

## **Welcome to the September edition of our Newsletter**

### **What's on – in Clipsham**

The Harvest Festival for Clipsham will be held on Sunday September 25 at 6 PM.

### **What's on - in Cottesmore**

For Cottesmore church, the Harvest service will be on Sunday October 2nd at 10.30am, to be followed by a Bring and Share lunch.

### **What's on – in Thistleton**

For Thistleton, there will be a Harvest service at 5pm on Saturday September 3rd.

### **What's on – in Exton**

Saturday September 17th Corby Male Voice Choir at 7.30. Tickets £10 each from Sally on 01572 811411 or [sallyrm24@gmail.com](mailto:sallyrm24@gmail.com)

Friday September 23rd at 7.30pm Quiz night in the Village Hall . Proceeds to Exton Church. Teams of 6 or less.

Harvest Festival will be held on Sunday September 25th at 11.15am

## **SPARKLERS! toddler group to re-open in September**

Sparklers is starting up again after the summer break. It is happening 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](mailto:revanthonyoram@gmail.com).

### **Spare time? – office/IT skills?**

Julie Leefe has a really busy time approaching and will be looking to hand over her responsibilities in the New Year for:

- This newsletter
- Cottesmore benefice Facebook page
- Launching a new web site
- And Church database.

So, if you would be interested in finding out more about one or more of these opportunities for volunteering please speak to Julie, [julieleefe@live.co.uk](mailto:julieleefe@live.co.uk) or Anthony, [revanthonyoram@gmail.com](mailto:revanthonyoram@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?

### **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.

## **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.

## **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/>

## **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>September 2022</b> |   | <b>Services in North Rutland Churches</b>   |   |
| Saturday September 3  | 17:00 PM                                    | Harvest Service   | Thistleton                                  |
| Sunday September 4    | 9:30 AM<br>9:30 AM<br>11:15 AM<br>15:00 PM  | Morning worship<br>Our World Service<br>Morning Service<br>Church in the Woods                      | Cottesmore<br>Greetham<br>Stretton<br>Woods |
| Sunday September 11   | 9:30 AM<br>9:30 AM<br>11:15 AM<br>11:15 AM  | Morning Service<br>Breakfast Service (breakfast 9:00 AM)<br>Morning Service<br>Holy Communion (BCP) | Cottesmore<br>Greetham<br>Exton<br>Clipsham |
| Sunday September 18   | 9:30 AM<br>9:30 AM<br>11:15 AM              | Holy Communion<br>Morning Praise<br>Holy Communion  | Cottesmore<br>Greetham<br>Stretton          |
| Sunday September 25   | 9:30 AM<br>9:30 AM<br>11:15 AM<br>18:00 PM  | Morning Service<br>Holy Communion<br>Harvest Service<br>Harvest Service                             | Cottesmore<br>Greetham<br>Exton<br>Clipsham |
| Sunday October 2      | 10:30 AM<br>9:30 AM<br>11:15 AM<br>15:00 PM | Harvest Service<br>Our World Service<br>Morning Service<br>Church in the Woods                      | Cottesmore<br>Greetham<br>Stretton<br>Woods |

|   | <b>What's on regularly in the North Rutland Churches</b>  |
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| Monday 10.30<br>Weeks 2 & 4                     | Prayer Meeting (Cottesmore) currently meeting on Zoom<br>For more information, please contact Anne Adamson on <a href="mailto:annecadamson@aol.com">annecadamson@aol.com</a>  |
| Monday 14.30<br>Weekly term time                | Monday Home Group meeting at The Willows, Barrow<br>Contact Duncan & Jane Ball, 01572 812428, or email <a href="mailto:cduncanball@gmail.com">cduncanball@gmail.com</a>   |
| Monday 14.30<br>Weekly                          | House group meets every week on Zoom.<br>Contact Jackie Gauntley 01572 868291 or <a href="mailto:jackiegauntley@hotmail.co.uk">jackiegauntley@hotmail.co.uk</a>   |
| Monday 19.00<br>Weekly                          | Hand Bell ringing Cottesmore Church 7pm<br>Contact Pat Hoyles, 01572 813034   |
| Tuesday 08.30<br>Weekly                         | Morning prayer in Cottesmore Church – not meeting at present  |
| Tues 09.30 - 11.00<br>Term time only            | Sparklers toddlers group – Cottesmore – RESTARTING SEPTEMBER !!   |
| Tuesday 19.30<br>Weekly                         | House group meeting now in person<br>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<br>Weekly                        | Morning prayer in Cottesmore Church – not meeting at present  |
| Thursday 09.15<br>Weekly                        | Morning Prayer (Exton) meeting on Zoom - contact <a href="mailto:Bernie.wallace@btinternet.com">Bernie.wallace@btinternet.com</a>   |
| Thursday 19.30<br>Weekly                        | Thursday evening home group<br>7.30 pm. Contact <a href="mailto:annecadamson@aol.com">annecadamson@aol.com</a> for details.   |
| Thursday 2 – 4 pm<br>Monthly - every third week | Cottesmore church - Everyone is welcome to enjoy delicious sandwiches, cakes, scones, and good company.   |
| Saturday 10.30 – 13.00<br>Weekly                | Saturday café at Thistleton Church  |