

# The Herald

***Telling you all you need to know in our  
Benefice  
April 2019***



We were talking recently about some of the adventurous youth work we have been involved in over the years; trips to Paris, adventure holidays, days out in London - and how the young people we worked with grew in maturity, independence and relationship as they did things they had never done before. Unfortunately, because of health and safety, and the use of risk assessments, the days of that kind of youth work being easily done are pretty much

over.

Have you ever done a risk assessment? You know the thing – going through all the ‘what might happen’ situations that you can think of and making provision to ensure that one certain dangerous scenario doesn’t happen. I’m not knocking it, it is good to plan and prepare carefully and everyone wants to avoid accidents especially when taking responsibility for other people. But eventually in a risk assessment there comes the question, ‘what is the worst case scenario?’

As we lead up to Easter, I find there is an underlying sense of relief. A way more fundamental one than being able to eat chocolate again.

Relief because Jesus' death on the cross and resurrection to life, and His offer of relationship with us means that there are no longer any 'worst case scenarios.' If we belong to Him, if our lives have been put into His care, and we deliberately choose to follow Him and not our own best ideas, then we can be sure that whatever happens, He is there. His power is at work to redeem, resurrect, renew and give rest to us. So, as it says in Romans chapter 8, *neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord*, and in His love there are no worst case scenarios.

Anthony and Tessa

## Home Holy Communion

*Do you have, or do you know, somebody who is house bound and would like to receive Holy Communion in their home. If you would like this for them, please contact Colin Johns in person or on telephone No.01572 812221*



**Mali** is a land-locked country in West Africa - population 3.7million.



**Water Aid** is working in two districts north of the capital city of Bamako. Nearly half of the population of these districts don't have access to clean water and 70% don't have access to decent toilets, so funds raised by the Rutland Group go there.

My birthday was on 20th March and I wish to say a huge "thank you" for the flowers, 110 cards and £1157.50 contributed to Water Aid's

work in Mali. How wonderful that I have lived 90 years. I give thanks every day for this.

**Margaret Towl**



## **Marriage by Design Course**

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April, 10am – 4pm**

**St Nicholas Church, Cottesmore**

**(£20 payable on the day, to include lunch, refreshments and all materials)**

**Rev Anthony Oram and his wife Tessa, plus a team from Cottesmore Benefice are running a ‘Marriage by Design’ course. This course is especially for those who are about to get married or who are thinking about getting engaged.**

**This course is open to all couples wanting to get married in the Benefice. However, it is also open to couples getting married in other Churches, or those who want to get married but not in Church.**

This is a chance in the middle of all the hectic preparation and planning of your wedding to take time to think longer term, and to plan together how you want your marriage to work.

Marriage by Design covers the following topics :

- ♥ Communication
- ♥ Commitment
- ♥ Resolving Conflict
- ♥ Friendship
- ♥ Values and Expectations
- ♥ Sex
- ♥ Children
- ♥ Financial Management
- ♥ In-laws and Wider Family

It is presented in a relaxed and informal way, with short DVDs and time for you to chat as a couple. There is no group sharing.

You can find out more about the course here

<https://www.careforthefamily.org.uk/courses/marriage-preparation-prepare-for-marriage-engagement-couples-pre-marriage-day>

Booking by email to Jayne Isaac at

[cottesmorebenefice.office@gmail.com](mailto:cottesmorebenefice.office@gmail.com)

We are once again going to do our walk of witness on

### **Good Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April.**

This is where we come together to carry the cross around the churches in our Benefice.

All are welcome to join for the whole walk, approx. 15 miles, or to join us along the way at any of the churches.

The aim is to arrive at Greetham to carry the cross in during the final part of the devotional service.

We read a part of Mark's Gospel at each stopping point and are usually treated to fantastic refreshments.

### **Approximate timings for the day are:-**

**Clipsham 7-45 to start walking at 8am**

**Stretton 8-35**

**Thistleton 10.00**

**Barrow cross 11-30**

**Cottesmore 12-15**

**Exton 1-30**

**Greetham 2-45**

### **Message from Madagascar 2019 March Heading North!**

Dear friends,

Would you pray for us as we take "Rooted in Jesus" to the northern

part of Toliara diocese? Before Christmas we led four 3 day training conferences around Toliara. In January we flew to Fort Dauphin in the south-east and led conferences in Fort Dauphin and Ambovombe. The contrast between the beautiful and relatively prosperous Fort Dauphin, surrounded by the Indian Ocean on one side and mountains on the other, and the poverty and deprivation of Ambovombe was stark.

We are now heading north for Morondava, on the west coast. It takes 25 hours by road but we will be flying via the capital Antananarivo.

