

# The Herald

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

**PLEASE NOTE: Items for the October Herald need to be with me ONE week earlier ie 20<sup>TH</sup> September. Thanks. Val**

## Thoughts from the Rectory



I have always believed that August is a time for relaxing, recharging and regrouping. Perhaps it is my background in education that has given me this rhythm. However I am sure that not one of us, pupil or teacher, can ever really forget the blissful feeling of the last day of term with six weeks of summer stretching ahead. I truly hope that however you have spent your summer, whether here or away, that you have had a chance to find ways to re-create and enjoy some of

the beauty that the season offers – whatever the weather!

Tessa and I were delighted to join a group from Greetham and wider Rutland churches at New Wine at the end of July. The fact that we had been given a caravan from very generous friends a few weeks earlier added to our delight I'm sure. New Wine has moved location from the back of beyond (Somerset) to our very own doorstep (Peterborough)

which made popping home for a shower and some dry clothes a very real possibility.

It was wonderful to join with Christians from all over the UK to brave the rain and wind, and to focus time on worship, on learning and participate in a fantastic range of teaching to help us in our Christian lives, on finding out what other people were doing in their churches, to meeting old and new friends, and to enjoying time together as a church. To be able to chat, swap ideas and listen to stories of what God was doing in other places whilst queuing for a coffee was great fun.

Wherever you have spent your summer, we are looking forward to reconnecting and in the spirit of freshly sharpened pencils and name tags sewn on new PE kit – we anticipate the new season ahead of us with joy and excitement.

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*



Dear Paternal Ancestor,

You have been so good to me and everyone thinks you are such a benevolent parent. Now I am hoping that you will continue to remember me as you have in the past. I do not ask you for much, but I do have some basic needs. I have tried to be an obedient child but I know I have not always lived up to your irrefragable standards. You must accept my apologies for my cacadoxies and in turn now I will try to follow your example and forget the obnoxious things people have done to me.

Yours faithfully, Your child.

Is this the sort of language we might use in our prayers? Are we so formal all the time? There are several sorts of prayer and Jesus has given us a set of headings that we may use when talking to him. When chatting to our friends we do not use the same sorts of terms as we may do when writing to a solicitor about legal matters. Jesus calls us his friends so when we talk to him we use the sorts of words appropriate for what we are trying to say. I use different words and a different approach when talking to my wife than when addressing the policeman who has just told me I have parked in the wrong place. Look again at the Lord's prayer and most of it is telling Jesus how good he is and has been to us. Often our prayers are no more than a shopping list.

Of course there is a place for the formal prayer. But there are occasions when we make passionate pleas. Like when Jesus "being in anguish he prayed more earnestly and his sweat was like drops of blood falling to the ground". Also just to recognise that Jesus is with us like Nehemiah did. Shall we look at these varieties over the next few months?

A benefice parishioner

## **Operation Christmas Child – Shoebox Appeal**



It's time to start thinking about filling shoeboxes again, to help bring joy to many children. This is a wonderful very simple way of showing Jesus' love to children in many different countries who may never have received a gift before.

The children chosen to receive the boxes may be orphaned, sick/terminally ill or living in very poor circumstances. The instructions for what to include and what not to include have been changed this year so be sure to pick up a leaflet with all the details. I will place leaflets in Cottesmore, Exton and Greatham churches or please telephone me and I will deliver.

The completed boxes will need to be with me at the beginning of November and I will put a reminder and final date in the October newsletter. Boxes may be left in the three churches mentioned or delivered to my home 3 New Field Road, Exton and it is fine to leave them in the porch. Otherwise just telephone me (01572 813118) and I will collect.

**Patricia Hagger**

*Sparklers Toddler Group* - Restarts 3rd September



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**

### *What's*

The Harvest Festival at Thistleton has been brought forward with Anthony's permission (thank you Anthony). The service will now be on Sunday 8th September at 5.00pm  
The Harvest Supper will be on Monday 9th September at 7.00pm.

## **Rutland Ride & Stride**

**To be held on Saturday 14th September 2019**

Ride and Stride is a challenge and a fun fund raising event to help preserve local and historic church buildings. Rutland has 64 churches, many of which are much loved features of our villages and towns. Those who worship in them are a fraction of those who visit them or

gaze happily at them as they pass by. Our church buildings need to be preserved and your help is very much appreciated.

Participants challenge themselves to visit as many churches as they can by their chosen mode of transport and at the same time raise money to support the work of the Rutland Historic Churches Preservation Trust. Whilst many of our participants choose to walk or cycle we welcome anyone who is willing to take on a personal challenge. Horse riders are welcome and we'd love to see a unicycle or three-legged team! Since 2013 we also welcome not so mobile participants who may be driven to churches but should reach the church door under their own steam.

Half of what participants raise in sponsorship will be re-allocated specifically to their nominated church (if any) and the other half to the funds of the Rutland Historic Churches Preservation Trust for general use on churches/chapels in the county of Rutland.

