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Hello Cotton

First of all, I would like to thank everyone who has donated most generously to the Bacton Benefice food bank. At the moment, there are 14 families who are being supported, from the five villages. If there are other families or individuals, who are struggling with food bills, please contact Revd Carl Melville at the Bacton rectory.

Now comes the part that I am not so happy to write - an appeal from St Andrew's Church, Cotton. As we are not allowed to hold services nor can we run fund raising events, we are short of money and still need to pay our Parish Share (which goes towards ministry and mission and diocesan expenses) There is also the insurance of the church but we have got the money to pay for that in the fabric fund. I am fully aware that every charity in the land is appealing for money, and many people have seen their income reduced, but if you could see your way clear to making a donation (however small) to St Andrew's, the PCC would be eternally grateful. You can do this in a number of ways :- for those of you who use internet or telephone banking, our account is in the name of Cotton PCC, sort code 20-82-75 account number 80289868 , cheques can be sent to me or put in Carole Jones' letterbox at 2, Stonham Road or you might feel able to commit to making a regular donation by way of a standing order.

On a more cheerful note, we are setting up a small plant stall, starting this weekend, outside Church Farm. Several of us have been raising plants (we came up with the idea before lockdown) and if you have the odd surplus plants to donate that would be great. We are not pricing individual plants but ask for a donation in the box provided. We hope to keep going with plants then surplus produce as it comes available. As I am in the 'at risk' category, Julie Bullock is kindly going to oversee the stall.

I hope everyone has been taking full advantage of the sunny weather, and after the much needed rain, will continue to enjoy our lovely countryside. We are truly blessed to live in the tranquillity of Cotton.

With very best wishes

Jane de Beer *Church Warden and treasurer of St Andrew's*

Carole Jones *Church Warden*

Revd Carl Melville *Rector of the Bacton Benefice*