

# South Croxton Churches

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

Newsletter May 2018

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## Pause for thought . . .

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# Living a life of prayer and healing

### Hello everyone!

I write after returning from a five-day residential retreat at Launde Abbey, which has been most profound, and distinct in helping my ministry in this part of the Deanery, and in my role as Deanery Secondary School Enabler for the whole of the Framland Deanery.

In the middle of the week at Deanery Synod, I, along with all the clergy enablers, were able to bring everyone up to date with what we had achieved in the Deanery thus far, and what we plan to do in the future.

The whole point of my role as enabler is to work with secondary schools (The Priory Belvoir Academy at Bottesford, John Ferneley College and Long Field Academy at Melton and Melton Vale Sixth Form College) to ‘transform the lives of children and young people’ – something that stems from the work of the Diocesan Board of

Education and Bishop Martyn’s vision.

As enabler, I intend to bring Church and School together, by assisting the School’s local Parish Priest in building up relationships in a way that helps that vision to bear fruit – fruit that will last. It also enables the laity to be involved as this is a vision for everyone in the Diocese whoever they are and whatever their role is in Church. We pray for a closer working relationship with all our schools — both primary and secondary – and we pray for The Reverend David Cowie who is the Deanery Primary School enabler – with whom I work very closely.

**Editor quits**

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■ On top of the role as enabler, I shall be extending my role as Parish Priest into the Burrough Hill Benefice. The Reverend Sarah Wright will be the House for Duty Priest (working 20 hours) in both the Burrough Hill and South Croxton benefice. David Perrill, reader and focal minister, will join the team working also over both benefices, and we will be assisted by one of our retired Clergy; the Rev Michael Covington. A formal notice will notify you of the date for licensing soon.

■ Thank you to all those who attended one or more of our Holy Week and Easter services. To all those who attended on Easter Day – I do hope you enjoyed your fair-trade Easter egg!

■ As we almost end the APCM's in all our Churches – may I say a BIG thank you to all those who have represented their Churches in the past in whatever role that may have been and WELCOME all our new Wardens and members onto our PCC's. I would like to mention three Wardens who are stepping down, who have worked impeccably for many years, and devoted their lives to the Churches they have served; Rosemary Holt at Ashby Folville; Brian Piper & Ann Crawford at South Croxton; to them I bestow the title of 'Warden Emeritus' – which simply means they remain life-long Wardens of our benefice Churches.

■ It is with great delight that I announce our very first 'Prayer and Healing' house group meeting to be held on Wednesday May 16, 6.00—7.00pm at 'The Old Hall' in Thorpe Satchville – led by Susie Culloty and myself. The purpose of the hour-long group is to reflect, meditate and offer prayers of healing to those in need – the sick, blind and poor of spirit, and vulnerable members of our community. If you wish to add someone to our list of prayers, kindly let me know – **but do please ask their permission before you do**. If you could indicate your wish to attend – that would be helpful too. I am ever grateful to Susie for embarking on this special part of her lay ministry. We hope to continue this on a monthly basis – so please support us.

■ We need volunteers in many ways and I would encourage you to join one of "The friends of 'your' Parish Church". Please speak with anyone on our contact list at the end of this newsletter if you wish to be part of one of our 'friends group'. Friends do all kinds of work.

■ A reminder that a Songs of Praise service will take place on Sunday June 10 at St Luke's Gaddesby at 10.30am to sing and hear the top 10 favourite hymns of our benefice. Voting is on-going and many thanks to those who have already voted. Pick up a leaflet to vote or let me know by email, and I'll add your choice.

■ A date for your diary: **Saturday June 9 11.00—4.00 pm at Brooksby Hall** – 'Discovering Rural Gems' – a family friendly day celebrating rural life, Church and food !

