

Week 4 : PRAYER & DIVERSITY IN UNITY - WORSHIP

SCOPE

22 Sunday - Parish & county councillors. Support PCC treasurers. Pray for increased Christian giving. For management of church finances & trust funds. Give thanks for The Friends of Greetham, of Stretton, & of Thistleton Churches. Give thanks for Cottesmore & Thistleton Churches' refurbishment.

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 Cottesmore's Thursday Community Café lunches. Pray for youth work & leaders, that youngsters grow in faith within church & community. Pray for the new **СРЕАТЕМОЯЕ** craft group.

25 Wednesday - Vergers & sidesmen. Lesson readers & intercession leaders. 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 the various weekday Bible, prayer & support 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 every PCC member in prayer & active service in our parishes. Pray for wisdom & continuing tolerance with necessary changes in 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, (Jeshua=Joshua). 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 Diary

Spring 2021

All meetings &c are affected by the current virus containment restrictions, going online with Zoom or Skype where possible. Please pray accordingly!

Week 1 : PRAYER & DISCIPLESHIP - DEDICATION

DEPTH

1 Sunday - God-centredly proclaiming Jesus Christ as Saviour & Lord. Give thanks for our Rector of Cottesmore Benefice: pray for Anthony & Tessa Oram as they continue in ministry here. Give thanks for online services in the benefice. Remember Marcus & his family.

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

3 Tuesday - Schools: Cottesmore St Nicholas CEVA, federated with Exton CEVC, Ketton CEVC, Whissendine CEVC & former Cottesmore Millfield Academy. For headteachers Meg Lucas, Daniel Alfieri, Megan Davis & Rachel Thomas, their staffs, governors & Bishop's Visitor.

4 Wednesday - The outworking of outreach & pastoral ministry in the benefice. Remember churchwardens, PCC secretaries, & benefice administrators.

5 Thursday - Remember students & apprentices training & working away from our villages. Pray for effectiveness of college & university Christian unions. Remember Keswick, New Wine & other Christian conventions.

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, Barbie, Colin & Diane.

8 Sunday - Pray for preparation of modern & traditional services, especially for festivals. For leaders, speakers, intercessors & helpers. Pray for Cottesmore, & Exton & Greetham, Schools' support. Give praise for Sparklers (0-4s), & pray for leaders, helpers & families.

9 Monday - Overseas links: Peterborough/Seoul diocesan link. Pray for Derek & Jane Waller, back in the UK from Madagascar. They retired from CMS in December 2020 & seek guidance for their future. 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 wedding & Baptism preparation & follow-on. Pray for ongoing fruit from the 'Marriage by Design' course. Other outreach which seeks to keep families in touch.

11 Wednesday – Bible Society & Scripture Union work, especially in schools. Church Pastoral Aid Society training courses. Bookings & staff for 2021 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 churches of the benefice.

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 Jane. Pray for wisdom in deanery reorganization. Remember parishes in vacancy & their sequestrators. Deanery synod representatives.

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 Gainsborough Court & Oak House, residents & staff, services & activities. Colin & Brenda with Home Communion visits.

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. Food & clothing banks – helpers & helped. 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. Remember 'Thy Kingdom Come' & prayer courses.

19 Thursday – Benefice & parish web sites. Cottesmore Village Link & Exton, Greetham, & Stretton village news-sheets. 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. Those preparing & leading breakfast services, BBQs, &c.

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.