We will lead conferences in Mahabo (21<sup>st</sup> – 23<sup>th</sup> March) and Morondava (25<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> March). Our team of Evangelist Florent , Jane and myself will be joined by Rev Victor, the parish priest of Mahabo. Victor is a missionary from Kenya to Madagascar and he will interpret for us at both conferences. Rev. Lova will host us at Morondava. We expect around twenty people at each training conference and our hope and prayer is that, once trained, they will go back to their village churches and start discipleship groups.

It's a huge privilege to lead these conferences. By the grace of God, discipleship groups are springing up. We are also getting an insight into life in Southern Madagascar and experiencing the contrasting beauty of this fascinating island. We thank God for these opportunities. But travelling and staying in different places is tiring. And teaching in temperatures of around 30 degrees centigrade and 70% humidity is demanding on our energy levels and patience!

We so value your partnership in this work of growing disciples of Jesus. We hope that you see our ministry as part of your ministry, for it is your prayers and giving that keep us here.

May the Lord of steadfast love and compassion bless you richly through this season of Lent!

**Derek and Jane**

*What's on every week*

<b>Mon to Fri 08.00</b> <b>Every week</b>	<b><i>Morning Bible Study &amp; Prayer, Greetham Church With a cup of tea</i></b>
<b>Monday 10.30</b> <b>Weeks 2 &amp; 4</b>	<b><i>Prayer Meeting in Cottesmore Church</i></b> <b><i>For more info please contact Di Toy on 812355</i></b>
<b>Monday 14.30</b> <b>Weekly term time</b>	<b><i>Barrow Home Group</i></b> <b><i>Duncan Ball (812428)</i></b> <b><i>cduncanball@gmail.com</i></b>
<b>Monday 14.30</b> <b>Weekly</b>	<b><i>House group meets every week in various homes. Contact Jackie Gauntley 01572 868291</i></b>
<b>Monday 19.00,</b> <b>Weekly</b>	<b><i>Hand Bell ringing Cottesmore Church 7pm</i></b>
<b>Tuesday 08.30</b> <b>Weekly</b>	<b><i>Morning prayer in Cottesmore Church</i></b>
<b>Tues 09.30 - 11.00</b> <b>Term time only</b>	<b><i>Sparklers toddlers group</i></b> <b><i>ALL WELCOME</i></b>
<b>Tuesday 19.30</b> <b>weeks 1 and 3.</b>	<b><i>Cottesmore house group</i></b> <b><i>Contact Dave Perrin, 01572 813662</i></b>
<b>Wednesday 09.15</b> <b>Every week</b>	<b><i>Morning Prayer in Exton Church</i></b>
<b>Thursday 08.30</b> <b>Weekly</b>	<b><i>Morning prayer in Cottesmore Church</i></b>
<b>Thursday 19.30</b> <b>Weekly term time</b>	<b><i>Bible Fellowship Contact Anne Adamson on 812816 for more info</i></b>
<b>Friday 19.45</b> <b>Weekly</b>	<b><i>An ecumenical house group open to everyone. Contact Cathy 01572 812497 07970568305 <a href="mailto:cathydyson@outlook.com">cathydyson@outlook.com</a></i></b>
<b>Saturday 10.30</b> <b>Weekly from 6th April</b>	<b><i>Shattered on Saturday Relaxed chat...music, papers free tea &amp; coffee and biscuits. All ages welcome.</i></b>
<b>Saturday mornings</b> <b>Weekly from 30th March, 10.00</b>	<b><i>Thistleton Church will be open for cake, coffee and soup</i></b>

## *Sparklers Toddler Group*



For parents, grandparents and carers of preschool children. We meet during term time on Tuesday Mornings between 9.30am – 11.00am in Cottesmore Church. A warm welcome awaits with crafts, refreshments, lots of varied play/toys and singing. £1 per family.

**For more information please contact**

**Bernie Wallace Tel: 01572 812956**

**or**

**Maureen Hubbert Tel: 01572 813061**

Dear Patricia,

You have been a part of something amazing! As a result of the partnership of churches like yours Operation Christmas Child in the United Kingdom sent an amazing 511,200 gift filled shoeboxes to Children around the world, that is part of a global total of 10.6 million shoebox gifts sent by the UK and other partnering countries to hurting children worldwide.

These gifts also enhance the local church's ability to share the Good News of Jesus with children as the local community are truly impacted by the generosity and unconditional nature of the gifts. Our Follow up programme The Greatest Journey has equipped thousands of churches to be able to share about Jesus with many of the children who receive a shoebox gift.