■ If you are thinking about your spiritual journey in life and were not confirmed at an early age (usually 11 in the Church of England) – and wish to affirm for yourself the promises made for you at Baptism by your parents/carers – please speak to me and we can arrange the next step. Your age doesn't matter (I was confirmed at the age of 31) – the point is that you WANT to be confirmed. We intend to hold our confirmation service as a Deanery and the Bishop leads this service. If you want to chat about confirmation or know more about what it is – just let me know and we can arrange a brief discussion. The Sacrament of Confirmations lets you receive another Holy Sacrament – the bread and wine in Holy Communion

■ I want to end by saying how privileged and humble I am to serve and lead this Community as your Parish Priest. Thank you to all who offer their support to me and have thanked me for being here amongst you. It is a delight to be part of building the Kingdom of God here in this wonderful Deanery.

I am aware that some among you may feel that I have not lived up to your expectations – and I apologise for that. If it helps, please have a confidential conversation with me so that I may understand better those expectations and so that you are able to hear first-hand my responses. We are a Church to tell Good News – not to create a feeling of despair. We tell the story of Jesus Christ – not cause unjust reason to feel down. We live out that story and we see the face of Jesus in **everyone** we meet – all the time – every time. We never try to manipulate Jesus – we just follow him. There have been centuries of healing in the Church and today is no different. A time of healing with prayer will help us all move forward in the same direction remembering every single second of every minute of every hour of every day – **That it is God's will that will prevail – not ours**. Do live a peaceful and prayerful life and may you receive God's mercy and joy – in abundance.

**With God's Blessing**

**Revd Neil**

■ **Community Lunch:** The Parish Community Hub held its most recent get-together, in April at Scraptoft Golf Club. The next event will be lunch at the Harboro' Hotel on Wednesday May 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.*

■ **Baptism:** William Fletcher-Brewer, Gaddesby Parish Church, April 28.  
*We welcome William into the church family.*

■ **Funerals:**

John Edwards at Twyford Parish Church on April 24.

Beryl Adcock at South Croxton Parish Church on April 25.

William Moffat Ross-Wilson at Gaddesby Parish Church on April 27.

Maurice Sidney Whait at Gaddesby Parish Church on April 27.

*We offer our sympathy to the family and friends of John, Beryl, William and Maurice.*

## Parish councils

**Gaddesby, Barsby & Ashby Folville Parish Council:** The next meeting will be at Gaddesby Village Hall on Monday May 14, which will also be the annual meeting. The following meeting will be at Ashby and Barsby Village Hall on Monday June 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 May 3 at 6.30pm, in the village hall. The following meeting will be on Thursday June 7.

**Twyford and Thorpe Satchville Parish Council:** The annual parish meeting will be on Tuesday May 15 at 7.00pm in Twyford Village Hall, followed by the annual parish council meeting at 7.30pm.

# Why this is my last newsletter

THERE are many clergy in rural areas who have the confidence to overlook some of the church's more arcane rules and regulations to make the most of local talent and experience to keep the church in good repair and running smoothly.

Several members of the congregation at Gaddesby who have been active in the church and kept it going during almost three years of interregnum are distancing themselves, upset at the rector's attitude. Others in the benefice have felt forced to resign over certain decisions. So much for the benefice mission statement "to see the face of Jesus in everyone we meet".

There are many experienced clergy in the area and a wealth of literature available to guide new incumbents, particularly those who are moving from an urban area into a less familiar rural setting but "that was then and this is now", according to the Rev Neil Stothers. However, these are our churches and they still stand today with their history and traditions because our ancestors took care of them. I feel confident that some will still be around to re-set the compass in the future.

Meantime I can no longer support the rector designate. I would be happy to help anyone who feels able to take over the newsletter and to explain the mysteries of the duplicating machine at St Mary's.

*Glyn Tucker*

## Women's Institutes

**Barsby and Ashby Folville:** Members will consider resolutions for the annual WI conference on Wednesday May 9. The competition is "a timepiece".

**Gaddesby:** On May 9 we meet to discuss and vote on the proposed resolution for the annual meeting of WIs in Cardiff, 'Mental Health Matters'. There will be the usual plant stall and the competition letter is 'E'.

