

## Welcome to the May edition of our Newsletter

### News from Sylvia Bland – Rutland Historic Churches Preservation Trust

#### Ride and Stride

“I’ve been awarded a certificate by the RHCPT for cycling all 64 churches in Rutland over the last 7 years. It started out as something fun to do with the children and their friends around churches in north Rutland. Then I realised I could go further afield as my cycling skills improved and I invested in a fancier bike. With the help of Emma Jude, Tom Longlands, and Jon Dyson; I tackled the hillier parts of south and west Rutland.

It is such an enjoyable day out as you meet lovely people in each church, cycle through beautiful countryside and explore each village as well as looking round the churches.

There are excellent refreshments in each church but obviously the spread laid out at Greetham Church is always the best.

It is a brilliant charity which provides much needed financial support for our churches. The Rutland Ride and Stride generates the highest level of sponsorship per head of population across the country.

The next ride is on 9 September 2023. I look forward to visiting the churches again and welcome anyone who wants to join me. Start your training this year!”

More information about the RHCPT can be found via our Parish rep Peter Hitchcox or the RHCPT website. (<https://rhcpt.co.uk/>)

Sylvia Bland

#### Jubilee News in Greetham

- Were you at the Queen’s Coronation?
- Did you watch it on TV?
- Have you met the Queen?
- Have you been at an event or place where the Queen was?

If so, why not record your memories in our book in the church for future generations to read?

The Book will be available to write in from Thursday 2nd June to Thursday 9th June and will be in the church.

Diane Creasey

## **What's On in Thistleton**

### **A Year's Journey Through Rutland**

A talk by David Wood, High Sheriff of Rutland 2021-22

Wednesday 4th May at 7.00pm

(Doors open 6.30 for refreshments)

During his year of office, David set out to visit every village in Rutland. In this fascinating talk, he will tell us about the experience and what he learned about the county.

Free event.

### **Thistleton Music Festival**

Bringing music to rural communities

Still a few tickets left for most events

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](http://www.thistleton-music.org) or email [administrator@thistletonchurch.org](mailto:administrator@thistletonchurch.org) or telephone 07751 398466

### **Songs of Praise**

Sunday 15th May at 3.00pm

Followed by a Strawberry Cream Tea!

## **Leicester South Salvation Army Band**

In concert - Saturday 11th June at 7.00pm

Tickets just £5.00. Please contact [beverleyhancock82@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:beverleyhancock82@yahoo.co.uk) or telephone 07751 398466

## **What's on in Exton**

May 29th 10am to 3,30pm Courtyard Sale in aid of Exton Church at St Mary's House, High Street, Exton.  
Sally Miller

## **What's On in Greetham**

In Greetham we have 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:Cottesmorebenefice.office@gmail.com).

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<b>May 2022</b>		<b>Services in North Rutland Churches</b>	
Sunday May 1	9:30 AM 9:30 AM  11:15 AM 15:00 PM	Family Worship & Baptism Our World service – Steven Pettican from the Light Project is the speaker Morning service Church in the Woods	Cottesmore Greetham  Stretton Stretton Wood
Sunday May 8	9:30 AM 9:00 AM 11:15 AM 11:15 AM	Morning service Breakfast service (service at 9:30 AM) Morning Prayer & APCM Holy Communion (BCP) & Christening	Cottesmore Greetham Exton Clipsham
Sunday May 15	9:30 AM 9:30 AM 11:15 AM	Holy Communion Morning Praise Holy Communion & APCM	Cottesmore Greetham Stretton
Sunday May 22	9:30 AM 9:30 AM 11:15 AM 11:15 AM	Morning Service Holy Communion Holy Communion Morning Prayer (BCP)	Cottesmore Greetham Exton Clipsham
Sunday May 29	10:30 AM	Benefice Communion & Jubilee	Exton

	<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 Anne Adamson on <a href="mailto:annecadamson@aol.com">annecadamson@aol.com</a>
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 – NOT MEETING CURRENTLY
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	Thursday evening home group 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