

Who are you?

We are a small, ageing but faithful congregation in a relatively new village.

Our theological tradition is Low Church Evangelical.

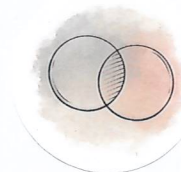
**Where have you come from?**

Building in East Goscote began in 1962 and the first families moved here in 1965.

Church life began as a house church until St Hilda's Church was built in 1975. The church was named after St Hilda's in Leicester, following a fire there and the insurance money was given for the building of our church.

During the 1980s the church grew as we experienced a movement of the Holy Spirit among us.

Since that time, we have shared ministry with Rearsby, then Queniborough and more recently with Thurmaston as part of the Fosse Team.

**Where are you going?**

St Hilda's is currently in the process of forming closer links with Syston Church and we have been working on our Parish Profile in order to appoint a priest for the two parishes.

What are you doing now?

- Monthly Prayer Meeting & Prayer Chain by text
- Little Fishes Mother and Toddler Group
- Occasional Messy Church events
- Regular groups for the elderly
- Monthly services in two local Care Homes
- Regular collections for the Soar Valley Food Project
- Annual Christmas Tree Festival and other celebration events alongside the Parish Council
- Contact with school, pre-schools, Scouts and Guides at annual events
- Members are active in supporting the local volunteer Library



Where are you seeing the Kingdom of God emerging?

- Our ministry to the local Care Homes for the Elderly is a source of blessing, in the welcome we receive and the response to our message.
- In the generosity of the contributions to the Food Bank.

What are you fearful about?

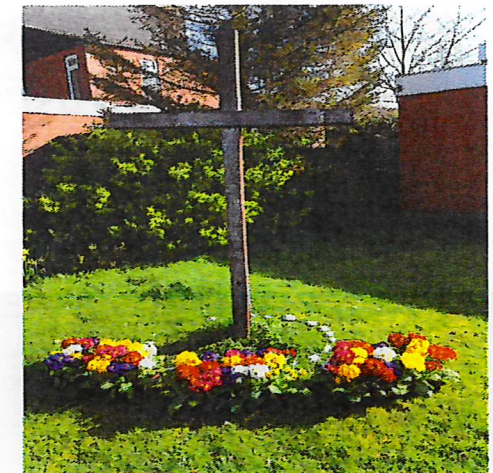
The age of our congregation and the lack of growth in the church in spite of our outreach.

What are you hopeful for?

- Fruitful partnerships with the other parishes in the Minster which will further the Kingdom of God in this area.
- We hope to embrace fresh ideas and opportunities to grow deeper in our faith and share with others the Good News of Jesus Christ.

How you can pray for us.

- Revival
- Encouragement

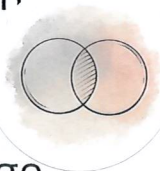


Who are you?

An ancient and beautiful ironstone church set on the hill at the centre of the village. We have a very small local congregation (@6), and one service a month which draws in people from across the benefice (usually @15). We draw large local congregations at Remembrance and Christmas.

The church is kept running by a very small number of village people.

It is a popular building in the village, supported reasonably well, if not attended regularly.



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Where have you come from?

As with most small village churches Eaton would once have had many more services and been attended by many more villagers. As society and village life have changed so the need for 'church' in peoples' lives has dwindled.

The move to a Benefice has meant the number of services offered has been greatly reduced over time.

We are asked to host some baptisms, weddings and funerals.

St Denys has really nice bells and we welcome ringers on occasions for practice and Quarter Peals.



sowing seeds which may or may not grow

seeds have fallen on rocky ground?

Where are you going?

At the last Quinquennial St Denys was found to need over £100,000 of remedial work. We are liaising with the architect but it is not clear how this work will be taken forward as there is no-one obvious to lead the project.

**What are you doing now?**

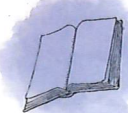
Panicking! The two Church Wardens (who also verge), who have been excellent for many years, are stepping down this year.

Another PCC member is also stepping down, and we have no treasurer as he sadly died suddenly last year.

We have tried approaching the village for actual support and will do so again, but it is not easily forthcoming.



Opportunity to Sow seeds



Where are you seeing the Kingdom of God emerging?

Hard to say at the moment in Eaton. In the larger Benefice there are events which draw in greater numbers of people but we don't have the facilities or people to start and run events here.

There are also two further village bodies in the community – the Village Hall, and the Playing Field – both charities, both also asking folk to join their committees and fund their work.

Q1 ? work together?

**What are you fearful about?**

That we will not have anyone to keep the church running for services and events, as well as the regular maintenance schedule etc.

In light of that that we will cease to be viable as a church in the village.

That Quinquennial work will not get done.

**What are you hopeful for?**

That we may find people in the village who are willing to step up, if we make another approach and explain the real need for help.

**How you can pray for us.**

Wisdom in making decisions going forward – it is hard to see how becoming part of an even bigger group will assist our needs as a small village church & help us to grow the Kingdom of God, and the church, here.



Who are you?

an extremely caring community which looks after its elderly and needy very tightly especially during the pandemic when the Whatsapp Task Force was formed.

