

South Croxton Churches

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

Newsletter March 2018

Pause for thought . . .

Hello everyone!

As I write, we have just had our Ash Wednesday service with the imposition of ashes. For those unfamiliar with where the ashes come from – they are last year's palm crosses that have been burnt and mixed with oil (blessed by the Bishop from last year's Chrism service). Using these ashes, a cross is placed on the forehead to remind ourselves that we are mere mortals using the words: 'Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return; turn away from sin and be faithful to Christ'. Powerful words that I'm sure will guide you on your Lenten journey, and act as a reminder that our lives WILL end, and we are given a 'lifetime' to try our best to do what is right, just, moral and ethical to our fellow human beings. There is so much evil in the world that people question the existence of a God – but it is mostly people that choose to harm other people – it is evil in people – not God.

It is with this in mind that our Benefice has drawn up a mission statement to tell everyone what we are about – what we believe – and what the Church is doing in our communities: **“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”.**



You may not think that makes sense – but please remember that others do. You may not come to Church – but remember others do. You may not wish to believe in a loving God – but remember others do. If we can begin to think about others instead of ourselves – if we can appreciate that we exist for a reason – if we can acknowledge that there just may be some truth in the man 'Jesus' that people talk about and have done for 2000+ years – and written about in the Bible – the best-selling book ever – and if we can think for a moment that there just may be a God who created this world for a reason, then we are opening our minds to the greatest story ever told. If we think too much about *how* God created the world, we tend to miss the point of *why* he created it.

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New service

■ We are starting a NEW service in the South Croxton benefice - a new family service on the fifth Sunday of each month. The first one will be at St Mary's on Sunday April 29 at 10.30am. It will have songs, events, stories and games and is a service at which children of any age will feel comfortable. Daphne Tucker and Sue De Gaye will be leading the service, which has the theme 'New Life' – I hope that you are able to join us.

■ On Sunday March 4 we are joined by the Dean of Leicester who will be presiding and preaching at our 10.30am service at Gaddesby. The week after, on Mothering Sunday, March 11, we will have just the one service at 10.30am at Ashby Folville where we will be joined by the Archdeacon of Leicester. Refreshments will be served after each service so do come along and support our Churches in the Benefice.

■ We introduced a new service pattern last August, and, so far, some are doing well and others not so well. I am asking for any views or comments. They will be greatly appreciated and welcomed. This will help us to decide how we proceed with our service pattern from this August.

For those who like hymns and watching "Songs of Praise" on TV – we will be having our very own Songs of Praise at Gaddesby Church on Sunday June 10 at 10.30am. We will be asking for your favourite three hymns, and compiling a top 10. We will sing all 10 at our Songs of Praise service. The enclosed leaflet explains how to vote.

■ Thank you to those who have donated towards our Paschal stands – this has been very encouraging and all our five Churches will hopefully have them in place by Easter Day.

■ HOLY WEEK this year begins on Monday March 26. We begin with Lenten devotion and Compline at Gaddesby Church at 7.00pm on Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday evening which will last about an hour. The theme will be 'What Jesus saw from the Cross', and will be interspersed with music.

■ Thursday March 29 is 'Maundy Thursday' and begins the special three days leading to Easter Day. These are known as the 'Triduum' (3 x days = Passion, death and resurrection). On Maundy Thursday we recognise in our worship the Last Supper that Jesus had with his disciples, washing of feet – as Jesus did – and keeping watch – as his disciples did in the Garden of Gethsemane.

■ On Good Friday at 3.00pm we have 'The Litany' (an old form of prayer and general supplication from the Book of Common Prayer). Afterwards we walk around the Stations of the Cross as we remember Jesus' last part of his journey to the Cross where he was crucified and died. Holy Saturday at 7.00 pm at South Croxton is a service of light and vigil as we begin our worship in darkness at a fireside, and end in light – also lighting the Paschal candle depicting that light (Jesus being the light of the world). The crescendo at the end of Holy Week is Easter Day when we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus – we have 8.30am, 10.30am and 6.00pm services on this day. Please do join us whenever you are able



