

South Croxton Churches

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

Newsletter March 2014

Susan writes . . .

Moments that make life special

As the New Year began I was conscious of the special occasions I will be celebrating in 2014. In our family circle we will have an 80th birthday, one 18th birthday, the wedding of the eldest nephew, a 21st birthday and a silver wedding anniversary! It will be a good time meeting with family and friends for different types of celebrations. They are all part of our family story.

This year also marks the 20th anniversary of the ordination of women to the priesthood in the Anglican church, and I hope to

participate in the national celebration in London on Saturday May 3, and the Leicester celebration on Sunday May 11.

Looking back, I remember the excitement in 1994, and feel privileged to be part of this living history (and to see future developments . . . women bishops soon?).

Celebrations are a special part of our lives as human beings, and it is wonderful to mark these occasions. I also thought about many "smaller" things in life that we could pause to celebrate, and thank God for . . . the return of a bird after the winter; the joy of the first snowdrops; a journey safely travelled; the first steps of a baby; the surprise visit of a friend; an unexpected answer to prayer.

Whatever this year holds for you, may you be aware of all the special moments and occasions in your life. Celebrate and be thankful.



Church notices

*from the Rector of the South Croxton Benefice, Revd Susan Leighton
(840245)*

Dates for your Diary:



☐ Families are invited to come along to ‘Messy Church’ on the first Saturday of each month 3.00—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’ sessions will be on:

Saturday March 1, I am the Good Shepherd.

Saturday April 5, Easter Special.

All ages are welcome. Contact Revd Susan Leighton.

Looking back . . .

☐ **Baptism:** Sage Katherine Farnham at Gaddesby church on Sunday February 16. *We welcome Sage into the church family.*

To have your baby, child or yourselves baptised please contact Revd Susan Leighton.

☐ **Funeral:** We offer our prayers and sympathy to the Ven Hughie Jones, family and friends of Beryl Jones, formerly of Thorpe Satchville. Beryl and Hughie made their home in Thorpe Satchville on their retirement, and Beryl contributed to church and benefice life in many ways, including her involvement in the Mothers’ Union. The funeral will be at St Andrew’s, Amptill, on Friday February 28 at 11.00 am.

Looking forward . . .

☐ **Evensong** will be on Sunday March 9 at 6.00 pm in Ashby Folville church. A group of singers are meeting once a month to rehearse to lead the singing at Evensong. If you would like to “have a go” and join them please contact organist Neville Richards (568335) or Revd Susan Leighton (840245). Neville says: “The qualifications are simple: to be able to sing, and to enjoy singing. We don’t need people to be able to read music. We are a mutual-help group, and would positively enjoy helping newcomers to come on board.” The next rehearsal is on Tuesday, March 4, at 7.00 pm at Ashby Folville church.



Community Lunch: The Parish Community Hub met at Frisby on the Wreake Village Hall in February. Thank you to everyone who came along and joined us on that day. The next event will be at **The Bowls Club, Melton Mowbray, on Monday March 24**. Lunch at 12.00 pm for 12.30 pm start. We do hope that you will be able to join us. If you would like more information please contact either: Annette Piper (840627); Davina Bates (454201; Beryl Newman (0116 2603247); Vic Allsop (434697).

We are most grateful to our volunteer drivers who will be happy to pick up anyone from our villages who needs transport.

The Community Lunch Team.

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

Monday March 10, 7.30 pm, in Gaddesby Church
Monday March 17, 7.30 pm, in South Croxton Church
Tuesday April 8, 7.30 pm, in Thorpe Satchville Church

Volunteers are needed to enable our church councils to work effectively.

If you have skills of minute taking, or financial skills, please ring Susan Leighton (840245) as there are needs for a treasurer and secretaries.

The season of Lent starts on Wednesday March 5 – **Ash Wednesday**.

There will be a morning Holy Communion with Ashing Service at 9.30 am in Somerby church, and an evening Holy Communion with Ashing Service at 7.30 pm in South Croxton church.

