



**Welcome to the November edition of our Newsletter**

**>>STOP PRESS<< Change to advertised service**

**Because the building work in Stretton church is not finished yet, the benefice service on Sunday October 31 will be held in Thistleton church instead at 10:30 AM**

**NEW – Church communications!**

Very soon we are going to begin transferring the church records of contact details from the individual churches to a new central online communications package for the benefice – “iKnow Church”. If you are on email, you will be invited to login to the new system and create a personal profile if you would like to. Only you and the administrator will be able to see your details. The email Newsletter distribution, advertising church events and church calendar will all be moving over to the new system in the coming weeks. For more details contact Julie Leefe on [julieleefe@live.co.uk](mailto:julieleefe@live.co.uk). People without email will receive letters in the coming months inviting them to allow their details to be registered on the new system. (GDPR compliant)

**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).

**Printing copies for friends and family**

If you know of a neighbour or a family member that doesn't use email, why not print them a copy of this newsletter (the PDF version is best) so they don't miss out on news and church information?



**For details of all Remembrances services (see over)**



**For details of all Christmas services (see over)**

#### **THE LEPROSY MISSION - USED STAMPS AND COLLECTABLES**



I am trying to help raise much needed funds for the above charity which has its headquarters in Peterborough. They are able to raise cash on used stamps of any country and I have placed a collecting box in Greetham church (please leave a border of no more than 5ml), or if you have a large quantity I will collect. They also accept postcards (posted or unused), coins and bank notes (of any country), medals, cigarette cards and tea cards. Please deliver to me at Horseshoe cottage, 3 New Field Road, Exton or contact me if you need a collection.

Patricia Hagger  
01572 813118

GREETHAM NOTICE



**REMEMBERING THOSE WE HAVE  
LOVED, BUT SEE NO MORE  
ALL WELCOME**

**You are invited to the following services in  
Greetham to remember loved ones:**

**All Souls Day Tuesday November 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6.00pm**

**Remembrance Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> November at 9.30am**

**To remember those who have died in wars.**

**Blue Christmas**

**Wednesday December 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6.00pm**

**For those for whom Christmas will be different  
without those we have loved.**

# EXPLORE, with Bishop John

Saturday 27th November 9.30am to 3.30pm

All Saints School, Kingsthorpe NN2 7AJ

(or Zoom if necessary)

Hosted by Revd Canon Steve Benoy

Our annual Diocesan Vocations Day, this relaxed day allows you to take time to reflect with others on what your own calling to serve in the Church might be.

Might God be nudging you towards:

*Lay Ministry, Ordination, Preaching, Pioneering & New Initiatives, Evangelism, Churchwarden, Ministry with Children or Young People, Worship Leading, Pastoral Care, Chaplaincy, Church Army, Religious Life, Ministry Online*

Please contact: Lesley-Anne Marriott [Lesley-Anne.Marriott@peterborough-diocese.org.uk](mailto:Lesley-Anne.Marriott@peterborough-diocese.org.uk)  
If you are interested.

## TEARFUND UPDATE from J Ball

Duncan and I recently enjoyed a delicious brunch courtesy of Tearfund. We met with some Tearfund staff and other supporters at an eatery at Trent Bridge, Nottingham. We had good views across the Trent on a lovely sunny morning.

It was a really interesting and informative time, hearing first-hand about Tearfund's work. We had a live Zoom link with a Tearfund worker in Haiti describing some amazing work they are doing there with plastic recycling. Much of the plastic is blocking waterways and ends up in the Caribbean. We were able to ask questions and saw some of the backpacks the waste is used to make. Their achievements are all the more remarkable when you realise Haiti has recently suffered another earthquake, the assassination of the president and much gang violence! Tearfund is also working hard with the suppliers of the single use plastic, mainly Coca Cola, Pepsi, Nestle and Unilever, to address the other end of the problem.

