

AMELCOTE BENEFICE



The Messenger

July 2016

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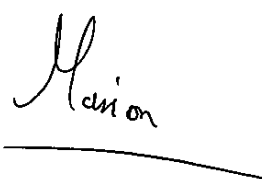
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From the Rector

Well, all the rhetoric, interpretations of “what is truth”, innuendo and, yes, downright lies are over, and the great public of the United Kingdom has voted to leave the European Union. I am ashamed and angered at the amount and sometimes abusive language I have heard over the last few days from the Remain supporters in particular; those who say “the result wasn’t what I wanted so there must be another referendum. Is that really what democracy in this country has descended into? Now is not the time for recriminations and mudslinging; it is the time for healing and reconciliation as 48% of our country has to learn how to accept and move on from their disappointment and 52% of the country has to learn how not to gloat and say “told you so”. As Charles E. Weller said in his teaching drill when typewriters were first invented, “Now is the time for ALL good men to come to the aid of the party” – the party in this case being the UK and men being all its citizens.

Bitter disappointment and hurt are very real things, both physical and emotional. We wonder why; we wonder how; we wonder what will be the outcome. Jesus must have felt disappointment and hurt on many occasion as the disciples let him down time after time by their apparent inability to grasp what he was trying to teach them, not supporting him when he asked them to stay awake and pray with and for him, by deserting him when the going got altogether too tough. But did it all detract him? Did he give up on them? No, Jesus stood by those first, timid, wavering followers in the same way he stands by and with us today.

As the United Kingdom deliberates and decides how it is moving forward, it might be well to remember the words of Jesus as we all seek to get our priorities right, as we seek to be reconciled to those of our friends and relatives who had opposing views and convictions to ours in the Referendum, “Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness.” Those words, set to music in a well-known chorus, go on to add, “and all these things shall be added unto you.” First and foremost we, as Christians, are called to serve God, to seek his will for ourselves, our families, our communities and our country. It’s not all about us but about the way we try to further God’s kingdom here and now as we move forward. Forward to what? In this world, who knows. In the world to come, life everlasting with God.

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Readings for July 2016

3 July Trinity 6 / Proper 9 (St Thomas)	Isaiah 66: 10-14 Psalm 66: 1-8 Galatians 6: 7-16 Luke 10: 1-11, 16 -20	Habakkuk 2: 1-4 Psalm 31: 1-6 Ephesians 2: 19-end John 20: 24-29
10 July Trinity 7 / Proper 10	Deuteronomy 30: 9-14 Psalm 25: 1-10	Colossians 1: 1-14 Luke 10: 25-37
17 July Trinity 8 / Proper 11	Genesis 18: 1-10a Psalm 15	Colossians 1: 15-28 Luke 10: 38-end
24 July Trinity 9 / Proper 12	Genesis 18: 20-32 Psalm 138	Colossians 2: 6-15 [,16-19] Luke 11: 1-13
31 July Trinity 10 / Proper 13	Ecclesiastes 1: 2, 12-14; 2: 18 -23 Psalm 49: 1-9 [,10-12]	Colossians 3: 1-11 Luke 12: 13-21

From the Registers

Holy Matrimony		
11 June	Frederick Thomas Harris and Lucy Charlotte Needham	Tiffield
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18 June	John Christopher Webb and Rebecca Suzanne Thompson-Pettitt	Pattishall

Supporting our Churches

Did you know that the easiest way to ensure that your regular giving to your church is maximised at no cost in money, time, or effort to yourself is to give through Peterborough Diocese? You can set up a standing order mandate payable to the diocese who will then give the money plus the tax refund (as long as you are a UK tax payer) to your church every month. For details ask the church treasurer or Reverend Marion.

From the (new) Editor

I'm delighted to be taking on the reins of the Messenger from Hilary Aslett – a tall order! If we haven't met yet, I live in the house next to Holy Cross, which some of you may know as 'the honey house' or 'Miss Green's house'. I've been here for just over two years (with husband and two university-aged daughters), and am thoroughly enjoying being in the village – quite a change from 20 years in Milton Keynes or my 'home town' of Chicago. I joined the PCC in the spring and am looking forward to serving in the Benefice. This is your newsletter, and I'll feature as much Benefice-related news as I can within its pages. Thank you!

- Kirsten Gibbs ☺

News from our Church Communities

Holy Cross, Pattishall

Thank you to everyone who took part in the Pattishall Open Gardens weekend 18 and 19 June, whether you were a garden opener, visitor, tea-maker, cake-maker, plant-buyer, or general supporter! Seven gardens were open in Pattishall, Astcote, Eastcote and Dalscote, ranging from well-established, to just starting out, from grand to bijou, cottage to courtyard, perfectly manicured to, well, a bit wild (the last being my own...). The weather was kind to us, and the two days raised over £400. A celebration sung Evensong at Holy Cross Church (supported by the Pattishall Pop-up Choir), finished the weekend, celebrating God's Creation, and reminding us that He is the Master-Gardener.

- KG

Special Church Bellinging

Ringers of the Amelcote Benefice marked the Official 90th Birthday of Her Majesty The Queen on Saturday 10th June with a quarter peal – 45 mins of continual ringing! – at Holy Cross, Pattishall. Congratulations to Nic Boyd who rang her first quarter peal.

- Hilary Aslett

St Luke's, Cold Higham

Antiques valuation days are always held on the second Wednesday of the month in Cold Higham Village Hall 11am-3pm, with all refreshment profits going to St Luke's. This month it will be on Wednesday, 13th July from 11.00 am until 3.00pm. The next month expert Kate Bliss is joining us in October.

Come and see the talents of some of our amazing local artists in the **annual Cold Higham Art Exhibition** on Saturday 30th and Sunday 31st July. The exhibition will be held at St Luke's Church, Cold Higham, with many of the artworks available to purchase. Refreshments will be available.