I invite you to this very special service. Ashes are an ancient sign of penitence and Ash Wednesday is named after the custom (since the Middle Ages) of being marked in ash with the sign of the cross on the forehead. Accordingly during this service there will be an opportunity for you to receive in this way. It is not compulsory and a fuller explanation will be given during the service.

Dates for your diaries:-

There will be a celebration for **Mothering Sunday** on Sunday March 30 at Gaddesby church at 10.30 am. Bring mum, grandma and the family along! Refreshments will be served after the service.

SOUTH WEST FRAMLAND GROUP OF CHURCHES LENT COURSE

This year there are three different courses, with one being held in an afternoon and in an evening. Talking of God is a new faith-sharing course. It will help individuals and congregations to talk about their faith journey.



Monday afternoons Great Dalby Methodist Church
2.30—4.00 pm

Tuesday evenings Twyford Church vestry 7.30—9.00 pm

Starting for four weeks week beginning March 10

ALL WELCOME

For more details please contact Rev Susan Leighton 840245 or Rev Jane Carter 482132

On four **Monday evenings** at Frisby Methodist Centre at 7.30 pm there will be talks on the theme of “Christians working at the ‘coal face’”

○ March 17 – ‘Mercy Ships’

○ March 24 – Melton Store House Project

○ March 31 – The Prison Fellowship

○ April 7 – The Community of Grace , assisting homeless people in Leicestershire.

On six **Thursday mornings** at 10.00 am at Swallows Nest, Strawberry Court, Pickwell, starting on March 6, ‘Portraits of Jesus’.

Mothers' Union

Members are celebrating Deanery Lady Day at their meeting on Thursday March 6. New members welcome. The group meets on the first Thursday of the month. Further information from Annette Piper (840627).

Parish councils

Gaddesby, Barsby & Ashby Folville Parish Council:

The meeting on March 3 at Gaddesby Village Hall will also be the annual meeting. The next meeting is on Monday April 7 at Ashby and Barsby Village Hall. Both meetings start at 6.45 pm.. The council has a vacancy — see the item under “Gaddesby.”

South Croxton Parish Council:

The next meeting is on Thursday March 6, at 6.30 pm, at the village hall. The following meeting will be on Thursday May 1.

Twyford and Thorpe Satchville Parish Council: The meeting will be on Tuesday March 18, at 7.30 pm, at Twyford Village Hall.



Technically, the Parish Share is a voluntary contribution

WI meetings

Barsby and Ashby Folville: Members will meet at 7.30 pm on March 12 at Ashby Folville Village Hall to hear about Rainbows Hospice. The competition is “A pretty handkerchief”.

Gaddesby: “Zumba for the ‘not so young’” with instructor Jessica Warrington, is on the agenda for the meeting on March 12, starting at 7.30 pm. There will be a bring-and-buy. The competition is any object beginning with “L”.

South Croxton: “What a wonderful world” is the theme of the meeting on March 20 at the village hall at 7.30 pm.

Ashby Folville and Barsby

Spring supper: Ashby Folville Village Hall, Thursday April 10. Tickets £8 from Sylvia Favell (840259).

Pancake Day: Prepare for Lent with a pancake race at Barsby Village Hall Green at 4.15 pm (weather permitting) on Shrove Tuesday, March 4. Races for all ages from tinies to grandmothers and grandfathers.

Date for your diary: Ashby Folville garden fete, Saturday June 21.

Accounts: Copies of the parochial church council 2013 annual report and accounts are available in St Mary’s for those who wish to read them and have a copy.

Aikido Club: Come and learn the art of Aikido at Ashby Folville Village Hall on a Monday night 6.30—8.00 pm. For more information please contact Andy Thompson (840652) or visit the club website at leicesteraikido.com

Gaddesby

Vacancy: Gaddesby, Barsby and Ashby Folville Parish Council has a vacancy for a parish councillor for Gaddesby. If you are interested in becoming a member of Gaddesby Parish Council and would like to discuss the matter further please contact the clerk, Mrs Trudy Toon (840490). She says: "It is not essential that you are a resident of Gaddesby; Ashby Folville and Barsby parishioners are welcome to join us."