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Where to Worship

March 1 Thursday	9.30am	BCP Holy Communion	Gaddesby
March 4 Lent 3	8.30am	BCP Holy Communion	Twyford
	10.30am	Worship with Eucharist	Gaddesby
	3.00pm	Evensong	South Croxton
March 6 Tuesday	7.00pm	BCP Holy Communion	South Croxton
March 8 Thursday	9.30am	BCP Holy Communion	Thorpe Satchville
March 11 Mothering Sunday	10.30am	Worship with Eucharist	Ashby Folville
March 18 Passion Sunday	8.30am	BCP Holy Communion	Twyford
	10.30am	Worship with Eucharist	South Croxton
March 20 Tuesday	7.00pm	BCP Holy Communion	Ashby Folville
March 22 Thursday	9.30am	BCP Holy Communion	Thorpe Satchville
March 25 Palm Sunday	8.30am	BCP Holy Communion	Ashby Folville
	10.30am	Worship with Eucharist and Palm Crosses	Twyford
March 26 Monday of Holy Week	7.00pm	Lenten devotion, reflection and Compline	Gaddesby
March 27 Tuesday of Holy Week	7.00pm	Lenten devotion, reflection and Compline	Gaddesby
March 28 Wednesday of Holy Week	7.00pm	Lenten devotion, reflection and Compline	Gaddesby
March 29 Maundy Thursday	7.00pm	Holy Communion, stripping of the Altar and Watch	Twyford
March 30 Good Friday	10.00am	Leicester @ the Cross	Leicester Cathedral, The Market Place and Humberstone Gate

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	3.00pm	The Litany and Stations of the Cross	Ashby Folville
March 31 Easter Eve and Holy Saturday	7.00pm	The Easter Vigil and service of the light	South Croxton
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

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

■ **Community Lunch:** The Parish Community Hub held its most recent get-together, in February at The Bowls Club, Melton Mowbray. The next event will be lunch at Kirby Bellars Village Hall on Tuesday March 27, 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.*

■ **Weddings:** Scott Taylor and Renea Reece at South Croxton Parish Church on February 24.
We wish this couple every happiness.

■ **Burial of ashes:** Christopher Riley at Owston Parish Church Churchyard on February 7.
We offer our sympathy to the family and friends of Christopher.

LOROS Donation Station

Don't forget the **LOROS 'DONATION STATION'** at St Luke's Church, Gaddesby. LOROS shops need clothes and linen, in good condition, shoes, accessories, books, CDs, DVDs, mobile phones, stamps and foreign coins, bric-a-brac and unwanted gifts. Just bag them up in a strong bag and bring them to St Luke's any time during daylight hours. The 'Station' is there until the end of March and all the instructions you need to complete a gift aid form.

You'll be helping LOROS hospice care for the 2,500 people who are terminally ill, and their families.

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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.

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Lottery: South Croxton Bell Fund Lottery (BATS100). If you wish to take part or want further information please contact Tracy Campbell (840042).

■ Village hall:

Coffee and Book Sale : Saturday March 10, 10.30—12 noon. Come along and have a chat with other villagers over a coffee and home-made cake. Stock up with your holiday reading. Hand-crafted walking sticks and WI home-made stalls. Donations of books etc welcomed. Contact Caroline (840272). Books can be left with any committee member.

An evening at the races: This is a ticket-only event on Saturday May 19, at the village hall – 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!

Other dates for your diary: Big Brunch Walk, April 21; Bonfire night, Monday November 5; Pub night (village hall), Saturday November 24.

Crafty Chatter Tea/coffee, chat and craft, March 7, 21, April 4 and 18. We welcome visitors with any craft/project – from knitting, sewing and crochet to drawing, painting and jewellery-making. Alternate Wednesdays at the village hall, 2.00—4.00 pm, £1 when you attend. For more details contact Caroline (840272).

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

Thorpe Satchville

Village Hall

Your village hall committee has been busy planning events so get your calendars and diaries out and make a note of these dates! Please try to come along to as many as you can, your village hall and your village community need you! Did you know we have a website? Visit www.thorpesatchville.co.uk for details of events .

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

Thursday March 8: Coffee, cake and chat with your friends and neighbours. All welcome every second Thursday of each month 10.30—12.00 noon.

Pub nights

Friday March 23: Pub night 7.30—10.30 pm. If anyone would like to host a pub night, please get in touch with any of the committee. The bar will be stocked for you, all you need is a welcoming smile and an ability to add up!