St Mary the Virgin, Gayton



Gayton Open Gardens
Sunday 3rd July
1pm -5pm



Gardens and allotments to visit
An exhibition of work by artist Judy Hamilton
Sale of books, DVDs,
jigsaws, bric-a-brac & plants
Tickets, maps and homemade teas at
St Mary's Church, Gayton NN7 3EY
Follow signs for off-road parking

Please note, there will be no **Monthly Prayer Breakfast** in July or August, however they will resume at the Rectory on Saturday 24 September 8.30-9.30, and will be held on the 4th Saturday of each month. All are welcome to come for breakfast, chat and time of prayer for our Benefice and all who are in need.

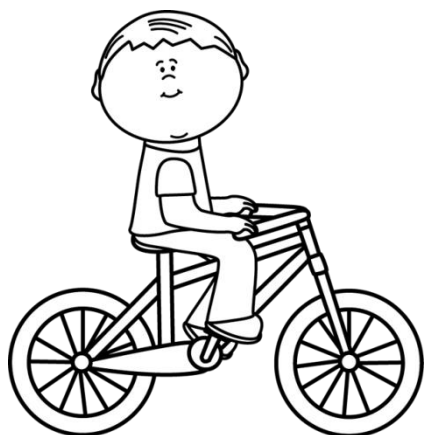
Northamptonshire Historic Churches Trust Sponsored Ride & Stride Saturday 10th September 2016

The next Sponsored Bike Ride/Walk takes place on Saturday 10th September 2016. This annual event is an excellent way of raising funds for our own churches as well as the Trust, as 50% of the money raised is returned to the church of your choice. In addition, there is the opportunity to visit and admire some of the wonderful Christian buildings in the county. People of any age can take part as you can choose your own route, according to how many churches you wish to visit on the day. Most of the churches in the County will be open from 10.00 - 18.00, although there some that have to close earlier.

If you, or friends, children, grandchildren or colleagues are keen cyclists, why not get a group together to enjoy the day and raise money to support our local churches? A list of churches that will be open to visitors for the 2016 event may be downloaded from http://www.nhct.org.uk/index.php/bicycle_ride .

Full details and sponsorship forms are available from your Parish Organiser:

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Gayton	Andy Hartley	01604 858 360
Pattishall	Hilary Aslett	01327 830 486
Tiffield	Sylvia Dean	01327 350 077



Calendar of Events in our Benefice

Sun 3 July	1-5pm	Gayton Open Gardens
	2.30 -4.30pm	Teas at Holy Cross, Pattishall
Wed 13 July	11am-3pm	Antiques Valuation Day at Cold Higham Village Hall, with refreshments in support of St Luke's
Wed 20 July End of school year services	9.30am	• Pattishall (in the school)
	9.30am	• Gayton (in the church)
	11.00am	• Tiffield (in the church)
Wed 20 July	7.30pm	Pattishall PCC meeting (venue TBA)
Sat 30 & Sun 31 July	10.30am-4.30pm	Cold Higham Art Exhibition at St Luke's Church, with refreshments available to benefit the church
Sun 7 August	2.30-4.30 pm	Teas at Holy Cross, Pattishall
Wed 10 August	11am-3pm	Antiques Valuation Day at Cold Higham Village Hall
Sun 28 August	3pm TBC	Please hold the date for an informal strings concert in the church TBC
Thu 1 September	7.30pm	Gayton PCC meeting
Sun 4 September	2.30-4.30pm	Teas at Holy Cross, Pattishall
Mon 5 September	2pm	Cold Higham PCC meeting
Wed 7 September	8pm	Tiffield PCC meeting
Sat 10 September	10am-6pm	NHCT Ride & Stride
Wed 13 September	11am-3pm	Antiques Valuation Day at Cold Higham Village Hall
Fri 16 September	7 for 7.30pm	Gayton Gala Concert
Sat 17 September	7.30pm	Holy Cross official opening of the facilities – wine & cheese!
Sat 24 September	8.30-9.30am	Prayer Breakfast at the Rectory (every 4 th Saturday in the month)
Sat 1 October	7pm	Gayton Harvest Supper & Quiz
Sat 8 October	2-4:30pm	Messy church at Pattishall Village Hall
Sat 8 October	7.30pm	Tiffield Harvest Supper

Church Services for July 2016

Date	Time	Service	Venue
3 rd July	8:00am	BCP Holy Communion	Pattishall
	9:30am	Informal Family Worship	Pattishall
	9:30am	CW Holy Communion	Gayton
	11:00am	CW Holy Communion (said)	Cold Higham
10 th July	9:30am	CW Holy Communion	Tiffield
	9:30am	Family Worship	Cold Higham
	11:00am	CW Holy Communion	Pattishall
17 th July	8:00am	BCP Holy Communion	Pattishall
	9:30am	CW Holy Communion	Cold Higham
	9:30am	Morning Prayer	Tiffield
	11:00am	CW Family Communion	Gayton
	2:00pm	Holy Baptism	Pattishall
24 th July	9:30am	CW Holy Communion	Pattishall
	11:00am	Family Service	Tiffield
31 st July	9:30am	Benefice CW Holy Communion	Tiffield
7 th Aug	8:00am	BCP Holy Communion	Pattishall
	9:30am	Informal Family Worship	Pattishall
	9:30am	CW Holy Communion	Gayton
	11:00m	CW Holy Communion (said)	Cold Higham

Please note, the copy deadline for the August issue of The Messenger is Tuesday 26 July. Please email to kirsten.gibbs@virgin.net, phone 01327 830 707, drop in to 15 Church Street, or give to Reverend Marion. Thank you!