On **Saturday May 5** we will be having an official 'unveiling' of the anniversary bench, at the corner of Cross St. and Main Street. The Leicestershire and Rutland Federation Chair, Janet Kirk, will be doing the honours, and everyone is invited to join us at the bench at 11.00 am and afterwards at the church for tea/coffee and cake. Please do come.

**South Croxton:** We will be having a discussion and voting on this year's resolution put forward by the WI. Our next meeting is on Thursday May 17, 7.30pm at South Croxton Village Hall. We will also have Phoenix Cards for sale.

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



## Ashby Folville and Barsby

**Bill Ross-Wilson:** Bill was involved in many aspects of village and rural life. Our sympathy goes to Jackie and family. *RH*.

**Report and accounts:** Following the APCM copies of the 2017 report and accounts are available in St Mary's. If anyone would like a copy sending to them at their home please contact David Patton, church treasurer (840964).

**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](mailto:angela_david_patton@btinternet.com)

**Coffee morning:** The open morning for a cuppa and a chat will be in the village hall on Thursday May 10, 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

**St Luke's Church APCM:** At the recent annual meeting of the council we sadly said goodbye to long-standing member, Jane Winterton. Jane has served the church for well over 25 years and has been an active and highly respected member of the community. Because of the strict application of the hitherto waived church representation rules regarding membership of church councils, she was deemed no longer eligible to stand. Over her time on the PCC, despite personal tragedy leaving her to bring up two little boys on her own as well as running the farm, Jane has continued to attend services when her working life has allowed. She has willingly, effectively and actively supported vicars, wardens and other PCC members at weddings, funerals, special services like the annual carol service as well as various other activities.

'Thank you' hardly seems an adequate enough word to acknowledge Jane's input and the impact she has had. However, PCC members, past and present, extend very many grateful thanks to her for that input and impact.

*Daphne Tucker (Churchwarden until May 23).*

**LOROS Donation Station:** Many thanks to everyone who has contributed to the 'station' at St Luke's. This has been a wonderful response. By the time you read this there will have been three, sizeable collections taken away by the LOROS van.

*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](mailto: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.

## South Croxton

**Garden fete:** South Croxton garden fete will be held on Saturday June 9 at 97 Main Street. Children's fancy dress and lots of stalls. If anyone has any donations for the white elephant these can be dropped off at 97 Main Street. If anyone wants to help with a stall please contact Elizabeth (840803) or Joanne (840501).

### ■ Village hall:

Thanks to all those who came on the big brunch walk in April (and we had great weather on the day!).

**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, colouring or jewellery-making. Alternate Wednesdays at the village hall, 2.00—4.00pm, £1, May 2, 16 and 30. For more details contact Caroline (840272).

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

## Thorpe Satchville

### Village Hall

The nights are getting lighter and the weather's getting warmer so there's never been a better time to come along to your village hall and have a drink with your friends and neighbours! Friday May 25 Pub Night. Bar will be open from 7.30 –10.30 pm. All welcome.

**Coffee morning:** Thursday May 10. Home-made cakes, coffee and tea available 10.30—12.00pm.

**Table tennis:** Every Monday evening 7.00—9.00pm.

Don't forget our annual walk and brunch on Sunday July 8. Bring all your family, friends, dogs and horses! If you're not up for the walk please join us for brunch. Details to follow.

■ 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](http://www.thorpesatchville.co.uk)

**1st Thorpe Satchville Scout Group:** Spring Term for our Beavers finished with a memorable trip to see the lambing at Messengers Lodge Farm Thanks to Matt, Caroline and family for hosting us. Summer term has started with sessions on teamwork and Brazilian activities; a trip to Melton Museum to look at Villainous Victorians and the Beavers visiting Hollands nurseries in Twyford. Activities involving walkie talkies, codes and mapping our field are in the pipeline. All sections were on Melton Mowbray's St George's Day Parade on Sunday April 22. We 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](mailto:1thorpescouts@gmail.com) or on 07795 281332

## Twyford

**Oddfellows:** Rose of Sharon Oddfellows service, Sunday May 6 at 6.00pm, led by Canon Malcolm Britton. Food afterwards in the village hall. All villagers welcome.

