

THE HERALD

*Telling you all you need to know in our
Benefice
October 2017*

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Rev Marcus and the ministry team welcome you to all of our churches. We hope that you enjoy our services and look forward to seeing you each week.

We have two Harvest Services this month - Cottesmore at 11.00 am, Sunday 1st October and Stretton at 11.15 am on Sunday 15th October and you will be most

welcome at either or both.

God Bless you

Rev Marcus

This month we celebrate:

Mark and Charlotte Owens, parents, Godparents and family attended the baptism of Alyssa at St Peter and St Paul, Exton, on Sunday 3 September. We welcome Alyssa to the church family.

On Saturday 9th September families and friends witnessed the marriage of Curtis Markland and Jade Mears at St Nicholas Church, Cottesmore

On Friday 15th September, Jamie Kelly married Emma Clayton at St Nicholas Church, Cottesmore. They were joined by their families, friends and well wishers.

We pray that both these couples enjoy a long and happy marriage.



**All Soul's service at Greatham
Thursday 2nd November at 1800**

A service to remember those who have gone before us and to give help to those who mourn.

Remembrance

Saturday 11th November

1100 Remembrance service

Exton War Memorial

Sunday, 12th November

0930 Remembrance service

Greatham

1015 Remembrance service & Holy Communion

Clipsham

1045 Remembrance service

Cottesmore

1045 Remembrance service

Stretton

1115 Remembrance service

Exton

SAVE THE DATE!



1st Cottesmore Brownies invite you to a Coffee Evening on Thursday 12 October. 6.15-7.30pm in the Community Centre. Raising money for MenCap Melton Mowbray. There will be refreshments, homemade cakes, raffle and Brownie

Entertainment! Please come along and support us. Bernie Wallace – Unit Leader. 01572812956/07858484918

Saturday 25th November.



The Emmanuel Apostolic Gospel Academy (EAGA) will be bringing their renowned Gospel Choir, from the Leicester region, who sing all over the country at different events, to Greetham.

They were finalists in the Gareth Malone show 'The choir: Best in Britain 2016',

They will be performing at St Mary's Church Greetham at 7.30pm. **Tickets will be available from Diane Creasey (812079) Helen McCloud Smith (812852) and Chris Parkin (813162) on a first come first served basis and will be £12.50 each.**



Sparklers Toddler Group – . For parents, grandparents and carers of preschool children. We meet during term time on Tuesday Mornings between 9.30am – 11.30am in Cottesmore Church. A warm welcome awaits with crafts, refreshments, lots of varied play/toys and singing. £1 per family.

Bernie Wallace 18 Vicars Close Exton OAKHAM LE15 8AW

What's on every week

Mon to Fri 08.00 <i>Every week</i>	<i>Morning Bible Study & Prayer, Greetham Church</i> <i>With a cup of tea</i>
Monday 10.30 Weeks 2 & 4	<i>Prayer Meeting in Cottesmore Church</i> <i>For more info please contact Di Toy on 812355</i>
Monday 19.00, <i>Weekly</i>	<i>Hand Bell ringing Cottesmore Church 7pm</i>
Tuesday 08.30 <i>Weekly</i>	<i>Morning prayer in Cottesmore Church</i>
Tuesday 09.30 - 11.30 <i>Term time only</i>	<i>Sparklers toddlers group</i> <i>ALL WELCOME</i>
Tuesday 10.00 <i>Every week</i>	<i>Holy Communion at Gainsboro' Ct</i> <i>Refreshments served afterwards</i>
Tuesday 19.30 <i>Weekly term time</i>	The Rectory Cottesmore <i>Rev Marcus Purnell (813031)</i> <i>revmarcusburnell@gmail.com</i>
Wednesday 09.15 <i>Every week</i>	Morning Prayer in Exton church <i>Contact Bernadette Wallace 812956 or 0785 848 4918</i>
Wednesday 14.30 <i>Weekly term time</i>	Wednesday group, Barrow, Nr Cottesmore <i>Duncan Ball (812428)</i> <i>cduncanball@gmail.com</i>
Thursday 09.00 <i>Weekly</i>	<i>Morning prayer in Cottesmore Church</i>
Thursday 19.30 <i>Weekly term time</i>	<i>Bible Fellowship</i> <i>Contact Anne Adamson on 812816 for more info</i>