South Croxton

Village Hall

Murder Mystery Evening: Saturday March 29 (tickets only). Footprint Theatre Trust presents 'Murder at the Manor'. It's set in the 'To the Manor Born' style. People willing to dress up in the style of this era would be very welcome. Tickets £15.00 including a three-course meal and free glass of wine on arrival (bring your own drinks for the rest of the evening). Tickets from Julian Duxbury (840455) or Caroline Baxter (840272).

Dates for your diary:

Big Band Concert at the Church (tickets Only)	April 27.
BBQ in the Park (with a difference)	June 28
Big Brunch Walk:	September 6
Bonfire Night	November 5
Christmas Craft Fair	November 22

☐ The hall is available for events, parties and classes. Contact Caroline (840272) to make your booking.

Thorpe Satchville

Village hall:

Fun cheese and wine tasting: April 12 – tickets £10, to include wine and selection of cheeses. Bar will be open, too.

Family film and burger/hot dog night:

May 17, tickets £6

Early summer walk and brunch – July 6.

Round walk to Borough Hill and brunch or just join us for the brunch! Contact Rachael (840165) for tickets/enquiries

Scout groups: The beavers meet every Thursday evening 5.30—6.30 at the village hall and the cubs every other Thursday evening 7.40—8.15. The groups are looking for new young people to join. Contact

lthorpescouts@gmail.com or come along at 5.30 pm onwards for beavers and 6.45 onwards for cubs. *Petra Johnston, beaver leader (07971602609) or Tim Ashton, cub leader (07976 378795).*



*George saw his whole Parish
as a Mission Field*

Twyford

St Andrew's Church P.C.C. wish to thank Paula Chapman for her kind donation of a new carpet at the altar.

Village hall:

Inns and Outs: Melton Ukelele Band Tuesday March 11, 7:30pm. Cost: £2.50 per person Bring a plate of food for the buffet supper and a drink. All welcome. Any queries please ring Paula: 840787

Music and a Ceilidh!: Keira Dance "Threads", Saturday March 29, 7.30—10.00 pm
Another great evening brought to us by Centre Stage. A performance and ceilidh in one! Bring the family (10 years +) to a mix of Irish and contemporary dance accompanied by live traditional Irish music and song. In the second part of the show, the audience is joined by the dancers who will lead a 'mini ceilidh', encouraging people up on their feet with a few dance steps – voluntary of course! Bar and raffle. Tickets £8 on the door or from (840774)

Twyford village re-union: Share photographs and stories over cheese and wine and a tombola, April 12 (454457 for information). All ages welcome to find out more about our village and its history.

Annual meeting: Please come along on Tuesday March 24 at 8.00 pm to hear our plans and share ideas on how we use and manage the village hall. All welcome.

Karate: Sundays, 10.00 am, March 2, 9, 16, 23; 30

Tuesdays, 6.00 pm, March 4, 18, 25;

Wednesdays, 6.00 pm, March 5, 19, 26.

Carpet bowls: Mondays, 8.00 pm, March 3, 17, 31.

Drop In: Fridays, 10.30 am, March 7 and 21. Open to all and a good way to meet and chat over coffee, cake and croissants. Everyone welcome.

Whist drives: Fridays, 7.00 pm, March 7 and 21.

Village hall bookings: Twyford Village Hall is available for bookings for your party, wedding, meeting or other event, so please call Chris on 07903 333148 or 01664 840774 for more information.

