

# South Croxton Churches

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

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**Canon Michael Covington (*Acting Warden of Launde Abbey*) reflects on the Olympics**

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## Striving for an ideal

Over the past few weeks we have witnessed a wonderful spectacle, thanks to the excellent presentations of the BBC.

Our Olympian athletes have done us proud!

But let us concentrate more on the *legacy* of the games.

Undoubtedly the games have lifted the spirits of the country, despite the pessimism expressed by broadcasters and press before they started. What Boris, Dave and I want to see is a return to competitive and team sports so that every child has a games session every day. It's the taking part that counts, learning how to lose gracefully, and how to receive praise with humility.

In addition, we want the spirit of the games – fair play, honesty and, above all, the working out of our national rivalry – to continue on the track, pool and pitch, and not on the battle-field.



Why, oh why do some human beings insist on killing their opponents, instead of finding a way of living in harmony? Much of this aggression is now associated with militant Islam. But it is also the result of greed and the power struggles of dictators like Mugabe and Assad.

So where does all this rambling around the track lead us?

*"Be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God".* Ephesians 5 v1

Is it a hopeless ideal, or is it one that we must

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strive for like the competitors at the games?

■ Let me tell you briefly about my experiences at Launde.

Many visitors have no idea about the religious basis of the house. We call them “Drop- ins”. They are people who come for coffee – or luncheon – or tea – or all three, and have never experienced the life of the religious house.

Without exception people are struck by the peace, and hospitality of the staff. This is no accident, nor is it due to the £2½ million spent on refurbishment, but because every day there is a round of worship from 7.45 am to 10.00 pm, five services which any residents or “drop-ins” can attend. This has been going on since 1120 – and don’t tell me that this does not have an accumulative effect!!

It is not the building, nor the roof, nor the churchyard but the worship of Almighty God that produces the prize!

My friends, in every village we have a parish church! Not for restoration but for **Worship**. The Catechism says, “*The chief aim of man is to know God, and enjoy Him for ever!*”. Somehow we have to maintain that act of worship at the heart of every community.

I know people find it easier to raise money, or run a fête than just coming to worship, but if God IS, then he is worthy of our attention. And Worship is giving God our attention. We don’t attend church to be entertained but to focus on that which is the ground of being and the source of all that is. Our beginning and our end, and the one who sustains us with his life and love.

## Church notices

*from the Priest in Charge, Revd Susan Leighton (840245)*

I warmly invite you to the **September** services – see list on the back page, particularly the **SWF Group Service** at Frisby Methodist church on Sunday, September 30, at 10.30 am. The guest speaker will be **Revd Helen Newman, Chaplain at LOROS**. Come to hear about her work at our local hospice. **Evensong** will be on the second Sunday evening, September 9, and will be in **Twyford Church at 6.00pm**.

*‘All good gifts around us . . . ’*

Come to celebrate **Harvest** during September/October:

Sunday, September 16, 3.00 pm, in Gaddesby

Sunday, September 30, 6.00 pm, in South Croxton

Sunday, October 7, 6.00 pm, in Twyford (united with Methodists)

Sunday, October 14, 10.30 am, in Thorpe Satchville

Sunday, October 14, 6.00 pm, in Ashby Folville

## **Dates for your Diary:**

Families are invited to come along to a once-a-month '**Messy Church**' on the first Saturday of each month 3—4.30 pm at Thorpe Satchville Village Hall (£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 'Messy Church' session will be on:

### **Saturday, October 6.**

Contact Revd Susan Leighton (840245).

■ The **Sunday Club** (for 0-11 years). (*Children under 5 years – please bring a carer to stay with you.*) **Sunday, September 9**, in South Croxton Church **Please note new meeting time – 10.00—11.00 am.** For further dates and information please ring Wendy Hardy (0116 260 7949).

■ The group for teenagers, **Living our lives 4 Jesus (LOL4J)**, is continuing on Sunday afternoons/evenings. All young people in school years 7 to 11 are welcome. We hope this group will be able to recommence during September (see notice below). More adult help is required. Please contact Revd. Susan Leighton for more information.

