

Welcome to the August edition of our Newsletter

SPARKLERS! toddler group to re-open in September

We are hoping to start Sparklers again after the summer break. It is planned for Tuesday mornings in term time between 9.30 and 11 in Cottesmore Church. Do spread the word amongst your friends and communities, plus if you'd like to be involved in helping out then do talk to Bernie, Mo or anyone else you know is involved.

A message from Bishop Donald

Bishop's Retirement

With a mixture of emotions, I announce today that I shall be retiring as Bishop of Peterborough at the start of next year. My final day at work, Sunday 8 January, will include an afternoon farewell service in the Cathedral. Details of this will doubtless be circulated nearer the time.

This is not the time for retrospectives, or for crystal-ball gazing. There is a process for appointing a new diocesan bishop, and we have a Vacancy-in-See Committee which will play its part in that. Leadership of the diocese during the episcopal vacancy will be decided and announced, probably in the autumn.

Those who know me well will know that I have no intention of stopping ministry, but in the next stage it will almost certainly be part-time, and by a wise but painful convention it will be well away from Peterborough Diocese.

At this point I simply repeat what I have often said since I came here in 2010, that being your bishop continues to be a great privilege and (mainly) a great joy. I look forward to six more months of that.

Church in the Woods

Church in the Woods is an event for families with primary school age children every month locally in the woods. There are games, bonfire and BBQ, bible story, craft activities and we also make sandwiches which are delivered to a homeless shelter in Corby. If you would like to come along as a family or volunteer to help, please contact Rev Anthony Oram revanthonyoram@gmail.com.

Benefice services in July and August

There will be a "lighter" schedule of services in August in order to give the Ministry teams and church wardens etc. a break after a very busy and difficult two years. During August there will be just one benefice service each week which we hope as many of you as possible will be able to attend. Please let us know if you need any help with lifts.

Details are:

July 31st – Clipsham

August 7th – Stretton

14th – Exton

21st – Cottesmore

28th – Greetham

All services will start at 10.30 and include Communion.

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 Stretton - Mugs for sale Bone China mugs £9.00 each

To celebrate the opening of the Stretton 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.

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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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August 2022		Services in North Rutland Churches	
Sunday July 31 Benefice service	10:30 AM	Benefice Holy Communion	Clipsham
ALL THROUGH AUGUST	THERE	WILL ONLY BE ONE SERVICE IN THE	BENEFICE
Sunday August 7 Benefice service	10:30 AM 15:00 PM	Holy Communion Church in the Woods	Stretton Woods
Sunday August 14 Benefice service	10:30 AM	Holy Communion	Exton
Sunday August 21 Benefice service	10:30 AM	Baptism (and Holy Communion)	Cottesmore
Sunday August 28 Benefice service	10:30 AM	Holy Communion	Greetham
Sunday September 4	9:30 AM 9:30 AM 11:15 AM 15:00 PM	Morning worship Our World service Morning service Church in the Woods	Cottesmore Greetham Stretton Woods

	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 now in person 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