Newsletter online

LOST your copy of the newsletter? Can't remember a date or time? Thanks to Simon Hargrave you can find an online version of the church newsletter on the Gaddesby village website:

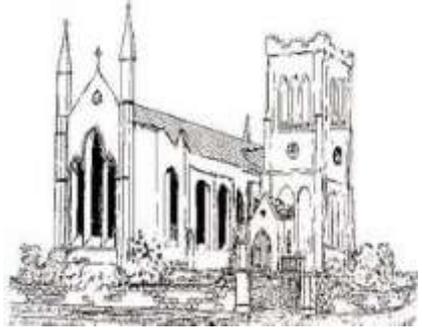
www.gaddesby.org.uk



"I was going to give up chocolates for Lent . . . then I thought of all those poor Thorntons workers."

Who's who in the South Croxton Benefice

Rector of the South Croxton Benefice (all numbers preceded by area code 01664): The Revd Susan Leighton: The Rectory, 19 Main Street, South Croxton, LE7 3RJ. Tel: (840245)
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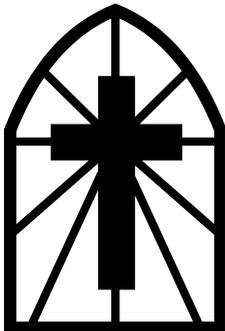
South Croxton with Beeby: Ann Crawford (840231); Brian Piper (840627)

Twyford & John O'Gaunt: Dorothy Edwards (840591); Stephen Hardcastle (840733)

Gaddesby contact: David Wyrko (840385)

Thorpe Satchville contacts: Janet Collins (840649) & Jane Smith (840876)

n The South Croxton Benefice is part of the South West Framland (SWF) Group which operates an office. For all wedding enquiries please contact the Administrator Mr Vic Allsop at the SWF Cluster Office, 29 Main Street, Great Dalby, LE14 2ET, (561909) or clusteradmin@btinternet.com.



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Contributions, news, events and notices may be emailed to churchmaged@gmail.com or left at/posted to 18 Ashby Road, Gaddesby, LE7 4WF (next to the village hall car park).

The deadline for the April newsletter is March 22.

March 2014 *Where to Worship in the South West Framland Group*

March 1 (Sat.)	3.00pm	Messy Pancakes!	Frisby MC
	3.00pm	Messy Church	Thorpe Satchville VH
March 2 Lent -1	8.30am	Holy Communion	Frisby
	8.30am	Holy Communion	Ashby Folville
	10.30am	Parish Communion	Hoby
	10.30am	All Age Worship	Great Dalby
	10.30am	Holy Communion	South Croxton
	6.00pm	Holy Communion	Pickwell
March 5 Ash Wednesday	9.15am	Holy Communion	Frisby
	9.30am	Holy Communion	Somerby
	7.00pm	Holy Communion/Ashing	Brooksby
	7.00pm	Holy Communion/Ashing	South Croxton
March 9 Lent 1	8.30am	Holy Communion	Kirby
	10.30am	United Lambing Service	Brooksby
	10.30am	Holy Communion	Somerby
	10.30am	Holy Communion	Thorpe Satchville
	4.00pm	Lambing Service	Great Dalby
	6.00pm	Evensong	Ashby Folville
March 16 Lent 2	8.30am	Holy Communion	Hoby
	8.30am	Holy Communion	Twyford
	10.30am	United Service	Frisby MC
	10.30am	Holy Communion	Burrough
	10.30am	Holy Communion	Gaddesby
March 23 Lent 3	8.30am	Holy Communion	Rotherby
	8.30am	Holy Communion	Thorpe Satchville
	10.30am	Parish Communion	Ragdale
	10.30am	Holy Communion	Little Dalby
	10.30am	All Age Worship	South Croxton
	4.00pm	Evening Service	Somerby
	6.00pm	Evensong	Kirby Bellars
March 30 Mothering Sunday	8.30am	Holy Communion	Ragdale
	10.30am	Mothering Sunday Service	Frisby MC
	10.30am	All Age Communion	Pickwell
	10.30am	All Age Communion	Gaddesby
Wednesdays	9.15am	Holy Communion	Frisby
	9.30am	Holy Communion	Somerby

MC = Methodist Centre/Church VH = Village Hall