

South Croxton Churches

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

Newsletter December 2016 and January 2017

Why was Jesus born in a barn?

Our pretty Christmas cards do not do it justice – the stable that Jesus was born in would have been smelly, dirty, and full of mess. So why did God not provide something better for His beloved Son? Why let Joseph and Mary scrounge around until they ended up in a smelly stable?

Perhaps because the King of Kings being born in a foul stable is a perfect picture of redemption. Jesus came from glory into a world filled with the dirt, filth and darkness of sin.

And Jesus was not put off by darkness in the least – instead, He came to be the Light of the World. Thank God for His unspeakable gift. No wonder the angels sang “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.” (Luke 2:14)



“Of all the cheek! Rides up on his sleigh in his flashy red suit, pushes to the front of the queue shouting ‘Ho! Ho!’ . . . Who DOES he think he is?!”

Glad tidings . . .

THE Framland Deanery may soon be welcoming a clutch of new vicars.

The recruitment drive launched by the deanery has resulted in a very positive response with a number of clergy being offered jobs against the seven full-time vacancies, one of which is based at South Croxton.

Final appointments and announcements have to wait on references and other formalities. If all goes smoothly a new team of vicars could be with us by Easter. However, the new incumbents may feel that they want to start their new job at Easter or say goodbye to their former parish during that festival. It is hoped detailed announcements can be made very soon.

Church notices

See the card that accompanies
the magazine for all your special
Christmas services



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■ **Community Lunch:** The Parish Community Hub held its most recent get-together, for a Christmas lunch, at Ashby Folville Village Hall. The next event is at Sysonby Knoll, Melton Mowbray, on Tuesday January 24, 12 noon for a 12.30 pm start. We do hope that you will be able to join us. If you would like to come along please contact either: 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 many valuable volunteers. In particular those who volunteer to drive and collect people for the Community Lunches. Do come and join us! We thank everyone for the support and help they have given to us during 2016. It is much appreciated.
The Community Lunch Team

■ **Marriage:**

Darren James-Walker and Verity Murphy, November 26, at Gaddesby.
We wish this couple every happiness.

■ **Baptisms:**

Holly Jessica Shield, at Beeby, on November 6.
Lois Amanda Iris Rudkin, at Gaddesby, on November 13.
We welcome Holly and Lois into the church family.

■ **Funerals:**

Betty Garley, October 31, at Gaddesby.
Frank William Rayns, November 22, at Gaddesby.
Sandra Cockburn, November 30, at Ashby Folville.
We offer our sympathy to their families and friends.

■ **Evensong:** During the winter months (October to March, outside of British Summer Time) this service will be held at 3.00 pm. The decision, which was agreed at the SWF Group Council meeting in November last year, applies to all parishes in the group. The next Evensong is at Gaddesby at 3.00 pm on Sunday January 15.

Mothers' Union

The Mothers' Union meets on the first Thursday in the month. Further information from Annette Piper (840627).

Council notices

Gaddesby, Barsby & Ashby Folville Parish Council: The council's next meeting is on Monday December 12 at Ashby and Barsby Village, at 6.45 pm. The following meeting is on Monday January 9 at Gaddesby Village Hall. All meetings start at 6.45 pm. 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 village website: <http://www.gaddesby.org.uk/village-organisations/parish-council/>

Twyford and Thorpe Satchville Parish Council: The council will meet at Thorpe Satchville Village Hall on Tuesday December 20 at 2.30 pm. The following meeting will be on Tuesday January 17, at 7.30 pm, at Twyford Village Hall.

South Croxton Parish Council: The council will meet on Thursday, December 1, at the village hall at 6.30 pm. The following meeting will be on Thursday January 5.

WI meetings

Barsby & Ashby Folville: Members will be enjoying a Christmas party on Wednesday December 14. Earlier in the month, on Tuesday December 6, at 7.00 pm, at St Mary's, Ashby Folville, the WI is hosting the Robin a Tiptoe Group carol service. All group WI members are welcome.

