

Week 4 : * **PRAYER & DIVERSITY IN UNITY - WORSHIP**

22 Sunday - Parish & county councillors. Support PCC treasurers. Pray for sacrificial, thankful Christian giving. For responsible & wise management of church finances. Give thanks for the support given by The Friends of Greetham, of Stretton, & of Thistleton Churches.

23 Monday - All who enhance worship through art & practical skills. Arrangers of rotas: readers, intercessors, cleaners, flower arrangers. Those setting up for Holy Communion, posting hymn numbers, adjusting sound systems & heating boilers, providing refreshments.

24 Tuesday - Give thanks for & pray for Cottesmore's Thursday Community Café lunches. Pray for Cottesmore's youth work & leaders. May youngsters grow in faith & maturity within church & community.

25 Wednesday - Vergers & sidesmen. Lesson-readers & intercessors. Give thanks for those who maintain churches, halls & churchyards, polish brasses, launder linen, serve refreshments, give lifts to church. Give thanks for church bellringers & village handbell ringers

26 Thursday - Pray for & support the various weekday Faith Groups meeting within the Benefice. Remember leaders & those giving hospitality, that everyone may be encouraged. Give thanks for coffee-mornings & fund-raising projects.

27 Friday - Bible Societies. Pray for Gideons International. Pray for publishers & bookshops: supplying Bibles & Christian books that many developing countries request.

28 Saturday - Pray for Sunday's preachers/leaders. Remember all who will minister God's word in various fellowships this Sunday. Pray for the outreach of Greetham's Shattered on Saturday.

29 (Week 1) - PCCs. Pray for full participation by all PCC member in prayer & active service in our parishes. Pray for wisdom & continuing tolerance with ongoing changes to benefice life & pattern of worship.

30 (Week 2) - Church's Ministry among Jewish people. Pray that Christians may see that Jews need the Good News of their Messiah, Jesus. Pray for Mission Aviation Fellowship.

31 (Week 3) - True Christian dedication of time, talents & resources.

Cottesmore & Burley with Thistleton, St Nicholas; Clipsham, St Mary; Exton, St Peter & St Paul; Greetham, St Mary the Virgin; Stretton, St Nicholas

Seeking to help everyone to know Jesus, worship him & share his love

Prayer Calendar

Winter 2017 / 18 (Update)

Use by date, day or week. (If used by week, remember days 29-31 on weeks 1-3.)

Week 1 : * **PRAYER & DISCIPLESHIP - IN DEPTH**

(* GAP priorities)

1 Sunday - God-centredly proclaiming Jesus Christ as Saviour & Lord. Pray with thanksgiving for Marcus, Jane & their family as they move and settle in March St Wendreda parish. Pray for continuing ministry in the vacancy and appointment of a new benefice rector.

2 Monday - Pray for all Christians within our village communities. For continuing co-operation in witness & service. The revised service pattern: to bring prayerful diversity in unity, & warm welcome to newcomers.

3 Tuesday - Schools: Cottesmore St Nicholas, federated with Exton, Ketton & Whissendine; Cottesmore Millfield Academy (Kendrew Barracks). For head teachers Rob Gooding, Sarah Lyons, Megan Davis & Rachel Thomas, their staffs, governors & Bishop's Visitor.

4 Wednesday - the outworking of the renewed Growth Action Plan in the outreach & ministry of the benefice. Remember churchwardens, PCC secretaries, and benefice administrators.

5 Thursday - Pray for Youth Alpha Plus at Greetham. Remember students & apprentices training & working away from our villages. Pray for effectiveness of college & university Christian unions.

6 Friday - Pray for those ill at home or in hospital. Remember local carers: doctors, nurses, health visitors, the RVS. Give thanks for those who give 'medical transport'.

7 Saturday - Pray for Sunday's preachers/leaders. For service preparation. Remember Readers: Anne, Cathy, Colin & Diane. Pray for Thistleton's new pastoral links as a Chapel of Ease.

Week 2 : * PRAYER & DEPLOYMENT - MISSION

8 Sunday - Pray for modern & traditional Services of the Word preparation: for leaders, speakers, intercessors & helpers. Pray for Cottesmore, & Exton & Greetham, Schools' support. Give praise for Sparklers (0-4s), & pray for leaders & helpers.

9 Monday - Overseas links: Peterborough/Seoul diocesan link. Pray for Derek & Jane Waller in their new ministry in the Diocese of Toliara, Madagascar. Remember New Wine & its supporting ministries. Support the 2nd & 4th Monday prayer group, Beer & Bible, & weekday times of prayer in the benefice.

10 Tuesday - Pray for those interested in Christian things, but not yet committed to Jesus Christ. For Baptism co-ordinator & Baptism preparation & visits. Other outreach seeking to keep families in touch.

11 Wednesday – Bible Society & Scripture Union work, especially in schools. Church Pastoral Aid Society leadership courses. Bookings & staff for 2018 CPAS Ventures & Falcon camps, & West Runton camps & holidays.

12 Thursday – Give thanks for those who maintain churches, halls & churchyards, polish brasses, launder linen, serve refreshments, give lifts to church. Wedding & funeral co-ordinators. Organists, musicians & singers, leading music at regular services, weddings &c in the benefice. Full use of Cottesmore church's Meeting Room.

13 Friday - Police work in our villages. Neighbourhood Watch. Staff & prisoners at HMP Stocken. Kairos prison ministry. Those who serve as county & parish councillors, organization leaders & representatives in our villages. Implementation of village plans.

14 Saturday - Pray for Sunday's preachers/leaders. Remember Bishop Donald, Bishop John & assistant bishops, Archdeacon Gordon & Rural Dean Lee. Pray for wisdom in deanery reorganization. Remember parishes in vacancy. Deanery synod representatives.

Week 3 : * PRAYER & DEVELOPMENT - CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE

15 Sunday - Pray for parish visitors, in contact with those linked with our churches. Pray house-bound members may know our love & prayerful concern. Remember residents & staff, services & activities, at Gainsborough Court & Oak House.

16 Monday - Our links with service personnel & their families at Kendrew Barracks. Remember their Padres. Uniformed organizations in the villages & their need for more leaders.

17 Tuesday - Pray for those in special need & those who seek to help them, professionally or otherwise. The Children's Society. Christian Aid. Remember TEAR fund's work. Pray for peace in the world's trouble spots & provision of safety & the necessities of life for refugees. For maintenance of peace & order in the United Kingdom.

18 Wednesday - Pray that all members of our congregations may grow spiritually. That we may reach out to everyone in our villages. Pray for those who welcome others into their homes, using the gift of Christian hospitality.

19 Thursday – The Herald news-sheet. Benefice & parish web sites. Cottesmore Village Link & Greetham village news-sheet. Give thanks for those who edit & give time to production & distribution.

20 Friday - Pray for the welcome & nurture of newcomers, on-going fruit, continuing outreach. Remember those helped through Alpha courses. Give thanks for the various adult village organizations. Ladies' Group at Greetham. Breakfasts & Bar-B-Qs.

21 Saturday - Sunday's leaders & preachers. Remember churchwardens, PCC members, retired clergy & the whole ministerial team in the benefice. For the fullest use of all church members' gifts.