Friday April 27 – pie & pub night; Friday May 25 – pub night; Friday June 29 – pub night.

Sunday July 8 – walk and brunch.

Sunday September 2 – Annual BBQ & rounders match

Boot camp: Contact Michelle (07814423438), who is running several exercise classes at Victory Farm, Klondyke Lane. All welcome, whatever fitness level you have.

■ The village hall can be hired. Contact Annie Jones (07871277177/840470).

Alternatively visit www.thorpesatchville.co.uk

1st Thorpe Satchville Scout Group: Last half-term the Beavers worked on safety, exercise and healthy eating. They also made a computer out of junk! The Cubs made animated films and pancakes on tin cans. Both sections spent an evening at Aquarium Systems in Burrough Court making vivariums; meeting reptiles and having fun with pumps and pipes. This half-term we are continuing the exercise and healthy eating theme; meeting GB para-cyclist Simon Price and starting community projects. The Beavers hope to see lambing. We have vacancies for Beavers aged 6—8. Please call Simon Hargrave (07795 281332) or email lthorpescouts@gmail.com

Twyford

Village hall:

Karate: Sundays, 10.00am, March 4, 11, 18, 25; Wednesdays, 6.00pm, March 7, 14, 21, 28. More details: Alison (851238).

Carpet bowls: Mondays, 8.00pm, March 12, 26.

Whist drive: Fridays, 7.00pm, March 2, 16.

Drop In: Fridays, 10.30am, March 2, 16.

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

Inns and Outs: Skittles at the Carington Arms, Ashby Folville. 7.30pm start, £9.50 each inclusive. Ring Paula to book and make your supper choice by March 7 (840787).

Woolly Days: Knitting, spinning, crochet, weaving. Bring your work with you and enjoy a day with like-minded people. Everyone welcome. Saturday March 10, 10.30 — 3.30pm. £5.00 and something for a shared lunch. Contact Lizzie (07754 497004).

Village hall annual meeting: Monday March 19, 8.00pm. Please do come along, bring your ideas, hear our news and plans and have your say. Enjoy the free refreshments available. If you can't make that date, please pass on ideas and suggestions via the village hall letterbox, or phone 840774.

Book and Film Club: Thursday March 29, 4.00pm at The Saddle. We are discussing the film *Manchester by the Sea* by Stephen Roberts Holt (2009). There is no associated book this time. Further details (840774/840605).

Twyford Computer Club: Wednesdays 10.30 am, March 7, 14, 21. Make the most of your laptop, tablet or iPad. Learn new skills and share the ones you have. Complete beginners very welcome (some equipment available), £2.50 per session including refreshments. More details (840137).

Easter Bingo for the family: Wednesday March 28, 10.30. Refreshments and prizes. Bring the family; children especially welcome!

Village hall bookings: Twyford Village Hall is available for booking for parties, weddings, meetings and training events. Regular activities or 'one off' events can also be advertised in the village hall programme which is delivered to every house in the village. Call Chris (07811 859813/840774) for more information, or enquire online via 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).

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

St Michael & All Angels Thorpe Satchville: Judith Randell – Warden (840249).

St Andrew Twyford: Dorothy Edwards – Warden (840591)

■ The Wardens may direct you to other contacts 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 April newsletter is March 22.**

Parish councils

Gaddesby, Barsby & Ashby Folville Parish Council: The next meeting will be at Gaddesby Village Hall on Monday March 12, which will also be the annual parish meeting. All meetings start at 6.45pm. At the beginning of each meeting people living in the parish can raise matters of concern. 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/>

Crime: Have you reported a crime in the past 24 months? If so, do you know the outcome of your crime? Were you given regular updates (at least every 28 days)? If the answer is “no”, please report your experience to GPC at gaddesbypc@hotmail.co.uk All submissions will be anonymous. *Gary Fox*

South Croxton Parish Council: The next meeting is on Thursday March 1, at 6.30pm, in the village hall. The following meeting will be on Thursday April 5.

Twyford and Thorpe Satchville Parish Council: The next meeting will be on Tuesday February 27 at 7.30pm at Thorpe Satchville Village Hall.