Gaddesby: The meeting on Wednesday December 14 at 7.30 pm will be the Christmas party with entertainment provided by Ian Rogerson (The Cheese Man!) who will also be providing a turkey and ham carvery. The competition is 'A Table Decoration'. In January we will be shedding a few pounds – well, maybe just a few ounces – by engaging in some gentle circle dancing with our speaker, Julie Bell. Visitors are very welcome to join us.



Daphne Tucker

South Croxton: Members look forward to something different on Thursday December 8 – a comedy magic show by Joy Henderson, along with a Christmas buffet and wine. Guests are very welcome; the cost is £5, which includes food and drink.

Newsletter online

If you have far flung friends or relatives who would like to see an electronic version of our newsletter – or would like to download your own copy – search for “newsletter” at www.gaddesby.org.uk (with thanks to Simon Hargrave). If you would like a copy emailed to you please send your email address to the editor, Glyn Tucker, at churchmaged@gmail.com. You will still get a paper copy and there is no intention of changing this for the foreseeable future. Copies will be sent as “blind” carbons so others will not see your email address. *Editor*

Scout Group

With 15 young people invested this autumn, 1st Thorpe Satchville now has 20 Beavers, 23 Cubs and 9 Scouts. We run a varied programme of activities even in the darker months. Highlights in November were retaining the Melton District Cubs Swimming Gala trophy and a great turn-out at the Remembrance Parade in Ashby Folville. If you would like to volunteer to help us – especially the Beavers – please contact Tim Ashton (07976 378795).

Ashby Folville & Barsby

Remembrance Day: The Twyford Branch of the Royal British Legion paraded with the Scouts and Beavers to a full congregation at St.Mary's for the Remembrance Day service. The children behaved beautifully and were a credit to their leaders and parents. Thanks to the generosity of the congregation, more than £400 was raised for legion funds.

Harvest supper: This event made a total of £393, to be shared between the church and village hall. Sylvia would like to thank all who supported it, worked hard and provided sweets and raffle prizes.

Sandra Cockburn: We were very sad to hear that Sandra Cockburn had died at her home, Grange farm, on November 13. She was part of the farming community and her funeral was set for November 30. Our thoughts are with Kerry, Tracey, Sian and Isla. *RH*

Carols: Ashby Folville and Barsby Women's Institute members will be carol singing in Ashby Folville on Tuesday December 20 to raise money for the East Midlands air ambulance. *Angela Patton*

Gaddesby

Candlelight: The annual Candlelight Carol Service will be held on Thursday December 15 at 7.00 pm. We are very pleased that Gaddesby Primary School choir will be joining us again this year and look forward to a joyful occasion. Everyone is welcome and there will be refreshments afterwards.

Gaddesby Gallop 2016: This year's event will be on Saturday December 17. Registration begins at 9.30 am at Gaddesby Village Hall with the race starting at 11.00 am, £10 entry fee with a free Santa hat. The



"... Relax Miss Pugh ... He's not introducing incense — he's just got a new phone with a faulty battery."

5.4-mile cross-country course includes mud, brooks, dew ponds and drainage pipes across heavy terrain but is great fun. The event is sponsored by Everards and there will be refreshments and a presentation of trophies at the Cheney Arms. If you want to watch a five-minute video of the 2013 event go to the



www.gaddesby.org.uk site, Gaddesby gallop, and click on 2013.

To follow on Facebook, where there is a registration form and more information, go to ‘gaddesby gallop’. If you have any questions or would be interested in volunteering to help marshal the event please call Sam Burdett (07748084529/01664840626) or Lance Shaw (07966015851/01664840550).

Village hall

Yoga, Tuesdays, 7.30—9.00 pm, contact Di Angrave (840013); Aerobics, Thursdays, 7.00—8.00 pm, contact Justine Hunt (840435); Why Not Come Dancing (WNCD) Saturdays, 7.00—11.00 pm, contact Barry Preston (840381). The Gaddesby Women’s Institute meets on second Wednesday of the month, 7.30—10.00 pm, contact Daphne Tucker (841184).

Contact Sue Evans (840305) for hall bookings.

South Croxton

Churchyard: Many thanks to all those who helped with the cleaning on October 29. We would also like to add our thanks at the end of the year to those good folks who clean the church each month and do the flowers

That leads nicely onto the **Carol service** on December 18 for which we usually decorate the church. Advent has begun, so we can decorate from now onwards. The church is always open.

