

THE HERALD

*Telling you all you need to know in our
Benefice
February 2018*

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Dear Friends,

This is my last reflection for the Herald so I wanted to take this last opportunity to encourage you before we pack up and move on to March.

I think the most important thing for us all to hang on to (for us as we move and you as you carry on here!) is that Jesus Christ is Lord!

What I mean is that human leaders of the church are always subject to the unshakeable headship of Jesus. Our faith and hope is not placed in ourselves or any other person - only in Jesus.

So, in a very real sense our departure and the arrival of a new local leader is just a changing of the guard. The important thing is that Jesus is now and always will be the Head of his church here in these villages. Sometimes we can lose sight of this truth and I suggest that during this

period of "Vicar vacancy" it would be profitable to really focus on the fact that Jesus is Lord! And if you were looking at some meaningful criteria to use as a yardstick during the next appointment process I suggest the above would be relevant and useful!

Having said all this you might think that we skip off into the distance with ease. This is not case. Leaving here feels a bit like trying to open the Velcro pocket on my new sailing jacket. ie. e. very hard to tear away! It's difficult to leave because we have made such wonderful friends here. We have been nurtured and supported by so many people and we are enormously grateful for the five and a half wonderful years we have spent here amongst you. And once we move we will be looking forward to those occasions where we come back and visit and hear of how the next chapter is unravelling here!

With all God's good blessings to you.

Rev Marcus

Rev Marcus' Licensing Service will be held on Sunday 25th February, 6pm at St Wendredas Church, 11 Church Street, March PE15 9PY Cambridgeshire.

If you would like to attend, please can you email cottesmorebenefice.office@gmail.com and I will keep a central log. We are looking at arranging a coach (depending on numbers) with a pick up at Cottesmore and Greetham at 3.30pm, then leaving March around 8pm. This would work out at approximately £10 per person.

Please can you email me with your booking by **Friday 9th February**.

Many thanks

Jayne

Baptisms in January 2018

**All baptisms were held at St Nicholas, Cottesmore, this month.
Parents, godparents, family and well wishers attended**

The baptism of Lucas Hector Munro Barker was held on 7th January

William John, James Gordon and George Raymond Glover were all baptised on 7th January, and mum, Marie Grace Glover, was also baptised on that day.

A thanksgiving service for the gift of a child was held for Renea Hope Butcher on 14th January

The baptisms of Jayden and Phoebe Sheeran took place on 14th January

A service of thanksgiving took place on 21st January, for Arthur Charles Benjamin Ankrett

Poppy Eve Jennifer Denise Hopkin was baptised on 21st January

Home Holy Communion

Do you have, or do you know, somebody who is house bound and would like to receive Holy Communion in their home. If you would like this for them, please contact Colin Johns in person or on telephone No.01572 812221

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 14.30 <i>Weekly term time</i>	Barrow Home Group <i>Duncan Ball (812428)</i> <i>cduncanball@gmail.com</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 - 11.00 <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>
Wednesday 09.15 <i>Every week</i>	<i>Morning Prayer in Exton church</i> <i>Contact Bernadette Wallace 812956 or 0785 848 4918</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>

Kairos Prison Ministry Mission



Stocken Prison March 12th-16th 2018

The mission into Stocken Prison is now only 8 weeks away. The team of 25 volunteers – including me! - have completed four out of the five Saturday training sessions and we are now beginning to put final plans and preparations in place. This is a unique opportunity for rural

churches to be involved in active discipleship and **I am praying that many of you will feel called to support the mission** in one or more of the following ways:-

- Offer accommodation to one or more of the team: no breakfasts required just a light evening meal on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.
- Bake cookies: each baker makes a batch of 35/70 cookies, following a simple recipe, between Wed 26th Feb and Sat 3rd March. Cookies are then packaged on Mon 5th March ready for distribution the following week.
- Write a short prayer or message (about 5 words) on a printed slip of paper to be sent in to the prison. These messages are then linked together and hung around the chapel to symbolise the prisoners being surrounded in God's love through the prayers of others.
- Make a donation to support the Kairos mission. It costs £150 for each team member to go into the prison for five days.
- Join the focused prayer session on Wednesday 14th March in Greatham Church at 12noon.

If you are able to help in any way, please contact Cathy Dyson

01572 812497 07970568305 cathydyson@outlook.com

Lent Lunches at St Nicholas, Cottesmore



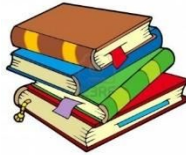
Lent Lunches (soup, bread and apple pie with custard,) will commence on Thursday 22nd February and conclude on Maundy Thursday. Cost will be £3.

We have not yet chosen a charity, so please come along with a suggestion for a local charity. Hot food and a warm welcome await.





**Coffee and Cake
&
Nearly New Book Sale**



**Saturday 10th February
10.00 – 12.00**

**St Nicholas Church, Cottesmore
Proceeds to church funds**



Sparklers Toddler Group

For parents, grandparents and carers of preschool children. We meet during term time on Tuesday Mornings between 9.30am – 11.00am in Cottesmore Church.

A warm welcome awaits with crafts, refreshments, lots of varied play/toys and singing. £1 per family.

Bernie Wallace Tel: 01572 812956

or Maureen Hubbert Tel: 01572 813061

Websites

Benefice: www.northrutlandchurches.org.uk

Greetham: www.greethamchurch.org.uk

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 March edition of the Herald, please may I have items by 19th February. Thanks. Val.**

Services in our Benefice for February 2018

Sunday 4th	0800	Holy Communion	Greetham
	0930	Morning service	Cottesmore

	0930	Morning Worship	Greetham
	1115	Holy Communion	Stretton
Tues 6th	1000	Holy Communion	Gainsborough Ct
Sunday 11th	0930	Morning Service	Cottesmore
	0930	Morning worship with 0900 breakfast	Greetham
	1115	BCP Holy Communion	Clipsham
	1115	Morning Service	Exton
Tues 13th	1000	Holy Communion	Gainsborough Ct
Wed 14th	1900	Ashing service	Greetham
Thurs 15th	1200 -1400	Church Café	Cottesmore
Sunday 18th	0930	Holy Communion	Cottesmore
	0930	Morning Praise	Greetham
	1115	Morning Service	Stretton
Tues 20th	1000	Holy Communion	Gainsborough Ct
Thurs 22nd	1200	Lent Lunch	Cottesmore
Sunday 25th	0930	Morning service	Cottesmore
	0930	Holy Communion	Greetham
	1115	BCP Morning Prayer	Clipsham
	1115	Holy Communion	Exton
Tues 27th	1000	Holy Communion	Gainsborough Ct