### Village hall:

**Karate:** Sundays, 10.00am; Wednesdays, 6.00pm. For more details please contact Alison (851238).

**Carpet Bowls:** Mondays, 8.00 pm, May 7, 21.

**Whist Drives:** Fridays, 7.00pm, May 11, 25

**Drop In:** Fridays, 10.30am, May 11, 25.

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

**Inns And Outs:** Tuesday May 8. Garden visit to Hungarton, pub supper at Keyham with a choice of meals. Please ring for details. £11.50 inclusive. Book by Friday April 27. Please ring Mark or Sheelagh (840605).

**Woolly Days:** Saturday May 12, 10.30—3.30pm. 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. More details: Lizzy (07754 497004).

**Book and Film Club:** This month's book is *Everything Everything* by Nicola Yoon (published in 2017) Available in paperback, and as "a major motion picture". Further details 840774 or 840605.

**Twyford Computer Club:** Alternate Wednesdays, 10.30 am, May 2, 16, 30. Make the most of your laptop, tablet or iPad. Learn and share skills. Complete beginners very welcome. £2.50 per session including refreshments. For more details contact Sue (840137) or Chris (840774).

**Special message** to families, children and young people: we are keen to include a summer event this year. Please look out for our letter – have a think, and then reply to [whatson@twyfordvh.org](mailto:whatson@twyfordvh.org) or post your ideas in the VH letter box by May 4. Thanks!

**Village Hall Bookings:** Twyford Village Hall is available for booking for your party, wedding, meeting or other event. We have access to excellent outside caterers if required. Please call Chris on 07811 859813 or 01664 840774 for more information, or enquire online via [www.twyford-vh.org](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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:** Angela Patton (PCC Secretary) (840964).

**St Luke Gaddesby:** Kathryn Deacon – Warden (840123).

**St John the Baptist South Croxton & Beeby:** Rita Ross – Warden (840231)

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

**St Andrew Twyford:** Dorothy Edwards – Warden (840591); Sandy Johnson (Asst Warden) (840454).

■ Future arrangements for the magazine to be decided.

<b>May 2018</b>	<b><i>Where to Worship in the South Croxton Group</i></b>
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<b>May 1 Tuesday</b>	7.00pm	NO SERVICE	South Croxton
<b>May 3 Thursday</b>	9.30am	NO SERVICE	Gaddesby
<b>May 6 Easter 6 Rogation Sunday</b>	8.30am	BCP Holy Communion	Twyford
	10.30am	Worship with Eucharist	Thorpe Satchville
	6.00pm	Evensong	South Croxton
	6.00pm	Odd Fellows Service	Twyford
<b>May 10 Ascension Day, Thursday</b>	9.30am	BCP Holy Communion	Thorpe Satchville
<b>May 13 Easter 7 Sunday after Ascension</b>	8.30am	BCP Holy Communion	Ashby Folville
	10.30am	Worship with Eucharist	Gaddesby
<b>May 15 Tuesday</b>	7.00pm	BCP Holy Communion SWF APCM	Ashby Folville
<b>May 17 Thursday</b>	9.30am	BCP Holy Communion	Gaddesby
<b>May 20 Pentecost</b>	8.30am	BCP Holy Communion	Twyford
	10.30am	Worship with Eucharist	South Croxton
<b>May 24 Thursday</b>	9.30am	BCP Holy Communion	Thorpe Satchville
<b>May 27 Trinity Sunday</b>	8.30am	BCP Holy Communion	Ashby Folville
	10.30am	Worship with Eucharist	Twyford

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

## The same yesterday . . .

Why did Moses wander in the desert for 40 years?  
Because even back then men wouldn't ask for directions.