Christingle Service: Everyone is welcome to come and join us at 15 Main Street, 3.00—4.00 pm on Saturday December 17 to make the Christingle oranges and ginger bread biscuits for Sunday’s service. Contact JoAnn Charles (840501).

Beeby carol service is on December 11 – the traditional Nine Lessons and Carols.

Lottery: The September winner was Carl Gardner and the October winner Mick Norton. Anyone wishing to join the monthly lottery can contact Tracy Campbell (840042), Ann Crawford (840231) or Angela Wood (840620). *Ann Crawford and Brian Piper, Church Wardens*

Christmas Fayre: Sally sends all her thanks to everyone who helped out and supported the mulled wine evening. More than £700 was raised to be split between Wings for Life and the South Croxton Bell Fund. LOROS also raised more than £170. Thank you all!
Angela Wood

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Village hall

The committee wishes to thank all who supported our Christmas craft fair. We raised £500 for village hall funds.

Children's Christmas Party

Calling all children, grandchildren and godchildren of 16 and under! You are invited to our Christmas party at the village hall on Sunday December 18, 2.00—4.00 pm. There will be food, entertainment and a visit from Father Christmas.

If you wish to attend, offer to donate food or learn more about Father Christmas's visit (you will need to provide a £5 present for your child), please call Della (840310).

New Year Party: December 31, 7.30 pm till late.

Bring your own drink. To book tickets and for more information ring Rob (840353).

Crafty Chatter: Tea/coffee, chat and craft.

Alternate Wednesdays at the village hall, 2.00—4.00 pm, November 30, December 14 and January 11.

Crafty Chatter: Tea/coffee, chat and craft, alternate Wednesdays at the village hall, December 14 and January 11, 2.00—4.00 .

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



John the Baptist met Zoe the Methodist and George the Anglo-Catholic.

Thorpe Satchville

Post Office: A mobile post office service will be available each Monday between 10.30 am & 11.30 am, starting from Monday January 16. The vehicle will park in the lay-by opposite the garage in Thorpe .



Village hall:

Thanks to all who attended our October Quiz Night – a very successful and fun evening.

Coffee morning: Drop in for a coffee, cake and a chat on Thursday December 8. Everyone welcome.

Christmas carols: Come and sing around the tree on the village green (next to the Millennium Stone) on Thursday December 15 at 6.30 pm. Mulled wine and mince pies to help get you in the festive mood! Everyone welcome.

Winter walk and breakfast: Sunday January 8, details to be confirmed.

Coffee morning: Thursday January 12.



Boot Camp: An experienced trainer is running exercise sessions on the village hall grounds on Wednesday mornings 9.30—10.30 am. Four consecutive sessions £20. All welcome whatever fitness level you are – enjoy good company and get fit at the same time.

■ The village hall is available for hire for £10 an hour before 6.00 pm and £15 per hour after 6.00 pm. It is very well maintained and has a catering kitchen, fridges and freezer. It is attached to the village playing field, which makes it an ideal venue for children's parties.

For information on any of the above, please contact Annie Jones (07871 277177)

Twyford

Village hall:

■ DECEMBER

Carol Singing: Please meet at the village hall on Thursday December 22 (change of date) at 6.30 pm. All welcome – collection in aid of good causes.

Ins and Outs: Christmas party, Tuesday December 13, 7.30 pm. Games, music, prizes, £2.50 each. Bring something for the supper table and a drink. Thanks to all who planned this year's events, and bring your ideas for next year's diary. All welcome.

Woolly Days: Knitting, spinning, crochet, weaving and more on Saturday December 10, 10.30—3.30 pm at the village hall. Bring your work with you and enjoy a day with like-minded people. Everyone welcome, £5 and something for a shared lunch. More details from Lizzie (07754 497004).

Book and Film Club: Thursday December 15, 4.00 at The Saddle. The book and film for December is *The Girl on the Train* by Paula Hawkins. The film is on general release, and the book is widely available.

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Karate: Sundays, 10.00 am, December 4, 11, 18;
Wednesdays, 6.00 pm, December 7, 14.