**Baptisms:** Amelia Jade Parkes at Twyford on August 19. *We welcome Amelia to the church family.*

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 as soon as possible because a course for candidates is being arranged for the autumn.

**Weddings:** June 29, South Croxton, – Mark Nelson and Charlotte Whittle; August 4, Gaddesby – Stuart Humphries and Victoria Keeling; August 25, Twyford – Richard Brocksopp and Kathryn Smith. *We wish these couples every happiness as they begin their married lives together.*

### **Looking back ...**

**A Messy Church farewell to Wendy Hardy:** On July 7 families enjoyed messy Olympics, and concluded with tea, at which Wendy was thanked for her work with Messy Church in the past three years. She was presented with matching teaspoons and a cake slice to remind her of all the tea and cakes at Messy Church!

Wendy is now beginning to be involved with families' work at Syston, where she lives, so is stepping down from both Messy Church and LOL4J. She is able

to continue leading Sunday Club at present.

**A new step** for one young person, Adam Taylor (member of 'Living Our Lives for Jesus' teenage group LOL4J) was confirmed in Leicester Cathedral on July 18.

### Looking forward . . .

■ **Social and fund raising event:** I look forward to seeing many of you at South Croxton Fete on Saturday afternoon, September 1, at the village hall.

■ **Classic cars and bikers meet:** St Mary's, Ashby Folville, will be open on Tuesday, September 11, from 6.30 pm to 8.15 pm.

■ **Launde Abbey:** Have you seen this wonderfully restored retreat house and beautiful grounds? Canon Michael Covington, acting warden at the abbey, has invited us to a **Tour, Talk and Tea** followed by Songs of Praise on Sunday, September 23, starting 2.30 pm. The cost will be £5. Please contact Revd Susan Leighton (840245) by September 16 if you are interested.

■ **Community Lunch:** The Parish Community Hub starts its autumn programme on Monday, September 24, with lunch at 12.30 pm at Beedles Lake Golf Course, East Goscote. If you would like to attend please get in touch with Davina Bates 454201), Beryl Newman (0116 2603247), Vic Allsop (434697) or Annette Piper (840627). If you need transport please let us know as we can arrange for one of our volunteer drivers to give you a lift.

More than 40 people from the area had afternoon tea at Great Dalby Village Hall on August 14, helping us to keep in touch with each other over the summer.

*The Community Hub Team.*

■ **South Croxton:** The church has undergone an architectural survey. The tower needs significant work and there is an opportunity to improve the building and its facilities, so that it will be suitable not only for worship but other events (e.g. concerts). The church council needs **help**, so that resources such as running water, a toilet, kitchen area, and a functioning bell tower could become a reality! If you want to help with this exciting project please speak to me or one of the churchwardens, Brian Piper (840627) or Ann Crawford (840231) during September. Revd Susan Leighton (840245).

■ **Leicester Diocese:** The next Archdeacon of Leicester will be the Revd Dr Tim Stratford. Tim is currently the Team Rector of Kirkby in Liverpool. He will be licensed at the Cathedral on Saturday, September 29, at 4.00 pm. *All are welcome to this service.*

The next Warden of Launde Abbey will be the Revd Alison Christian. Alison is currently the Rector of St John the Evangelist, Stanmore, Middlesex. She will be licensed at Launde on Monday, November 5, at 7.30 pm.

# Mothers' Union

The Mothers' Union meets on the first Thursday of the month. Visitors always welcome. Please contact Annette Piper (840627).

## Parish councils

**Gaddesby, Barsby & Ashby Folville Parish Council:** The council will meet on Monday, September 3, at 6.45 pm, at Gaddesby Village Hall. The next meeting will be at Ashby and Barsby Parish Hall on Monday, October 1.

**Twyford and Thorpe Satchville Parish Council:** The next meeting is on September 20 at 7.30 pm in Twyford Village Hall.

**South Croxton Parish Council:** The next meeting is on Thursday, September 6, at 6.30 pm, in the village hall.

## WI meetings

**Barsby & Ashby Folville:** Miss M. Wright will advise on *Healing from the countryside* at the WI's meeting in Ashby and Barsby Parish Hall on Wednesday, September 12. The competition is "A natural remedy".

