

# The Herald

## *Telling you all you need to know in our Benefice May 2019*



So, Easter is over! Certainly it was one of the busiest times of the year for the churches and we really enjoyed all the events and services that happened in the benefice.

We had a quite special time at Thistleton church for a Maundy Thursday service – recalling the Last Supper – which was Tessa and my first time there. It had both an intimate and momentous feel to it.

Good Friday had so many things going on we couldn't hope to be part of all of them! The Cross Walk started from Clipsham church at 8 and timed it so well they arrived exactly on time for the end of the Devotional service at Greetham. That service gave a wonderful opportunity to spend precious quiet time in fellowship and the presence of God reflecting on the journey of Christ towards the Cross.

With the arrival of the hot and tired walkers we all retired to the local for some refreshments afterwards – which was also a time of fellowship in the presence of God, just in a different context! For those

who wanted a much more traditional preparation for Easter, there was a service of Matins at Clipsham.

Our biggest involvement was with Messy Church, which happened in the morning at Cottesmore church, it was a great opportunity to welcome local families to have fun hearing about the Easter Story.

Easter Sunday started soon after dawn on the hill above Greetham as we greeted the newly-risen Christ with songs, scripture and prayer then afterward at the church for communion. We are so pleased to be able to say that, with such a hard-working ministry team in the benefice, there was a communion service at every church on Easter Sunday. What a gift from God that was!

Speaking of gifts, we were genuinely entranced with the beautiful flower and garden displays in the churches that we visited. I'm sure they will last a while, so take the opportunity to visit the churches and enjoy the work the flower arrangers have put in.

**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*



***Thy Kingdom Come***: a global wave of prayer  
from Ascension Day (30<sup>th</sup> May) to Pentecost (9<sup>th</sup> June).



Pledge to pray:-

1. That more people will come to know the transforming love of Jesus
2. For the Holy Spirit to empower us for effective evangelism and witness.

As a Benefice we will be joining in with this global initiative in a number of ways:-

- Prayer walking our villages
- Extra sessions of Morning and Evening Prayer
- Daily reflections on the website
- Post a Prayer in boxes in each village
- Prayer Stations in our churches
- School assemblies focusing on prayer
- Giving out 'Try Praying' booklets for non-Christians to experience what it's like to pray
- 24 hours of continuous prayer in Jon and Cathy Dyson's Barn in Greetham – **ALL** welcome.

Look out for more details on the benefice website, on notice boards, in services, and let's all join together in praying for God's Kingdom to break in across the villages of this benefice.

[www.thykingdomcome.global](http://www.thykingdomcome.global)

*What's on every week*

<b>Mon to Fri 08.00 Every week</b>	<b><i>Morning Bible Study &amp; Prayer, Greetham Church With a cup of tea</i></b>
<b>Monday 10.30 Weeks 2 &amp; 4</b>	<b><i>Prayer Meeting in Cottesmore Church</i></b>

	<i>For more info please contact Di Toy on 812355</i>
<b>Monday 14.30</b> <i>Weekly term time</i>	<b>Barrow Home Group</b> <i>Duncan Ball (812428)</i> <i>cduncanball@gmail.com</i>
<b>Monday 14.30</b> <i>Weekly</i>	<i>House group meets every week in various homes. Contact Jackie Gauntley 01572 868291</i>
<b>Monday 19.00,</b> <i>Weekly</i>	<i>Hand Bell ringing Cottesmore Church 7pm</i>
<b>Tuesday 08.30</b> <i>Weekly</i>	<i>Morning prayer in Cottesmore Church</i>
<b>Tues 09.30 - 11.00</b> <i>Term time only</i>	<i>Sparklers toddlers group</i> <b>ALL WELCOME</b>
<b>Tuesday 19.30</b> <i>weeks 1 and 3.</i>	<i>Cottesmore house group</i> <i>Contact Dave Perrin, 01572 813662</i>
<b>Wednesday 09.15</b> <i>Every week</i>	<i>Morning Prayer in Exton Church</i>
<b>Thursday 08.30</b> <i>Weekly</i>	<i>Morning prayer in Cottesmore Church</i>
<b>Thursday 19.30</b> <i>Weekly term time</i>	<i>Bible Fellowship Contact Anne Adamson on 812816 for more info</i>
<b>Friday 19.45</b> <i>Weekly</i>	<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>Saturday 10.30</b> <i>Weekly from 6th April</i>	<i>Shattered on Saturday Relaxed chat...music, papers free tea &amp; coffee and biscuits. All ages welcome.</i>
<b>Saturday mornings</b> <i>Weekly</i>	<b>Thistleton Church Coffee, Cake &amp; Soup</b>

**Please note:**

**Due to staff shortages there will not be a church café at Cottesmore on Thursday 16th May**

**The concert by the Military wives choir on 18th May  
has been cancelled**



**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 116753

*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**

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### **Websites**

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

**Greetham: [www.greethamchurch.org.uk](http://www.greethamchurch.org.uk)**

## 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 June edition of the Herald, please may I have items by 20th May.** Thanks. Val.**

### **Services in our Benefice, May 2019**

Sunday 5th	0800	Holy Communion	Greetham
	0930	Morning Service	Cottesmore
	0930	Morning Worship	Greetham

	11.15	Holy Communion	Stretton
Tues 7th	10.00	Holy Communion	Gainsborough Court
Sunday 12th	0930	Morning Service	Cottesmore
	0930	Morning worship with 0900 breakfast	Greetham
	1115	BCP Holy Communion	Clipsham
	1115	Matins	Exton
Tues 14th	1000	Holy Communion	Gainsborough Court
Sunday 19th	0930	Holy Communion	Cottesmore
	0930	Morning Praise	Greetham
	1115	Morning Service	Stretton
Tues 21st	1000	Holy Communion	Gainsborough Court
Sunday 26th	0930	Morning Service	Cottesmore
	0930	Holy Communion	Greetham
	1115	BCP Morning Prayer	Clipsham
	1115	Holy Communion	Exton
Tues 28th	1000	Holy Communion	Gainsborough Court
Thurs 30th	1900	Ascension Day Benefice Service	Cottesmore