Much conversation also centred on the COP 26 climate change talks happening in Glasgow in November. This is a huge focus for prayer and lobbying and we will be getting daily updates for prayer from Jack Wakefield who will be there in person. He was the speaker we used when we had the Tearfund Church and Climate service in Greetham in September.

**During COP 26 we will be providing prayer stations in the RAF chapel at Cottesmore** to help you pray for the climate crisis and there will be plenty of information about the work of Tearfund to encourage your prayers. Please do come and take a look ..... and PRAY!

# The Big Quiz 2021

We're delighted to be able to hold the Big Quiz 'live' again, to help bring our community together, and raise money for Tearfund,. This Christian relief charity works in some of the world's poorest countries.

Once again, thousands of people in hundreds of places throughout the UK will be taking part in the same quiz on the same day. We'd love you to join us at Cottesmore Church on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> November at 7:30 pm Here are the details:



- A warm welcome!
- Individuals, pairs or complete teams – we'll make up some teams on the night.
- Teams of 4-6
- About an hour and a half
- Details of Tearfund's work
- Refreshments

There are questions on **sport, history, food and drink, science and nature, geography, entertainment, arts and culture, and good news.** They include something for all ages, from secondary upwards. The quiz video is professionally made. Our aims are to raise money and to give you an enjoyable evening. We plan to announce the names of the top three teams.

This year we're inviting donations instead of having a fixed entry charge. You can give in cash, on the night if you wish, via our JustGiving page at [www.justgiving.com/fundraisingcottesmorebenefice](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraisingcottesmorebenefice) or by cheque. We suggest you put whatever it is in a sealed envelope, which we'll pass direct to our church treasurer. Please be generous!

For more details, to book your place, or to pass on donations, please contact Janice 01572 8888812424 [janice.patient@btopenworld.com](mailto:janice.patient@btopenworld.com) 14 Wenton Close or Anne 01572 812816 [annecadamson@aol.com](mailto:annecadamson@aol.com) 24 Mill Lane

Find out more about Tearfund at [https://www.tearfund.org/about\\_us](https://www.tearfund.org/about_us)

All profits will go to support people living in poverty overseas.

## Other News

### Operation Christmas Child - Shoebox Appeal



Patricia Hagger writes:

Yes, it's that time again! Please support this year's campaign by packing a shoebox with gifts that will bring joy to children who may never have received a gift before. The boxes go to various countries and are given to children who may be disadvantaged, in orphanages, hospitals, living in poverty or in some cases terminally ill.

Do please pick up a leaflet which explains what to do and gives ideas of suitable gifts and also lists those that cannot be included (the rules have changed again).

Or look online

<https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/>

There are also details online and patterns for making hats, cuddly toys and other craft items. Leaflets will be available in Cottesmore, Exton and Greetham churches or telephone me on 01572 813118.

National collection week is from 15-22 November, but I will need boxes by Sunday 14 November as I then have to deliver them elsewhere the following week.

Boxes may be left in the churches already named, delivered to me at Horseshoe Cottage, 3 New Field Road, Exton, or telephone me if collection is needed.

Patricia Hagger 01572 813118

### Job vacancies in the Peterborough Diocese

<https://www.peterborough-diocese.org.uk/job-vacancies/job-vacancies>

### FAREWILL

Leaving a gift in your will to your local church is one of the most valuable and lasting ways you can continue to support its mission and ministry in your community. Making a will and keeping it updated is the only way to make sure your wishes are carried out after your death, giving you peace of mind that you can continue to support the family, friends, and charities you love.

This autumn, the Church of England has partnered with **Farewill**, the National Will Writing Firm of the Year 2020, to offer an online will writing service, which you can do from the comfort of your

home in less than 30 minutes. **Farewill's** specialist team are available to help you over the phone or live chat 7 days a week, 9am-7pm.

**N.B. There are a limited number of wills available on a first-come-first served basis.**

There is no obligation for anyone to leave a gift in their will to their church. However, if you decide that you can, your gift - great or small - will make a real difference to your church's life for future generations.