Carpet Bowls: Mondays, 8.00 pm, December 5 and
19.

Drop In: NB Friday, December 9, no Drop In (booked
Christmas meal); December 16 our last Drop In of 2016.

Whist Drive: Fridays, 7.00 pm, December 9.

Yoga: Mixed ability, Monday, 11.00 am, December 5;
men's, Thursdays, 7.00 pm, December 1, 8.

Advance information: Churchfitters return to
Twyford on Sunday January 29. When Churchfitters
played at our village hall in 2015, we sold 80 tickets
(many in advance). Don't miss this brilliant international
band! Book tickets now – phone Chris (840774).

■ JANUARY

Ins and Outs: Tuesday January 10, 7.30 pm. Get
your brains in gear after Christmas with the Inns and Outs Quiz! £2.50 each. Bring a
drink and something for the supper table.

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Karate: Sundays, 10.00 am, January 8, 15, 22, 29; Wednesdays, 6.00 pm, January 4,
11, 18, 25.

Carpet Bowls: Mondays, 8.00 pm, January 16, 30.

Drop In: Fridays, 10.30 am, January 6, 20.

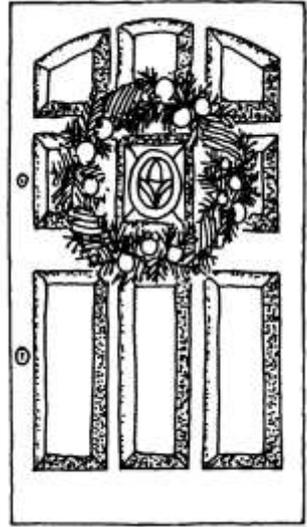
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Yoga: Mixed ability, Mondays, 11.00 am, January 9,
16, 23, 30; men's, Thursdays, 7.00 pm, January 12, 19, 26.

Book and Film Club: Thursday January 26, 4.00 pm at
The Saddle. Everyone welcome. January's book choice
will have been decided at the December meeting. Please
contact (840605) for confirmation..

Music Evening – Churchfitters at Twyford Village
Hall, Sunday January 29, 7.30 pm. A welcome return
visit by this enormously popular band. Buy your ticket
early to save money and guarantee your place! Advance
purchase £9 (840774), or £10 on the door.

Village Hall Bookings: Twyford Village Hall is
available for booking for your party, wedding, meeting or
other event. Regular activities or 'one-off' events can also
be advertised in the VH Programme which is delivered to
every house in the village. Please contact Chris (07811
859813 or 840774).



“Your word is a lamp
for my feet,
a light for my path”
Psalms 119:105

Who's who in the South Croxton Benefice

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During Parish Vacancy: For funerals, visits to those who are ill and home communions contact Malcolm Britton (see above) and/or your churchwarden. General enquiries about the local churches – any of the churchwardens or contacts. If the services of a priest are required contact Revd Dr Peter Hooper (see above).

Churchwardens (all numbers preceded by area code 01664)

Ashby Folville & Barsby: Rosemary Holt (840783)

South Croxton with Beeby: Ann Crawford (840231); Brian Piper (840627)

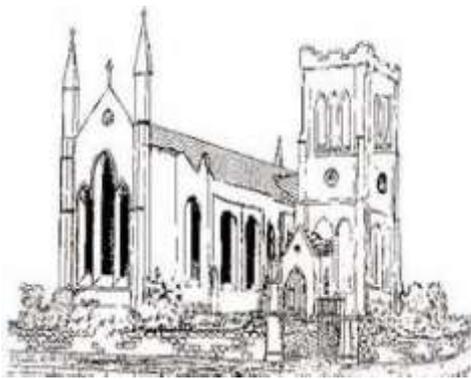
Twyford & John O'Gaunt: Dorothy Edwards (840591); Stephen Hardcastle (840733)

Gaddesby contacts: Diana Pritchard (840267), assistant churchwarden; Daphne Tucker (841184); David Wyrko (840385), building.

Thorpe Satchville contacts: Jane Smith (840876); Judith Randall (840249).