We are part of a larger South West Framland (SWF) community of 16 churches who meet 4 times a year .

Part of the Upper Wreake strong partnership of 6 churches

Where have you come from?

Where are you going?

to appeal to the younger ones in the community in order that they may not only participate in what is being done but help us build the future .

To create a vibrant community of worshippers who will attract others and create enjoyment within Frisby & beyond.

To recognise that we have strengths which can be built upon and to seek out those strengths which we can take forward further and faster. E.g. for CWs to take midweek services (just started) , to harness the existing goodwill in the village.

To reach out those more vulnerable in the village and to provide better pastoral support.

To draw in other groups who visit or are a part of Frisby such as the many walking groups .

To create a food bank , book corner & play area in church.

We feel that the building is there for the community and not just weddings, funerals, baptisms & services but also as somewhere to sit quietly, separate from the world . It thus provides a unique space available ALL the time : a place to cry in , to shelter , to dance in and for all moods.

What are you doing now?

Drop In & Friendship have been the backbone of this support for many years. A recent example was the cream teas given out to 22 in the village at the Queens Platinum Jubilee.

Working in partnership for many years with our Methodist friends which enables services together, and " out of church" activities such as Hot Potato, Church , Little Butterflies & Church teas.

Midweek services at 9.15a.m. which few other rural churches in the Diocese can offer and which is now lay led on many occasions.

Our 3 building projects between 2020 & 2022 which included (a) roof alarm (b) Terne Coated stainless roof on the Baptistery (c) toilet & kitchenette installation within the vestry with removal of the 4 rear pews.

Concerts and Creatives exhibition featuring all types of artistic work and most recently the Queen's Platinum Jubilee (with an origami dress for the Queen plus crown , orb & sceptre) and commentary on Leicester radio.

A school : Frisby on the Wreake primary with whom we now have significant contact and regular worship/assemblies.

A college : Melton , Stevenson , Brooksby (MSB) with the largest part of the site in Brooksby village itself and who our Pioneer Minister regularly visits to be with the students.



Where are you seeing the Kingdom of God emerging?

A strong contingent of those gift aiding after our funding programme in 2016-2017 ...in fact a doubling of them

An extremely caring community

School and collage links

Mid week service

What are you fearful about?



What are you hopeful for



How you can pray for us.

What does a Sunday service look like.

Schools work and how can this have vision and clarity for all of UW

To add to and grow DCC members

To discover and discern what the church identity is.

What is the mission of Frisby Church.

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Church name: G+T Fresh expression

Date: April 23

Who are you?

Gathering & Travelling FxC

We are a community of families, children parents grandparents.
ALL are welcome to join us
We are intergenerational
We have a strong eco ethos

Where have you come from?

Most, but not all, of the families previously attended the church toddler groups.

Living in the Melton area and surrounding villages

Where are you going?

We are travelling together, but at our own pace learning about Gods love for us through Jesus
We are all in different places on the journey, but we all walk together
Sharing, loving and helping each other

What are you doing now?

Creator God is seen and looked for in our outdoor sessions
Winter month gatherings are inside
Learning through crafts and talks
A meal is shared each gathering

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Church name: G+T fresh expression

Date: April 23

Where are you seeing the Kingdom of God emerging?

Families feel comfortable and confident to invite others to join us
Conversations about baptism are being had

What are you fearful about?

being able to provide the next steps in a way that will not put anyone off,
that we can still grow in the place they are and not have to say come to us
(the traditional church) but meet them where they are.

What are you hopeful for?

New families, people, to join us
A deeper understanding of Gods love for us and how we can be good
neighbours, and to have to confidence to pass the good news on

How you can pray for us.

Prayers for the team who help
Prayers for the leader- wisdom and ideas
For the families who attend that their hearts may be open and their ears
may hear Gods call

Who are you?

We are a sociable and supportive community who pulled together to look after each other during Covid lockdowns. There is a strong loyalty amongst families who have grown up in the village and return to St Luke's for baptisms, weddings and funerals.

We have a new and enthusiastic PCC.

Where have you come from?

The South Croxton Group Benefice was formed, as others at that time at in the Framland Deanery, at the beginning of the 1990's.

It is made of the communities of Ashby Folville, Barsby, Beeby, Gaddesby, John O'Gaunt, South Croxton, Thorpe Satchville and Twyford.

For half of the groups existence, it has been a member of the South West Framland Group.

Each village sending a member to be part of the Group Council of 16 churches working closely with each other and sharing a central administration based in the benefice at Twyford Parish Church vestry.

The benefice has experience of working collaboratively with others and the Minster Community documents produced identify in an honest and open way a desire to continue doing that.

Where are you going?

To reconcile God's presence within the village and to provide a peaceful place of rest and worship

More families will be moving to the village with four new housing developments being built

What are you doing now?

Funds have been raised for roof repairs.

We have an active church cleaning rota. Younger family members have done voluntary work in the churchyard as part of their Duke of Edinburgh Awards scheme.