Exton Church has been greatly helped in the past with grants and donations from the Rutland Historic Churches Preservation Trust; therefore If you would like to support them and Exton Church, either by cycling or sponsoring someone please contact Bernadette Wallace for more details and/or a sponsorship form.

We are also looking for people to sit in the church for an hour (between the hours of 3pm and 5pm )to welcome participants to our Church. If you can help with this please contact

[Bernie.wallace@btinternet.com](mailto:Bernie.wallace@btinternet.com) Tel: 01572 812956/07858484918

**Just a reminder that all churches are entitled to take part, so please see your local church wardens to find out how you can support them.**

'The Rutland Historic Churches Preservation Trust is a very worthwhile cause. It provides vital financial support with repairs to many small rural churches. Several if not all of the churches in our benefice have benefitted at some time.'

*What's on every week*

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

*Dates for your diary*

**A good old fashioned**

# **JUMBLE SALE**

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September**

**At St Nicholas Church**

**COTTESMORE**

**30p admission, children free**

**Clothes, jigsaws, books, toys, household goods,  
bric-a-brac etc**

**Refreshments**

**Proceeds in aid of Cottesmore and Thistleton  
Church Funds**

If you have any sellable items to donate please bring them to  
the church between 1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> September.

Any questions please contact Beverley on  
01572 767341

This is your invitation to join us at our

# Harvest Celebration at Cottesmore Church

on Sunday 6th October at 11.30 am

Everyone is most welcome.

- Short service
- Bring and share lunch
- Music
- Activities



We will be collecting non-perishable contributions for the Oakham Food Bank, and receiving these during the service. A list of suggested contribution is on the next page.

## **Suggested contributions to Rutland Food Bank**

- Cereal
- Soup, tinned and packet
- Tinned tomatoes/ pasta sauce
- Lentils, beans and pulses
- Meat pies
- Tinned meat
- Tinned vegetables, especially potatoes and carrots
- tinned spaghetti
- Smash
- Sponge puddings
- Small sugars
- Rice pudding
- Tea/coffee
- Tinned fruit
- Toothpaste
- Toothbrushes
- Shower gels
- Deodorant
- Shampoos
- Conditioners
- UHT milk
- Fruit juice
- Dog and cat food
- Toiletries

Please check that all gifts are within their use-by date. You can bring these with you on the Sunday, or leave on the table at the back of Cottesmore Church during the day from Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September. Thank you!

## The Tearfund Big Quiz



Cottesmore Church will again be taking part in the nationwide Tearfund Big Quiz. Tearfund is a Christian charity, which supports people living in poverty overseas: see [www.tearfund.org](http://www.tearfund.org).

The quiz will be in the church on **Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30**. Last year we raised £450.00 and had a lot of fun as we did so. More details next month. Save the date now!

## *Christmas Craft Fayre* Cottesmore Church

**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November**, More details in the October issue.

For general enquiries please e-mail [cottesmorebenefice.office@gmail.com](mailto:cottesmorebenefice.office@gmail.com).

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## Services in our Benefice, September 2019

Sunday 1st	0930	Morning Service	Cottesmore
	0930	Morning Worship	Greetham Com Centre
	11.15	Holy Communion	Stretton
Tues 3rd	10.00	Holy Communion	Gainsborough Court
Sunday 8th	0930	Morning Service	Cottesmore
	0930	Morning worship with 0900 breakfast	Greetham Com Centre
	1115	BCP Holy Communion	Clipsham
	1115	Harvest Festival	Exton
	1700	Harvest Festival	Thistleton
Mon 9th	1900	Harvest Supper	Thistleton
Tues 10th	1000	Holy Communion	Gainsborough Court
Sunday 15th	0930	Holy Communion	Cottesmore
	1115	Harvest Festival followed by Lunch	Greetham Com Centre
	1115	Harvest Festival followed by Lunch	Stretton
Tues 17th	1000	Holy Communion	Gainsborough Court
Thurs 19th	1200	Community Café	Cottesmore church

Sunday 22nd	0930	Morning Service	Cottesmore
	0930	Holy Communion	Greetham Com Centre
	1115	Holy Communion	Exton
	1800	Harvest Festival	Clipsham
Tues 24th	1000	Holy Communion	Gainsborough Court
Sunday 29th	1030	Benefice Service of Holy Communion	Stretton

I will be walking this year and aiming to visit 20 churches which means walking over 20 miles. I tried in 2017 but only managed 17 because I spent too long looking at our beautiful churches! If you would like to support the RHCPT and no-one in your home church is taking part, I would be very grateful for your support. The Collyweston roof at Thistleton has failed in the recent extreme weather and is leaking like a sieve so we need to raise £60,00 as soon as possible. We have also had to put planned internal works like installing heating on hold until the roof is done.

Please email: [beverleyhancock82@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:beverleyhancock82@yahoo.co.uk) or telephone 01572 767341 if you would like to sponsor me. Thank you!

Beverley Hancock

### Websites

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

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