

On June 17th 2015, GADDFAS launched our second Church Trail for Children at St John the Baptist Church, Colsterworth.

Fifteen children from the local school were welcomed by Rev Eric Lomax, who invited them to launch the trail with the help of accompanying adults, including Glenda Rousseau, John Hill, Lucienne Bennett and Margaret Beattie. Many thanks to Lucienne, Margaret and Peter de Voil, who were on the team who made the lovely trail for the church.

Members of the PCC and staff from nearby National Trust property, Woolsthorpe Manor (birthplace of Isaac Newton) were also present. The team was out in force to see their trail so well received by both church and the school. The children were delighted to discover lots of Newton connections in the church: they found the font where he was baptised; a photograph of a page from the baptismal register; the sundial Isaac scratched into stone with his penknife when he was only 9 years old, as well as a bust of this famous scientist. The NADFAS Church Trail is part of a much larger "Newton Project", involving Woolsthorpe Manor and the church. There are plans to restore the Newton Manorial Chapel and commission a stained glass window to commemorate Newton's association with the church. Children and adults were treated to delicious refreshments and June Graveson, Head of Church Trails, presented the children with NADFAS Church Trail certificates before they returned to school.