

Welcome to the March edition of our Newsletter

Day of Prayer for Ukraine March 2

There will be a Zoom prayer meeting led by Rev Anthony Oram at 11 AM on Wednesday March 2 and a separate email was sent out with login details.

The Ash Wednesday Service will be held at Cottesmore Church at 6 PM on March 2

Rev Anthony Oram writes: Extraordinary Funding Request

This is just for those who consider Cottesmore to be your home church. We are increasingly using the projector and screen in services and other events, the Big Quiz for example. But the current setup for the screen is cumbersome and quite time consuming, and, you might say, does get in the way of the view through to the back of the church. We have sought advice, and obtained a quote, from a professional audio/visual installation company who work mostly in churches who have shown how we could have a permanently installed screen that is deployable with a simple remote control and is completely invisible from the back of church when stowed away. Also, when deployed it would allow ample view through to the front of the church including choir stalls, organ, and a lot of the windows too. As this is an extraordinary installation, I'm asking for specific, extraordinary giving to cover the cost rather than use funds we would otherwise be using for the upkeep of the building and for the usual outreach and events the church hosts. The quote was for around £2,500 – please consider carefully if you could help to fund this installation with an extraordinary gift. Please make sure we know it's specifically for the screen when you give. PS If you want to know what sort of installation, we're thinking about then go to the church in Uppingham, who have exactly the same sort of screen installed as we want, by the same people. You won't be able to see it until it's lowered though...

Mothering Sunday March 27 - Thank God for Mums and all who care for others

At Cottesmore Church this year we will be thanking and celebrating all who have a caring role today, starting of course with mothers. Then there are foster parents, grandparents, teachers, social workers, and others. Our service at 10.30 am (to compensate for the clocks going forward) is for everyone. After all, someone once looked after you!

Anne Adamson

Peterborough Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Holy Land - September 2022

“Following in the Footsteps of Jesus”: There is a 9 day Pilgrimage to Israel and Palestine led by The Rt Revd Donald Allister - Bishop of Peterborough between 17 - 25 September, 2022. Booking is now open. Please email me Julie Leefe on cottesmorebenefice.office@gmail.com and I will send you all the relevant information on PDF.

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land December 2023

How would you like to spend Advent 2023 in the Holy Land with Chris and Rhona Knight? A Pilgrimage is being arranged for 5 – 13 December 2023 when you can spend 9 days following in the footsteps of Jesus in Jerusalem and Galilee and including visits to Bethlehem, Jericho, the Dead Sea and Nazareth. Please email me Julie Leefe on cottesmorebenefice.office@gmail.com and I will send you all the relevant information on PDF.

What's On in Greetham

In Greetham we have a cake sale on Easter Saturday April 16th, a plant sale on May 14th and the Fete on July 2nd.

Helen MacLeod-Smith

What's On in Thistleton

From Ants to Elephants

On Wednesday 16th March at 2.30pm, local photographer, Richard Adams, will take us on a photographic journey of the animal kingdom with musical accompaniment. The images draw on local nature and Richard's extensive travels worldwide.

The Rutland Roman Mosaic (as seen on BBC Digging for Britain)

On Saturday 26th March at 2.00pm, Peter Liddle, former county archaeologist and a member of the dig team will tell us what it was like to discover the Roman find of the century.

Please note this is a Ticket Only event. Tickets available from Thistleton Church Saturday Café or by contacting Sue Hughes suzieviveash@yahoo.co.uk

Refreshments will be available before and after both talks. No charge for admission, donations welcome toward the upkeep of the church building.

Beverley Handcock

Marriage Preparation Day March 26

If you, or anyone you know is planning a wedding please let them know that there is a Marriage Preparation Day for any engaged couples on Saturday March 26. Please contact Tessa Oram for more details tessa@theorams.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?

St Nicholas Church and Community Centre - Mugs for sale Bone China mugs £9.00 each

To celebrate the opening of the church and Community centre we have commissioned some Bone China mugs. Each mug has a picture of the church on the front and a description on the back. The drawing was done by Tim Seal, a local artist. All profits go to the church and Community centre. Mugs are 8.5cm high and hold 300ml and are dishwasher proof. To order your mugs please contact Penny Isaacs 01780 401676/07879 337714. There are also Tea-towels available with the same design.