To take advantage of this offer you can go to the Farewill website here:

<https://farewill.com/peterborough-diocese>

- By participating in this will writing scheme, your details will not be shared with the Church of England.
- If you use the Church of England will writing scheme, there is no obligation to leave a gift to a church in your Will. Your loved ones should always come first.
- If you do choose to remember your local or a favourite church, thank you. Every gift, great or small will make a real difference to that church and its mission and ministry in your community for future generations.

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<https://www.facebook.com/North-Rutland-Churches-102279675438456> -  
North Rutland Churches Facebook page



<b>November – December 2021</b>		<b>Services in North Rutland Churches</b>	
Sunday October 31	10:30 AM 16:00 PM	Benefice service Exton All Souls service	Thistleton Exton
Tuesday November 2	18:00 PM	All Souls Benefice Service	Greetham
Sunday November 7	9:30 AM 9:30 AM	Morning Service Our World Service (Sue Bamber – Sapphires)	Cottesmore Greetham
Thursday November 11	11:00 AM	Wreath laying	Exton War memorial
Sunday November 14 Remembrance	9:30 AM 10:45 AM 11:15 AM 10:45 AM  10:50 AM	Remembrance (not breakfast) Remembrance Remembrance Remembrance  Holy Communion (BCP)	Greetham Cottesmore Exton Stretton (Churchyard) Clipsham
Sunday November 21	9:30 AM 9:30 AM	Holy Communion Morning Praise	Cottesmore Greetham
Sunday November 28	9:30 AM 9:30 AM 11:15 AM 11:15 AM	Morning Service Holy Communion Holy Communion Morning Service	Cottesmore Greetham Exton Clipsham
Sunday December 5	9:30 AM 9:30 AM	Morning service Our World service (Jenny Welbourn – Compassion)	Cottesmore Greetham
Monday December 6	18:30 PM	Patronal service	Thistleton
Sunday December 12	9:30 AM 9:00 AM 11:15 AM 11:15 AM	Morning service Breakfast service (service at 9:30 AM) Morning service Holy Communion (BCP)	Cottesmore Greetham Exton Clipsham

<b>CHRISTMAS SERVICES</b>			
<b>December 2021</b>		<b>Services in North Rutland Churches</b>	
Saturday December 18	17:00 PM 18:00 PM	Carol service Carol service	Thistleton Clipsham
Sunday December 19	9:30 AM 15:00 PM 16:00 PM 18:00 PM	Holy Communion Carol service Carol service Carol service	Cottesmore Exton Stretton? Greetham
Monday December 20	19:30 PM	Carol service	Cottesmore
Wednesday December 22	18:00 PM	Blue Christmas	Greetham
Friday December 24 Christmas Eve	16:00 PM 17:00 PM 21:00 PM 23:30 PM	Nativity service Carol service Holy Communion Midnight Communion	Cottesmore Burley Cottesmore Greetham
Saturday December 25 Christmas day	9:00 AM 10:30 AM 10:30 AM 10:30 AM 10:30 AM	Christmas service Christmas service Holy Communion Holy Communion (BE) Holy Communion (BE)	Thistleton Cottesmore Exton Stretton? Clipsham
Sunday December 26		NO SERVICES	

	<b>What's on regularly in the North Rutland Churches</b>
Monday 10.30 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	Monday Home Group meeting at The Willows, Barrow Contact Duncan & Jane 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 soon? 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	Thursday evening home group resumes in September, 7.30 pm. Contact <a href="mailto:annecadamson@aol.com">annecadamson@aol.com</a> for details.
Thursday 2 – 4 pm Monthly - every third week	Cottesmore church - Everyone is welcome to enjoy delicious sandwiches, cakes, scones, and good company.
Saturday 10.30 – 13.00 Weekly	Saturday café at Thistleton Church