Satchville: Jane Smith – Warden (840333)

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 deadline for the May newsletter is April 22.**



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***Where to Worship in the
South Croxton Group***

April 1 EASTER DAY	8.30am	Easter Day Holy Communion	Twyford
	10.30am	Easter Day Holy Communion	Thorpe Satchville
	6.00pm	Easter Evensong	South Croxton
April 3 Tuesday	7.00pm	BCP Holy Communion	South Croxton
April 5 Thursday	9.30am	BCP Holy Communion	Gaddesby
April 8 Easter 2	8.30am	BCP Holy Communion	Ashby Folville
	10.30am	Worship with Eucharist and APCM	Gaddesby
April 12 Thursday	9.30am	BCP Holy Communion	Thorpe Satchville
April 15 Easter 3	8.30am	BCP Holy Communion	Twyford
	10.30am	Worship with Eucharist and APCM	South Croxton
April 17 Tuesday	7.00pm	BCP Holy Communion	Ashby Folville
April 19 Thursday	9.30am	BCP Holy Communion	Gaddesby
April 22 Easter 4	8.30am	BCP Holy Communion	Ashby Folville
	10.30am	Worship with Eucharist and APCM	Twyford
April 26 Thursday	9.30am	BCP Holy Communion	Thorpe Satchville
April 29 Easter 5	10.30am	Family Service	Ashby Folville

For other services in the South West Framland Group (SWF)
please contact the SWF Office on 01664 561909 or
clusteradmin@btinternet.com