

South Croxton Churches

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

Newsletter March 2012

Letter from Michael Covington

Renewing 'The Way'

Richard Dawkins, that self-publicised Atheist, has published the results of a poll on whether those who wrote that they were Christians on the recent national census were really Christians or not.

Surprise, surprise he discovered that the majority questioned by the pollsters did not go to church, did not pray or read their bible, and did not know what the first book of the New Testament was called.

I think that most parish priests could have told them that for nothing.

Why then do the majority still call themselves Christian? As we shall see from the study of Acts Chapter 2 verses 42–47 in Lent, to be a practising Christian is demanding and life-giving and receiving of Grace.

Many people **do call themselves Christian** because they **do** recognise

that our culture is based on Christian principles both of personal morality and public ethics. When many come to us for baptism and marriage, and funerals they want to know that God is there at these important moments of their lives, and the Church provides services for the Rites of Passage, as they are called.

Certainly there is confusion between practising Christians and nominal Christians, but we should never deny the



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right of people who self identify with another minority because they see value and strength in that community.

It would be like us telling all the Falkland Islanders that they are not really British but Argentinean!

In our Lent Course this year we shall have an opportunity to discover and perhaps get a flavour of the excitement and exhilaration of those early years of the band of followers of the “Way” as Christianity was first called.

It is still “The Way” or perhaps “A Way” of life that we followers of Christ try to follow. It begins

with a call to follow Me, come and listen, come and watch, come and learn, come and be reconciled to God and one another. Then Go and tell others, and by your own way attract others to the Master.

For many this is done quietly and without fuss. Lent is such a God-given opportunity to renew your relationship through praying a little more, giving a little bit more, receiving the sacrament a little more often and really enjoying the fellowship of your brothers and sisters “In Christ”.

“Awe came upon everyone, because of the many signs and wonders done by the Apostles. All who believed were together, they had all things in common. They would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to those in need . . . and day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.” Acts 2 42–47.

Come to the Lent Course

Canon Michael

SW Framland Cluster of Churches and Methodist Churches

LENT COURSES

Five week study on the Life of the early Church
Acts 2: 42-47



Fellowship, Sharing and Giving,
Holy Communion, Worship, Mission

Monday evenings

Hoby Methodist Church starting 27th February

Tuesday evenings

Twyford Vestry starting 28th February

Wednesday evenings

Somerby Church starting 29th February

ALL meetings will start at 7.15 pm for refreshments and the study from 7.30-9.00 pm. All are welcome.

For more details please see your church leaders

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Church notices

from the Priest in Charge, Revd Susan Leighton

Thank you for your prayers, cards and good wishes following my foot operation on January 9. Thank you to all those who have covered the services, and other duties in my absence.

It's happening!

‡ **Messy Church on Saturdays:**

Dates for your Diary:

Families are invited to come along to a once-a-month '**Messy Church**' happening on the first Saturday of each month, 3—4.30 pm at Thorpe Satchville Village Hall (cost £1 per family).

What is '**Messy Church**'? Come along and find out as we enjoy being together, making things together, eating together and celebrating God together through his word, through music and through prayer.

The next two '**Messy Church**' sessions will be on:-

Saturday, March 3 *Journey to Easter (part two)*

Saturday, April 7 *Messy Easter!*

More information from Revd Susan Leighton (840245).

‡ The **Sunday Club** (0—11 years, *children under 5 years, please bring a*

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carer to stay with you): Sunday, March 11, South Croxton Church, 11.30—12.30 pm.

¶ The group for teenagers, **Living our lives 4 Jesus**, (LOL4J) is continuing on Sunday afternoons. All young people in school years 7 to 11 are welcome. Please contact Wendy Hardy (0116 260 7949) for more information.

Baptisms: To have your baby, child or yourselves baptised please contact Revd Susan Leighton (840245).

Confirmation for adults. If you would like to consider being confirmed please contact Revd Susan Leighton.

Looking back ...

South West Framland Group

On November 30, the Bishop of Leicester signed a “Pastoral Order” which means that the previously informal South West Framland Cluster (of which the South Croxton Group of churches is part) is now officially and legally a Group Ministry.

Looking forward . . .

¶ On Sunday, March 18, Mothering Sunday, there will be a service for the South Croxton group of churches at **Gaddesby church at 3.00 pm**. There will be refreshments at the end of the service. All welcome.

¶ Each church will be holding an annual parochial church meeting in the next few weeks. All parishioners are welcome to attend.

Wednesday, March 28, 7.30 pm in Twyford Church

Tuesday, April 17, 7.30 pm in Gaddesby Church

Wednesday, April 18, 7.30 pm in Ashby Folville Church

Monday, April 23, 7.30 pm in South Croxton Church

Tuesday, April 24, 7.30 pm in Thorpe Satchville Church

As we are all aware voluntary organisations such as the church and village hall committees rely on individuals giving their time and energy to

enable them to run smoothly. Many of you take on such roles and responsibilities in our local communities. There are vacancies on our church councils, and if you feel you would be interested in serving on a church council, please contact me, Revd Susan Leighton (840245).

Monthly Community Lunches – This is an opportunity for people to get together once a month, made possible by funding through Leicestershire County Council. We would like to hear from those who often eat alone. This will give the opportunity for sharing a meal and having time together. It is expected that lunches will be at a modest cost so that everyone who would like to come along can do so. (Part of the funding will go towards the expenses of volunteer drivers who will be available for anyone needing transport.) Next two diary dates: Tuesday, March 27, The Carington Arms, Ashby Folville; Monday, April 23, Pickwell Village Hall or Little Dalby. Contact Davina Bates (454201), Beryl Newman (0116 260 3247) or Vic Allsop (561909) to book.