Stretton Church services

You may have seen some photos on Facebook, but I'm pleased to confirm that St Nicholas, Stretton is now open for services and we would be delighted to see you at 11.15 AM for Morning Service on the first Sunday in the month (March 6) and for Holy Communion also at 11.15 AM on the third Sunday (March 20).

Feedback

I apologise that it is currently not possible to include pictures of photographs in this version of the newsletter which is sent out on iKnow church.

We would very much appreciate your comments and feedback which can be sent to Julie Leefe at Cottesmorebenefice.office@gmail.com.

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

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| March/April 2022 | | Services in North Rutland Churches | |
| Ash Wednesday March 2 | 11:00 AM 18:00 PM | Prayer for Ukraine on Zoom Ash Wednesday Service | Cottesmore |
| Sunday March 6 | 9:30 AM 9:30 AM 11:15 AM 15:00 PM | Family Worship Our World service 9.30am with guest speaker Robert Macleod-Smith Morning service Church In the Woods | Cottesmore Greetham Stretton |
| Sunday March 13 | 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 |
| Sunday March 20 | 9:30 AM 9:30 AM 11:15 AM | Holy Communion Morning Praise Holy Communion | Cottesmore Greetham Stretton |
| Wednesday March 23 | 19:00 PM | Service of reflection and thanksgiving (for the end of the pandemic) | Cottesmore |
| Sunday March 27 Mothering Sunday | 10:30 AM 9:30 AM 11:15 AM 11:15 AM | Morning service Holy Communion Holy Communion Morning service | Cottesmore Greetham Exton Clipsham |
| Sunday April 3 | 9:30 AM 9:30 AM 11:15 AM | Family Worship Our World service Morning service | Cottesmore Greetham Stretton |
| Sunday April 10 Palm Sunday | 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 |
| Thursday April 14 Maundy Thursday | 18:00 PM | Maundy Thursday service | Thistleton |
| Friday April 15 Good Friday | TBA 13:00 PM | Easter activity for families Service of reflection | Cottesmore Greetham |
| Saturday | TBA | Church in the Woods | Stretton wood |
| Sunday April 17 Easter day | 9:30 AM 9:30 AM 11:15 AM 11:15 AM 11:15 AM | Easter Holy Communion Easter Holy Communion Easter Holy Communion Easter Holy Communion Easter Holy Communion | Cottesmore Greetham Exton Clipsham Stretton |
| Sunday April 24 | 9:30 AM 9:30 AM 11:15 AM 11:15 AM | Morning Service Holy Communion Holy Communion Morning Service | Cottesmore Greetham Exton Clipsham |

| | What's on regularly in the North Rutland Churches |
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| Monday 10.30 Weeks 2 & 4 | Prayer Meeting (Cottesmore) currently meeting on Zoom For more information, please contact Anne Adamson on annecadamson@aol.com |
| Monday 14.30 Weekly term time | Monday Home Group meeting at The Willows, Barrow Contact Duncan & Jane Ball, 01572 812428, or email cduncanball@gmail.com |
| Monday 14.30 Weekly | House group meets every week on Zoom. Contact Jackie Gauntley 01572 868291 or jackiegauntley@hotmail.co.uk |
| 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 – NOT MEETING CURRENTLY |
| Tuesday 19.30 Weekly | House group meeting on Zoom Contact Steve or Julie Bertuzzi email Steve.bertuzzi@medasun.com or julie.bertuzzi@medasun.com |
| Thursday 08.30 Weekly | Morning prayer in Cottesmore Church – not meeting at present |
| Thursday 09.15 Weekly | Morning Prayer (Exton) meeting on Zoom - contact Bernie.wallace@btinternet.com |
| Thursday 19.30 Weekly | Thursday evening home group 7.30 pm. Contact annecadamson@aol.com 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 |