

Welcome to the April edition of our Newsletter

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Good Friday Cross Walk

A few of us are planning to do the Good Friday cross walk this year.
The usual format is:

- Meet at Clipsham church 7.45 am to start walking at 8 am
- Stretton church 8.30 am
- Thistleton Church 10 am
- Cottesmore church 12 noon.
- Exton Church 1.30 pm
- Greetham church 2.45 pm to carry the cross into the devotional service.

All are welcome to join us at any point along the way. The entire route is around 15 miles.

Refreshments will be most welcome at any churches.

Any further information contact - davidperrin2171@aol.com.

EASTER SERVICES/EVENTS at ST NICHOLAS' CHURCH, COTTESMORE

Sunday April 10 9.30 am. **Palm Sunday** Service

Good Friday April 15 11-12 noon. Make an Easter Garden

Sunday April 17 9.30 am. **Easter Sunday** Holy Communion

- Everyone welcome.
- A hearing loop is available.
- We can provide quiet activities within the service for younger children.
- Refreshments are normally served after the service.

Breaking Day, by Riding Lights Theatre Company. Highly recommended.

As day begins to break on Good Friday, the occupying Governor's tenuous grip on authority is slipping. It's festival time in Jerusalem but his wife is plagued with disturbing dreams and his Jewish servant clearly knows more than she should. Between the demands of the Sanhedrin and the murderous cries of the mob, the lines between personal and political in Pilate's house begin to blur. The power of the Capitol stands in tension with the will of the people, but the teacher at the centre of it all remains silent.

Filmed remotely in lockdown, *Breaking Day* is an innovative passion play, immersing us with stark intimacy in decisions that led to crucifixion.

See <https://ridinglights.org/breaking-day/> for details, and <https://vimeo.com/ondemand/breakingday> to watch. (£10 per household)

THISTLETON MUSIC FESTIVAL

Bringing music to rural communities

May 6th – 15th 2022

At Thistleton Church

Friday 6th	Mark Ashford, Classical Guitar
Saturday 7th	Uppingham Jazz & Soul Combo
Sunday 8th	The Big Sing with Caroline Trutz & Rutland Choral Society
Friday 13th	A Musical Medley with Oakham School
Saturday 14th	Eleanor Turner, Harpist
Sunday 15th	Songs of Praise

For tickets and information about these events and other Festival activities visit

www.thistleton-music.org or email administrator@thistletonchurch.org or telephone 07751 398466

Holy Week booklet from St Beuno's

The St Beuno's Outreach **Holy Week booklet** this year is based on the writings of Fr Henri Nouwen. The images have been specially chosen to help us pray with and for the people of Ukraine and eastern Europe. You can either read it online or download it to print out as a booklet.

[holy-week-leaflet-2022-publish-to-read-online.pdf \(wordpress.com\)](#)

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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

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.

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.

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

Get Home Insurance from Ecclesiastical and get a donation of £130 for your church

For every new home insurance policy taken out with Ecclesiastical, they're donating £130 to a church or cathedral of the policyholder's choice through their Trust130 promotion.

For details see <https://www.ecclesiastical.com/individuals/home-insurance/trust130/>

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...

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.

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	What's on regularly in the North Rutland Churches
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