



Welcome to the August edition of our Newsletter

From Rev Anthony Oram – Rector, with the churchwardens and PCCs of the Cottesmore Benefice

## COMING OUT OF LOCKDOWN - Step 4 of the Road map

We have come to the final step of the Road map where all legal restrictions on movement and meeting have been removed by the government. This also applies churches and the services and meetings that are held by them.

Effectively this means that all the responsibility for behaviour has been placed on the shoulders of the individual. A quote from the Church's most recent statement:

*Within the Church we believe that everyone is known and loved individually by God and that, as many members within one body, we are called to be responsible to and for one another, respecting the more vulnerable whose suffering is our suffering (1 Cor 12:12-27). The move to step 4 means we are being asked to take even more personal responsibility around coronavirus than when we were compelled to adhere to Government restrictions.*

Our calling compels us to consider first those more physically and clinically vulnerable – particularly so they feel safe to return to church. Conversely, we also recognise that many want the freedom in worship that the rules allow for now, some feeling no desire to return until that is possible.

For churches, the path to take is a finely balanced one and will depend, for each, on the size of both the building and the congregation. So, there will be variance in how this works in each church. We may also need to change things as we progress through this final step.

Taking all of this into account, we ask of those who come to church:

- Please consider the safety and well-being of others first
- Please be prepared to wear a mask – especially when moving around inside – if that is what's required in the church you attend or what's obviously preferred by those around you. Currently Rutland figures remain high so keeping to covid guidelines is recommended
- If you want to sit in a place that allows for good social distancing, please ask at the door, or move yourself during a service. **There will always be space provided for this**

- Please keep sanitising your hands on entry

We will **sing** together – either with or without masks. As we sing, all will face forward. The safest place to sit to avoid unmasked singers behind you is towards the back.

We will continue to celebrate **Communion** unchanged. That is, in a completely safe way, without sharing of the cup and using safely distributed individual wafers. As for all we do, to participate in this is completely up to you.

**Refreshments** may be offered after some services. This is entirely your choice to participate

*Your presence matters. Your voice matters.*

*Your absence changes the sound,  
as does your silence.*

*Speak up, turn up, walk in, dig in,*

*and make a difference to the world you're committed to. (Jarrod Cooper)*

### **Feedback**

We would very much appreciate your comments and feedback which can be sent to Julie Leefe at [Cottesmorebenefice.office@gmail.com](mailto:Cottesmorebenefice.office@gmail.com).

### **On being thankful**

We are thankful for our Church family being church – in church and in villages – and for showing God's love and compassion – for keeping people safe and meeting needs in the community. We are thankful too for huge numbers of individuals, organisations and businesses throughout Rutland that kept going through innovative and creative solutions and reached out to the community blessing us in so many ways over the last 21 months.

### **What's coming up soon!**

#### **Monthly afternoon tea at Cottesmore church**

Don't forget our monthly Afternoon Teas at St Nicholas church, Cottesmore on the third Thursday each month. The next one is on 19th August, 2pm to 4pm. Everyone welcome to enjoy delicious sandwiches, cakes, scones, and good company. Pam

#### **Greetham fete**

The Greetham Church Fete will take place at the Community Centre on Saturday August 21st 12 - 4pm. There will be a BBQ, ice cream, tombola, raffle, cakes, teas, bouncy castle, plants, games, dog show and fun for all the family. Raffle boards will be in the pubs and the shop from the beginning of August - £1 per square. Any items for the Tombola stall will be very gratefully received, all proceeds are for church funds. Tombola prizes - bottles, tins, toiletries, stationery etc can be left at the village shop or if you would like a collection, please contact Patricia Hagger 01572 813118. Many thanks Helen and Jackie

## **Ride and Stride**

The Rutland Historic Churches event, 'Ride and Stride', will be taking place on Saturday September 11 2021. There are 64 churches in Rutland - how many can you visit on the day on foot, by bike or by car (if you have restricted mobility)? All fundraising will help the upkeep of Rutland's historic churches including those in the Cottesmore Benefice. For example, Greetham Church has benefited from grants from the charity. If you don't want to take part actively, you can help your church by hosting visitors and providing welcome refreshments.

Anyone wishing to take part in either cycling or hosting from Greetham Church should contact Sylvia Bland (07519 063803) for more details.

Find out more online at [www.rutlandrideandstride.org.uk](http://www.rutlandrideandstride.org.uk)



## **DID YOU KNOW THAT THISTLETON HAS SOME INCREDIBLE HISTORY AND WONDERFUL STORIES?**

Tales of Travellers and Highwaymen

The Parish Records (not just a record of births,  
marriages and deaths)

The Thistleton Gap Boxing Match  
Come and hear about these and more on  
**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> August**  
**at 7pm at Thistleton Church**

Free entry, booking advised

Refreshments available

Donations welcome toward the upkeep of Thistleton Church

Tickets available from the Thistleton Saturday Café 10.30 – 1pm  
or from [suzieviveash@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:suzieviveash@yahoo.co.uk)

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<b>August 2021</b>		<b>Services in North Rutland Churches</b>	
Sunday August 1	10:30 AM	Benefice Holy Communion	Cottesmore
Sunday August 8	9:30 AM 9:30 AM 11:15 AM	Morning service Morning service Holy Communion (BCP)	Cottesmore Greetham Clipsham
Sunday August 15	9:30 AM 9:30 AM	Holy Communion Morning service	Cottesmore Greetham
Sunday August 22	9:30 AM 9:30 AM 11:15 AM	Morning service Holy Communion Holy Communion	Cottesmore Greetham Exton
Sunday August 29	10:30 AM	Service of Celebration and reflection	Greetham

	<b>What's on regularly in the North Rutland Churches</b>
Monday 10.30 Weekly Weeks 2 & 4	Prayer Meeting (Cottesmore) currently meeting on Zoom For more information, please contact Di Toy on 01572 812355
Monday 14.30 Weekly term time	Barrow Home Group – now meeting in person at The Willows, Barrow Contact Duncan Ball 01572 812428 or email <a href="mailto:cduncanball@gmail.com">cduncanball@gmail.com</a>
Monday 14.30 Weekly	House group meets every week on Zoom. Contact Jackie Gauntley 01572 868291 or <a href="mailto:jackiegauntley@hotmail.co.uk">jackiegauntley@hotmail.co.uk</a>
Monday 19.00 Weekly	Hand Bell ringing Cottesmore Church 7pm Contact Pat Hoyles, 01572 813034
Tuesday 08.30 Weekly	Morning prayer in Cottesmore Church – not meeting at present
Tues 09.30 - 11.00 Term time only	Sparklers toddlers group – Cottesmore – restarting in September ALL WELCOME
Tuesday 19.30 Weekly	House group meeting on Zoom Contact Steve or Julie Bertuzzi email <a href="mailto:Steve.bertuzzi@medasun.com">Steve.bertuzzi@medasun.com</a> or <a href="mailto:julie.bertuzzi@medasun.com">julie.bertuzzi@medasun.com</a>
Thursday 08.30 Weekly	Morning prayer in Cottesmore Church – not meeting at present
Thursday 09.15 Weekly	Morning Prayer (Exton) meeting on Zoom - contact <a href="mailto:Bernie.wallace@btinternet.com">Bernie.wallace@btinternet.com</a>
Thursday 19.30 Weekly term time	House group currently meeting on Zoom Contact Anne Adamson on 812816 or email: <a href="mailto:annecadamson@aol.com">annecadamson@aol.com</a>
Saturday 10.30 – 13.00 Weekly	Saturday café at Thistleton Church