**Gaddesby WI:** A hands-on session on *Boxes and Bags* is promised for the meeting on September 12 (remember to bring a pair of scissors). The competition is "a trinket box". Phoenix Cards will have a representative at the meeting with a Christmas selection.

**South Croxton:** Catherine D'Souza will tell members about *Hospices in Cameroon* at the meeting on September 20.

## Ashby Folville & Barsby

**Cancelled:** A combination of circumstances has led the committee to decide that the Ashby & Barsby Show will not take place this year. Many of the gardeners feel that they will not have anything to show. We will try again next year. *Pat Walton (Show Secretary)*

## Gaddesby

**St Luke's revealed:** Church recorders from NADFAS (The National Association of Decorative & Fine Arts Societies) have been active since May of last year investigating all the nooks and crannies of our 10th Century building. They would like to invite you to our historic church at 2.30 pm on Saturday, October 6, to tell you about their discoveries. There will also be a demonstration of smoke marking of silver and afternoon tea. Tickets, costing £5, from David Wyrko (840385), Susan Leighton (840245), Glyn Tucker (841184), all proceeds going to keeping the church in good order. The closing date is Wednesday, September 26, for catering purposes.

**Book ends:** Bookworms, child-raisers, music buffs, artists and photographers, are invited to share their passions over coffee in the sunny corner of St Luke's Church on Monday, September 3, 10.00—12 noon and Monday, **October 8**. Don't miss out – you could make friends for life. All ages welcome (quiet children OK). More information (840267).

**Children's Society boxes:** I will be calling to collect the Children's Society boxes during September. Could you please have your box ready for me. Many thanks. *Jenny*

**Village website:** [www.gaddesby.org.uk](http://www.gaddesby.org.uk)

## South Croxton

**Harvest Supper:** Join us for food and a pleasant evening in the village hall on Friday, September 28. For details, contact Ann Crawford (840231) or Brian Piper (840627).

**Harvest Festival:** The church will be open for those who decorate during the week before the service, which is at 6.00 pm on Sunday, September 30.

**South Croxton Village Hall:** Thanks to all who supported the jubilee event. The auction raised £213.00, shared between Help for Heroes and the Progressive Supranuclear Palsy charity.

**Big Brunch Walk:** Bring your family and friends on a guided walk on Saturday, September 29, (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 six miles

**LOCAL WALK** (about four 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:** Curry and Jazz Evening, Friday, October 12, 7.30 pm. An evening of live jazz with a nice home-cooked curry. Tickets available from committee members (price TBC).

## Thorpe Satchville

**BBQ and rounders match:** This event, on September 9, from 12.30 pm, will include mums v children cricket, bar, bouncy castle and tombola (donations gratefully received).

**Quiz night and supper:** October 5, 7.30 for 8.00 pm start. This is a very popular event so buy your tickets early. Teams of 4, £30 including supper. All inquiries: Gemma: (840581).

# Twyford

**Village hall: Karate** Sundays: 2, 9, 16, 23 September, 10.00 am; Tuesdays: 4, 18, 25 September, 7.00 pm; Wednesdays: 5, 12, 19, 26 September, 6.00 pm.

**Carpet Bowls:** Mondays 3, 17 September, 8.00 pm

**Drop In:** Fridays, 10.30 —12.15pm, 7th, 21<sup>st</sup> (May be a trip to Barnsdale on that day – phone 840774 for details) All ages and visitors to the village welcome - join us for raffle, tote, eat and drink, papers and chat. Work from home? Children or grandchildren? Pop in for company and coffee.

**Whist Drives:** Fridays 7, 21 September, 7.30 pm.

**Inns and Outs:** Tuesday, September 11, Pete and Howard's Barbeque, 22 King Street, 6.30 pm. Tickets £5. Contact 840752 before Friday, September 7. On Tuesday, October 9, there will be a talk by a member of the Rutland Osprey Project. More details later (*Sheelagh Bishop*).

The **Twyford Guild of Artists Annual Exhibition** will be held on Saturday September 29 and Sunday, September 30, in Twyford Village Hall, 12—5.00 pm. Free admission. All welcome.

