



The Messenger

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From the Rector

As I write this we are being continually bombarded by accusation and counter-accusation, scaremongering, a plethora of unsubstantial and unsubstantiated facts (presented as absolute truth), misleading headlines and much more. It gets to the point where a lot of folk are just plain fed-up, exasperated and bored with the whole thing. What am I talking about? The EU referendum.

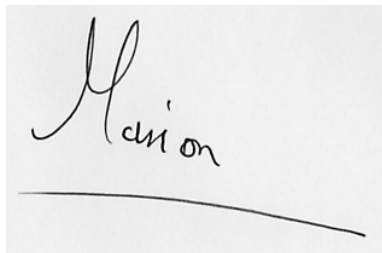
I would never be so presumptuous as to tell people how they should vote but I have absolutely no qualms about saying that I feel there is **no** excuse for **not** voting. We are very privileged in the UK in that we have universal suffrage, a thing which even 100 years ago was unthinkable. Therefore, if we fail to use our vote, we don't have any right to criticise or moan if we don't agree with the outcome. In many countries, voting is compulsory but not in the

UK (some would say why not?). We also have a good example in Jesus. Albeit, this was not about voting but it is so closely related and relevant: Jesus was asked if it was right to pay taxes or not. His answer was to take a coin and ask whose likeness was on it. When the answer came, Caesar's, Jesus said to give to Caesar that which is Caesar's and to God that which is God's. St Paul also told us that we need to obey those earthly rulers put in authority over us. The principle is the same, if it is a civil (moral) or legal requirement, you can't ignore it.

Before 1918, the vote was restricted not simply by sex but also by property qualifications. Roughly 60% of adult men were then entitled to vote. The 1918 Act brought more than eight million women into the electorate; but, for the first time, it also enfranchised more than five million men over the age of 21 without regard to property or class. The Bill was passed in the House of Commons by 385 votes in favour to 55 against. The repressive male Establishment of the time voted 7-1 in favour of votes for some women (restricted at that point by age and property qualifications) and all men over the age of 21. It wasn't until the 1928 Act that women were on equal terms with men.

That all sounds rather political, doesn't it; but I don't mean it to be so. I think facts like the above make it so much more important that we, as Christians, remember what God has done – that he made male and female; that St Paul tells us that, in God's sight there is no male and female, ... slave and free, ...; everyone has equal status and their voice should be heard.

It is so easy to get caught up in all the hype surrounding the EU referendum. Again, we could take a look at Jesus to help us. What did he do when he had an important decision to make? He prayed! Let us too pray that God will guide us to do what we feel, deep down is the correct place to put our X on 23rd June.



Readings – June 2015

5th June 1Kings 17: 17 – end Ps 30
(Proper 5) Gal 1: 11 – end Luke 7: 11 - 17

12th June 2Sam 11: 26 – 12:10, 13 – 15 Ps 32
(Proper 6) Gal 2:15 – end Luke 7:36 – 8:3

19th June Isa 65: 1 – 9 Ps 22: 19 - 28
(Proper 7) Gal 3: 23 – 29 Luke 8: 26 - 39

26th June 1Kgs 19: 15 – 16, 19 -21 Ps 16
(Proper 8) Gal 5: 1, 13 – 25 Luke 9: 51 - end

3rd July Isa 66: 10 -14 Habb 2: 1 - 4

(Proper 9) Ps 66: 1 – 8 Ps 31: 1 - 6
 (St Thomas) Gal 6: 7 – 16 Eph 2: 19 - end
 Luke 10: 1 – 11, 16 – 20 John 20: 24 - 29

From the Registers

Holy Baptism

1st May Holy Cross Rebecca Jayne Anthistle
 8th May St Luke Elizabeth Grace Dickins
 Philippa Charlotte Dickins
 29th May St Luke Annabel Mary Eleanor Spicer

SERVICES for JUNE

	5 th 2 nd after Trinity	12 th 3 rd after Trinity	19 th 4 th after Trinity	26 th 5 th after Trinity
Cold Higham St Luke	11:00am Said CW Communion	9.30am Family Worship	9.30am CW Holy Communion	NO SERVICE
Gayton St Mary	9.30am CW Holy Communion	NO SERVICE	11.00am Family Communion	NO SERVICE
Pattishall Holy Cross	8.00am BCP Communion 9.30am Family Half Hour	11.00am CW Holy Communion	8.00am BCP Communion 5.00pm BCP Evensong	9.30am CW Holy Communion
Tiffield St John	NO SERVICE	9.30am CW Holy communion	9.30am Morning Prayer	11.00am Family Service

3rd July – Services as 5th June

From the Editor

After many years editing The Monthly Messenger I have decided it is time for a change both for you as readers and for me!

I am delighted that Kirsten Gibbs of Pattishall has agreed to take over the reins and will commence with the July issue. Kirsten is a member of Pattishall congregation and has recently been elected to the PCC.

Please help Kirsten by sending items for inclusion, either forthcoming events, or reports of events in your parishes. kirsten.gibbs@virgin.net Hilary

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Cold Higham

Wednesday 8th June, 11am – 3pm **Monthly free antiques valuation** day by Hanson's at Cold Higham Village Hall. Refreshments available (proceeds towards church funds) Valuations from **Kate Bliss**, as seen on a variety of TV programmes
Gayton

Sunday 3rd July OPEN GARDENS 1.00 pm to 5.00 pm

Gardens and allotments open

Details overleaf

Pattishall

Sat 18th 19th June OPEN GARDENS WEEKEND

Details overleaf

Saturday 27th June PRAYER BREAKFAST

The Rectory 8:30am – 9:30am

Come along for breakfast, chat and time of prayer for our benefice and all who are in need.

NHCT Ride & Stride

Saturday 11th September

Sponsor forms and other information will soon be available from your local organiser. Your Church will benefit from any money you raise!!

Ride or Walk between churches in this area, or elsewhere - give it a go!

The Delights of Summer!



Pattishall Open Gardens Weekend

June 18th (2-5) and 19th (2-4)

Gardens open in Church Street, Pattishall; Sutton's Walk, Ascote;
Gayton Road Eastcote and Dalscote

Look for green and yellow balloons!
Refreshments and Plant Stalls

Admission by programme (£5) from each venue





Gayton

Open Gardens
Sunday 3rd July
1pm -5pm

Gardens and Allotments

An exhibition of work by local artist Judy Hamilton
Sale of books, DVDs, jig-saws, bric-a brac and plants
Tickets, maps and homemade teas at the church (NN7 3EY)

Follow signs for off road parking