St Luke's is open every day and is regularly used by individuals as a place of quiet contemplation and for the benefit of wellbeing and mental health.

A regular midweek Communion Service is held despite our Vicar being absent on health grounds and is well supported by visiting clergy.

Where are you seeing the Kingdom of God emerging?

Historical interest: described by Nikolaus Pevsner in "Buildings of England" (Leicestershire & Rutland edition) as "one of the largest and most beautiful churches in Leicestershire" St Luke's attracts many visitors and is an outstanding example of medieval architecture and enterprise.

Primary School: The church has worked together with the thriving village primary school of 120 pupils, attended by children living in Gaddesby as well as surrounding villages. The school also has an after school and holiday club.

Fundraising: Gaddesby has a history of successful fundraising events for the church, tapping into the pool of creative talent and professions within the village, including musicians and artists

What are you fearful about?

Concern over the future of our church building and the lack of monetary support.

What are you hopeful for?

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How you can pray for us.

Reconciliation and unity within the village and the church.
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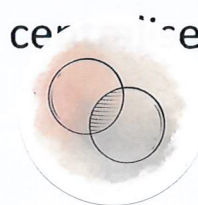
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Church name: **ST SWITHUN'S, GREAT DALBY**Date: 30th March 2023**Who are you?**

Within South West Framland, the Burrough Hill, South Croxton and Upper Wreake Benefices are in a Cluster with shared administration. SWF is in turn part of the Framland Deanery, with its matrix of ministers sharing parochial responsibilities with a range of Deanery-wide ministries. Among us there is a willingness and openness to embrace changes.

Where have you come from?

We have worked collaboratively in the Southwest Framland group of 16 churches for more than 15 years. And share in the groups continued administrative provision.

**Where are you going?**

- Endeavouring to respond to Diocesan strategy for (a) depth of discipleship (b) growth in number of disciples (c) serving the specific needs of our rural communities.
- Recognising that Diocesan leadership has stated its intention to invest in time, resources and a focus on equipping, we await to see results of this at the local level.
- Seeking to continue to find ways to serve and encourage our congregations and communities, including building sustainable relationships with young people and new residents in each Parish, and offering pastoral support throughout the Benefice.
- Seeking to utilise our resources to build an inclusive, sensitive and available church.
- Making more creative use of Church buildings as places which can be used for a variety of events, both Christian and secular. This will involve engagement with others to fundraise for ongoing repair, restoration and improvements to our churches, and thereby strengthen friendships and relationships.

What are you doing now?

Rural parishes, renowned for friendliness and community spirit. All within about ten minutes' drive of each other.

Local economy revolving around farming, equestrian, and small service-based industries; there are pubs, which include restaurant facilities, as well as farm shops/cafes. National Cycle Route 64 weaves its way through the Benefice.

Beloved ancient church buildings.

Elderly congregations/church membership with most people in their 70s or above. This diminishes our ability to serve our churches and communities due to restrictions of time, health, personal finances.

Welcoming of input from Pioneers and other ministers in support of our local clergy.

Shared House for Duty Associate Priest

Services held on a rotational basis



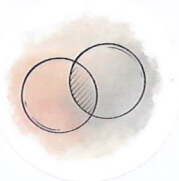
Where are you seeing the Kingdom of God emerging?

Grade II listed building with lots of unusual features.
 Strong links with the local community
 Good link with Great Dalby School and the church is the place of refuge for them. The school celebrates Harvest and Christmas in the church.
 Good efficient heating
 Good accessibility
 The church is situated behind the Royal Oak Pub.
 Good links with school and place of refuge for them
 Own website
 Good insurance standing
 Local professional musicians utilise the church and hope to offer a concert in the future
 History exhibitions held in church
 Strong active PCC willing to try new things to engage with community,
 Good links with our Methodist friends who attend our services. We are housing their artefacts since the Chapel closed.
 The church is used by the villagers for the Occasional Offices.

What are you fearful about?**What are you hopeful for?**

Re-ordering the church to accommodate Kitchen/toilet facilities are being explored
 A church maintenance volunteer group
 Encourage families and young people

How you can pray for us.

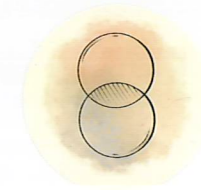
<div>Who are you?</div> <div>The PCC of the church of St. John the Baptist, Grimston parish church</div>	<div>Where have you come from?</div> <div>A small agricultural community in a benefice of similar parishes</div>
<div>Where are you going?</div> <div>Into a larger group</div>	<div>What are you doing now?</div> <div>Working to provide spiritual support to a small congregation (about 4% of the total village population on regular Sundays, 15% at festivals) while maintaining the building</div> <div></div>

Where are you seeing the Kingdom of God emerging?

In the way in which the church is valued by residents of Grimston and further afield, including both those who regularly attend and those who do not

What are you fearful about?

The fact that members of both the congregation and PCC are aging



What are you hopeful for?

That any reorganisation of parishes into larger groups will neither detract from nor hinder the development of personal relationships between the church and those residents of the village who are potential church goers

How you can pray for us

Daily in personal prayers and as a congregation at services