**Advance notice:** Twyford Harvest Supper, Friday, October 5, 7.15 pm. Tickets: 840655 or 454457; Can You Dig It? Friday, October 12, 7.30 pm. Music, gardeners, slugs and trumpets. Tickets 840774.

**Diamond Jubilee:** Warm thanks from the jubilee team for the very successful celebrations. The event was enjoyed by several hundred guests and managed to turn a profit of about £2,000. As part of our Jubilee Pledge we are now inviting applications from charities and good causes from the village to be sent to the Twyford and Thorpe Parish Council by September 11.

At least £250 will also be awarded to charities and good causes in the village of Thorpe Satchville. The criteria is that the grant is for the purchase of something within the next 12 months or, if a major capital project, it will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Applications will be shortlisted and voted on by the jubilee committee and the parish council and awards handed out in September and October. People can contact me directly on 07825017544 or at [leigh.higgins@btinternet.com](mailto:leigh.higgins@btinternet.com) or submit applications to 8 Church Lane, or via the parish council. *Leigh Higgins*.

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Contributions, news, events and notices may be telephoned to 01664 841184, emailed to [churchmaged@gmail.com](mailto: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.

**The deadline for the October magazine is September 22.**

# Who's who in the parishes of the South Croxton Group

**Priest-in-charge** The Reverend Susan Leighton, 01664 840245  
**Churchwardens** (all numbers preceded by area code 01664)  
 Ashby Folville & Barsby: Rosemary Holt 840783  
 South Croxton with Beeby: Ann Crawford 840231; Brian Piper 840627  
 Twyford & John O'Gaunt: Dorothy Edwards 840591; Stephen Hardcastle 840733  
**Gaddesby** contact: David Wyrko 840385  
**Thorpe Satchville** contacts: Janet Collins 840649 or Jane Smith 840876

<b>Church Services</b>			
<b>Sunday Sep 2</b> Trinity 13	<b>8.30 am</b>	<b>South Croxton</b>	<b>Holy Communion – SL</b>
	<b>10.30 am</b>	<b>Gaddesby</b>	<b>HC and Baptism – SL</b>
<b>Sunday Sep 9</b> Trinity 14	<b>8.30 am</b>	<b>Ashby Folville</b>	<b>Holy Communion – SL</b>
	<b>10.30 am</b>	<b>Thorpe Satchville</b>	<b>All Age Communion – SL/KN</b>
	<b>6.00 pm</b>	<b>Twyford</b>	<b>Evensong – PC</b>
<b>Sunday Sep 16</b> Trinity 15	<b>8.30 am</b>	<b>Twyford</b>	<b>Holy Communion – SL</b>
	<b>3.00 pm</b>	<b>Gaddesby</b>	<b>Harvest Festival – SL/KN</b>
<b>Sunday Sep 23</b> Trinity 16	<b>8.30 am</b>	<b>Thorpe Satchville</b>	<b>Holy Communion – SL</b>
	<b>10.30 am</b>	<b>Ashby Folville</b>	<b>All Age Worship – SL/KN/LT</b>
<b>Sunday Sep 30</b> Trinity 17	<b>8.30 am</b>	<b>Frisby MC</b>	<b>Group Service – HN &amp; Team</b>
	<b>6.00 pm</b>	<b>South Croxton</b>	<b>Harvest Festival – SL/RT</b>
<b>Sunday Oct 7</b> Trinity 18	<b>8.30 am</b>	<b>South Croxton</b>	<b>Holy Communion – SL/KN</b>
	<b>10.30 am</b>	<b>Gaddesby</b>	<b>Holy Communion – SL/KN</b>
	<b>12.30 pm</b>	<b>Twyford</b>	<b>Baptism – SL</b>
	<b>6.00 pm</b>	<b>Twyford</b>	<b>United Harvest Festival – SL/JC</b>
SL Revd Susan Leighton; PC Revd Peter Collins; KN Kathryn Noble; HN Revd Helen Newman; JC Revd Jane Carter; RT Rhona Tomlyn. LT Local Team; MC Methodist Centre			