Harvest Festival at Cottesmore Church

Sunday 1st October **11.00 am** Every one welcome

- short service

- Food to follow
- Quiz
- Puppet Show

We will be collecting contributions for the Bank



non-perishable
Oakham Food



Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box Appeal

Yes, it's that time again. This is a wonderful way to bring joy and demonstrate the love of Jesus to disadvantaged, sick and orphaned children in other countries. To take part

pick up a leaflet from Exton, Cottesmore or Greetham churches or contact me. The leaflet explains what to do and gives guidance as to what and what not to include. I will order some flat packed boxes so if all that is holding you back is a shoe box contact me. I will need to have completed boxes by early November and will give a final date in a future edition.

Don't forget that you do not have to fill a box on your own. Get together with friends or family and put in a few items each. Alternatively, just let me know that you have some items and I can put them together. Thanks. I will need to have completed boxes by early November and will give a final date in a future edition.

Patricia Hagger 01572 813118
What a gift to a child can mean

Solomon's Story

When Solomon received an Operation Christmas Child shoebox gift, his guardian Pastor Febiano was keen to express his gratitude.

'Words fail me to adequately express our feelings. Imagine how the box travelled all the way from the UK right up to a remote village of Matambo in the Chongwe district of Zambia... I wished you were here when Solomon opened the box to witness tears of excitement and joy in his eyes. The items in the box were special for Solomon because never in his life had he received such a gift.'

For Pastor Febiano and the orphans under his care poverty is a daily reality. He depends on subsistence farming for his livelihood and sometimes this falls short of providing for his family. He said, 'I must confess that this gift has greatly helped me in many ways financially because I will not buy toothbrushes, soap, pens and pencils in the immediate future. The toys too were unique... This gift, small as it may seem, goes a long way in addressing some of the needs I am unable to address. Due to income constraints, we do not see toys, toothbrushes etc. as priorities for children when in fact they are needed... Thank you once again for this gift. I give praise and glory to the Lord for this. Indeed our God is the provider!'

Autumn clean at St Nicholas Church, Cottesmore, Saturday 21st October at 9.30



Even if you
half an
little helps,
along with
and

make the church clean and
winter and Christmas
Refreshments will be available.



can only spare
hour, every
so please come
mops, buckets
brushes to
tidy for the
services.

Cottesmore Handbell Ringers

Would you like to try something new? The Cottesmore Handbell ringers practice in the Meeting Room in Cottesmore church on Monday evenings from 7.00 to 8.30 pm. For more details contact Tony Tullet on 01664 474087 – or just turn up on a Monday evening.

Websites

Benefice: www.northrutlandchurches.org.uk
Greetham: www.greethamchurch.org.u
Stretton: www.strettonchurch.wix.com/rutland

Important - Please Note

For all information re the Herald and to send any items for inclusion by e-mail, please use the benefice office address - cottesmorebenefice.office@gmail.com. Please leave anything in writing in the Cottesmore tray at the back of St Nicholas Church. **For the November edition of the Herald, please may I have items by 23rd October. Thanks. Val.**

Services in our Benefice October 2017

Sunday 1st	0800	Holy Communion	Greetham
	0930	Morning Worship	Greetham
	1100	Harvest Festival	Cottesmore

	1115	Holy Communion	Stretton
	1230	Baptism	Clipsham
Tues 3rd	1000	Holy Communion	Gainsborough Court
Sunday 8th	0930	Morning Service	Cottesmore
	0930	Morning Worship with 0900 breakfast	Greetham
	1115	BCP Holy Communion	Clipsham
	1115	Morning Service	Exton
Tues 10th	1000	Holy Communion	Gainsborough Court
Sunday 15th	0930	Holy Communion	Cottesmore
	0930	Morning Praise	Greetham
	1115	Harvest	Stretton
Tues 17th	1000	Holy Communion	Gainsborough Court
Thurs 19th	1200 -140 0	Community Café	Cottesmore
Sunday 22nd	0930	Morning Service	Cottesmore
	0930	Holy Communion	Greetham
	1115	BCP Morning Prayer	Clipsham
	1115	Holy Communion	Exton
Tues 24th	1000	Holy Communion	Gainsborough Court
Sunday 29th	1030	Benefice Holy Communion	Cottesmore