A concert with “Cantare”: Saturday, March 17, Twyford Village Hall at 7.30 pm. In aid of church funds. All welcome. Tickets from 840454.

Mothers’ Union

The speaker on March 1, at Annette Piper’s home, will be the Rev. Pam Harvey on “Lenten Thoughts”. On March 28 there will be a Deanery Festival at St Luke’s Church, Gaddesby, at 2.00 pm. The speaker on April 5, at Leslie Case’s home in Hoby, will be Sue Jordan on *Life as an Army Wife*. New members always welcome. Please contact Annette (840627).

Council notices

Gaddesby, Barsby & Ashby Folville Parish Council: The council’s next meeting on Monday, March 5, at Gaddesby Village Hall, is the annual meeting. The following meeting will be on Monday, April 2 at Ashby and Barsby Parish Hall. Meetings start at 6.45 pm.

Twyford and Thorpe Satchville Parish Council: The council will meet on March 22, at 7.30 pm, in Twyford Village Hall

South Croxton Parish Council: The council will meet at the village hall on Monday, March 12, at 6.30 pm.

WI meetings

Barsby & Ashby Folville: Jenny Asher will speak about Aloe vera at the meeting on March 14. The competition is a powder compact.

Gaddesby WI: The institute is celebrating Welsh culture and food on March 14. The competition is a card for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee..

South Croxton: Members will hear about "Rutland, the smallest county" from Richard Adams on March 15.

Ashby Folville & Barsby

Easter flowers: Contributions towards the Easter flowers for the church would be greatly appreciated. Sylvia Favell (840259).

Cancelled: The pop concert planned for the Carington Arms on Saturday, March 3, will not now take place.

Village hall: The date for the spring supper is Thursday, April 19. For hall bookings, please contact Sylvia Favell (840259).

Fete: The annual Ashby Folville and Barsby fete will be held on Saturday, June 16. The fete is well supported but additional hands are very welcome. If you would like to support the fete by either running a stall, or helping to set up, please contact Angela Patton (840964).

Gaddesby

Village website: The Gaddesby village website has been revamped. When you visit www.gaddesby.org.uk you will see that it has a fresher look and updated content. It has new features including an events calendar and a way of holding discussions. In the next few weeks I hope to add more information about our village groups.

Please visit the site and look around. If you would like your organisation to be included, if you have any suggestions as to what else you would like to see or any other thoughts please use the comments boxes provided. *Simon Hargrave*

Thanks: The village hall committee would like to thank Simon for redesigning the website. This is a great resource for us and we hope that the community will find it equally useful. On the website we will keep residents posted about forthcoming activities and events in the village hall. We also welcome ideas and comments on the types of activities you would like to see. We offer highly competitive rates and a flexible space for a variety of events. Talk to us about how you would like to see the village hall move forward in 2012.

Carol Richardson, acting chair, Gaddesby Village Hall

Open gardens: The gardens at Parkside and Copper Coin will be open on March 25, from 11.00—5.00 pm, under the National Gardens Scheme. All proceeds to charity.

South Croxton

South Croxton Village Hall: Big Brunch Walk, Saturday, April 21. Bring your

family and friends on a guided walk (50p per walker and 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 prompt. Bookings for brunch will be taken before leaving for a walk of about 6 miles. **LOCAL WALK** : About 4 miles, starting at 10.00 am from the village hall. Food served from 12.30 pm (just in case you don’t want to walk).

Date for your diary: Queen’s Jubilee celebration, June 2, from 12.00pm

Appeals: The committee is looking for memorabilia of the coronation for our charity auction at the Queen’s Jubilee celebration. Contact Caroline (840272) for collection.

Lottery Chair: The chair has been standing on the village hall car park for many years. Anyone who feels it is an important piece of village history and would like it to make a home for it please contact Caroline. If we have no response it will be sold for scrap.

Thanks: The committee would like to thank all those who supported the coffee /book sale/art exhibition. We raised £145 for village hall funds.

Quiz night: Thank you to all those who supported the charity quiz night on January 21, which raised £440 for the Teenage Cancer Trust and Heartlink Glenfield. This is a fantastic amount and we really do appreciate your support.

Party in the Barn: Flaxlands Farm, May 19. Live band “Shine”, auction, raffle, disco, hog roast, bar. Join us for a great night out in support of the Cystic Fibrosis Trust. The charity needs to raise £6 million to continue with its research for a cure. Tickets £20. For further information and tickets phone Kirstie Black (840572) or Nigel Roberts (812765).

Twyford

St Andrew’s Church: The annual meeting will be held in the vestry on Wednesday, March 28, at 7.30 pm. Everybody welcome.

Concert: Cantare singing group will perform at the village hall on Saturday, March 17, at 7.30 pm, in aid of St Andrew’s. Tickets £7, including light refreshments, from the shop (840529), Sandy (840454) or Dot (840591).

Village hall: Karate: Wednesday, March 7 (6.00—7.00 pm), 14, 21, and 28, 6.00—8.30 pm; Sundays, 4, 11, 18, 25 (10—11.00 am). Carpet bowls,

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Contributions, news, events and notices may be telephoned to 01664 841184, emailed to churchmaged@gmail.com or left at/posted to 18 Ashby Road, Gaddesby LE7 4WF (next to the village hall car park). Please provide a name and contact telephone number on any submissions in case checks need to be made.

Deadline for April is March 22 please.