Through your service as a Project Leader and your church's involvement in this ministry, the impact of simple shoe box gifts is being felt by children and families across the world.

Please also continue to pray for children who have received the gifts and God's blessing on the local church overseas as they build relationships with these children.

We look forward to keeping in touch with you and trust that involvement with Operation Christmas Child will continue to be a blessing to you and your church in the coming year.

Blessings

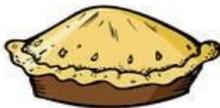
**Yana Vicheva** SAMARITAN'S PURSE Operations Coordinator

## *Dates for your diary*

### *Lent lunches at Cottesmore church*



Lent Lunches begin on Thursday 14th March, for six weeks, ending on Maundy Thursday. This year our



charity is the East Midlands Emergency Response Team - started by Dr Grey

from the Oakham surgery. Lunch is a choice of soups with a roll, followed by apple pie or crumble and custard, with unlimited tea, coffee or soft drink. Everyone is most welcome, so come along and support a very vital service. No fixed charge, but donations are welcome. There will be an Easter Bonnet competition on Maundy Thursday.

**Shattered on Saturday starts on 6th April in Greetham Church at 10.30 am**

*Saturday 18th May at 7.00 pm*



**St Nicholas, Cottesmore will be hosting the  
Cottesmore Military Wives Choir.**

Tickets £10, to include refreshments, available from Val Kelly or Beverley Hancock.

All proceeds to church funds



**RUTLAND  
COMMUNITY  
HUB**

**OPEN DAY**

**At the Rutland Community Hub  
Lands' End Way (next to Lidl)**

**Saturday, 30th March 2019, 10am – 2pm**

*Official opening at 10.30am by the Lord Lieutenant of Rutland,  
Dr Sarah Furness*

*Come & find out about the community services delivered at the  
Community Hub.*

*All welcome, light refreshments and activities available  
throughout the day.*

*Artists, exercise classes, knitting, Brownies, meet a Disney  
Princess, and so much more*

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**Benefice:** [www.northrutlandchurches.org.uk](http://www.northrutlandchurches.org.uk)

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**important - Please Note**

**For all information re the Herald and to send any items for inclusion by e-mail, please use the benefice office address -**

**[cottesmorebenefice.office@gmail.com](mailto:cottesmorebenefice.office@gmail.com).** Please leave anything in writing in the Cottesmore tray at the back of St Nicholas Church. **For the May edition of the Herald, please may I have items by 23rd April.**

**Thanks. Val.**

**Services in our Benefice for April 2019**

Tues 2nd	1000	Holy Communion	Gainsborough Ct
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Thurs 4th	1200	Lent Lunch	Cottesmore
Sunday 7th	0800	Holy Communion	Greetham
	0930	Morning Service	Cottesmore
	0930	Morning Worship	Greetham
	1115	Holy Communion	Stretton
Tues 9th	1000	Holy Communion	Gainsborough Ct
Thurs 11th	1200	Lent Lunch	Cottesmore
Sunday 14th Palm Sunday	0930	Morning Service	Cottesmore
	0930	Morning Worship with 0900 breakfast	Greetham
	1115	BCP Holy Communion	Clipsham
	1115	Morning Service	Exton
Tues 16th	1000 - 1600	Quiet Day for Holy week	3 Great Lane, Greetham
	1000	Holy Communion	Gainsborough Ct
Maundy Thursday 18th	1200	Lent Lunch	Cottesmore
	1900	Benefice Service of Holy Communion	Thistleton
Good Friday 19th	0800	Cross Walk	Clipsham to Greetham
	1000- 1200	Messy Church	Cottesmore
	1000	Matins and Litany	Clipsham
	1200- 1500	Devotional Service	Greetham

Easter Sunday	0600	Dawn service	Great Lane, Greetham
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21st	0930	Holy Communion	Cottesmore
	0930	Holy Communion	Greetham
	1115	Holy Communion	Clipsham
	1115	Holy Communion	Exton
	1115	Holy Communion	Stretton
	0930	Holy Communion	Thistleton
Tues 23rd	1000	Holy Communion	Gainsborough Ct
Sunday 28th	0930	Morning Service	Cottesmore
	0930	Holy Communion	Greetham
	1115	BCP morning prayer	Clipsham
	1115	Holy Communion	Exton
Tues 30th	1000	Holy Communion	Gainsborough Ct



**Coffee, Cake & Soup  
Every Saturday**

**10.00am – 12.30**

**St Nicholas Church, Thistleton**

**All proceeds go towards the running costs of the church to ensure that the church remains open for the benefit of the local community and the general public**

**St Nicholas Thistleton is entirely self funded through the Friends of Thistleton Church Registered Charity 1167538**