Newsletter Editor: Glyn Tucker (841184) 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 February edition is January 22.



January 2017

Where to Worship in South West Framland Group

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| January 8 Baptism of Christ Epiphany 1 | 8.30am | Holy Communion | Ashby Folville |
| | 10.30am | Holy Communion | Rotherby |
| | 10.30am | Family Worship | Little Dalby |
| | 10.30am | Family Worship | Thorpe Satchville |
| | 4.00pm | Holy Communion | Somerby |
| January 15 Epiphany 2 | 8.30am | Holy Communion | Hoby |
| | 10.30am | Morning Worship | Brooksby |
| | 10.30am | Holy Communion | Pickwell |
| | 10.30am | Holy Communion | South Croxton |
| | 3.00pm | United Covenant Service | Great Dalby MC |
| | 3.00pm | United Covenant Service | Somerby MC |
| | 3.00pm | Evensong | Gaddesby |
| January 22 Epiphany 2 | 8.30am | Holy Communion | Twyford |
| | 10.30am | United Covenant Service | Frisby |
| | 10.30am | Holy Communion | Burrough |
| | 3.00pm | Evensong | Kirby Bellars |
| January 29 Epiphany 4 | 10.30am | United SWF Group Service | Ragdale |
| Wednesdays | 9.15am | Holy Communion | Frisby |

MC = Methodist Centre/Church VH = Village Hall

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December 2016

Where to Worship in South West Framland

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| December 3 Saturday | 3.00pm | Messy Church | Frisby MC |
| December 4 Advent 2 | 8.30am | Holy Communion | Ragdale |
| | 10.30am | Holy Communion | Great Dalby |
| | 10.30am | Holy Communion | Gaddesby |
| | 3.00pm | United Carols and Christingle Service | Somerby |
| December 6 Tuesday | 7.00pm | Christmas Concert | Brooksby |
| December 11 Advent 3 | 8.30am | Holy Communion | Kirby Bellars |
| | 10.30am | Family Worship | Hoby |
| | 10.30am | Holy Communion | Somerby |
| | 11.00am | Holy Communion | Thorpe Satchville |
| | 6.00pm | United Lessons and Carols Service | Somerby |
| | 6.00pm | Carol Service | Rotherby |
| | 6.00pm | Carol Service | Ashby Folville |
| | 6.30pm | Carol Service | Beeby |
| December 14 Wednesday | 7.00pm | United Christingle and Carol Service | Twyford |
| December 15 Thursday | 7.00pm | Carol Service | Gaddesby |
| December 16 Friday | 7.00pm | Carol Service | Ragdale |
| December 17 Saturday | 3.00pm | Christmas Celebration and Tea | Frisby MC |
| December 18 Advent 4 | 8.30am | Holy Communion | Frisby |
| | 10.30am | Nativity Service | Gaddesby |
| | 10.30am | Holy Communion and Carols | Little Dalby |
| | 3.00pm | Carol Service | Kirby Bellars |
| | 3.00pm | United Carol Service | Great Dalby |
| | 6.00pm | Carol Service | Hoby |
| | 6.00pm | Carol Service | Burrough |
| | 6.00pm | Carol Service & Christingle | South Croxton |

Christmas services

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| December 19 Monday | 7.00pm | Sing Christmas at the Bell and Brasserie | Frisby |
| December 24 Christmas Eve | 4.00pm | Carol and Crib Service | Great Dalby |
| | 4.00pm | Nativity Service | Somerby |
| | 5.00pm | Carol and Crib Service | Thorpe Satchville |
| | 6.00pm | Crib Service and Christingle | Frisby |
| | 11.30pm | Holy Communion | Burrough |
| | 11.30pm | Holy Communion | South Croxton |
| December 25 Christmas Day | 10.00am | Family Holy Communion | Pickwell |
| | 10.30am | Family Holy Communion | Rotherby |
| | 10.30am | Family Service | Frisby MC |
| | 10.30am | Family Holy Communion | Gaddesby |
| January 1 2017 Christmas 1 | 3.00pm | United South West Framland Group Service | Great Dalby MC |
| Wednesdays No service on December 28th | 9.15am | Holy Communion | Frisby |

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