

AMELCOTE BENEFICE



The Messenger

August 2016

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From the Rector

We are well into Ordinary Time in our church lectionary now. I must admit that I find the title Ordinary Time a bit of a misnomer as, for me, this six month period after Pentecost and before the Kingdom season is anything but ordinary. It is the time when we are able to really look at the gospel for the year (this year it is Lectionary Year C – St Luke’s gospel), hear again the story of Jesus’ ministry, what he said, what he taught, what he did, what his effect was on those he met and those who followed him. And, work out for ourselves what the story is saying to us today. For example, take the parables: what does the parable of the prodigal son say to you? For you is it the prodigal son or his father or even his brother who speaks to you in the relationships you are in today? Take the parable of the Good Samaritan: who speaks to you in this story? Is it the priest, the Levi or the Samaritan? What is this parable saying to us about how we treat one another today?

And what is ordinary about this time of year for our children? Not a lot! School end of year, children moving from primary to secondary schools, those leaving school anxiously waiting for GCSE or A level results to know whether their provisional place at college or university will become a reality. School holidays, family holidays, juggling work and child care. No, there is certainly nothing ordinary about summer.

However, it is so often in the ordinary that God does speak to us: in the little things that we maybe take for granted; in the conversation over a coffee or glass of chilled wine, sitting in the garden; in the walk on the seashore in the sun; in the time snoozing on a sunbed around a swimming pool; maybe even in the mundane household tasks we do almost by rote, without thinking.

[Finding God in all things](#) is a big part of Ignatian spirituality, but finding God in the boring parts of life is easier said than done. Here

are five ways from Ignatian spirituality to help you find God in the ordinary:

1. **Micro-Awareness** – This is not just trying to be aware of the present moment, but rather letting each small action you take become your primary purpose in the moment. If you let something as simple as pushing the power button on your computer or walking up the stairs be done with intention and awareness (rather than letting routine get the best of you), you'll find a new holiness in those mundane tasks.
2. **Journal** – Writing down the experiences of your day as well as your thoughts and feelings, but often the act of writing uncovers unseen moments of God's presence you initially missed.
3. **Do something the "old fashioned way"** – Technology and fast expectations can often close the door on our awareness of God. For a change, walk to someone's desk instead of calling, handwrite a letter instead of e-mailing, walk to the shop instead of driving. The change of pace may give you a more meaningful interaction or experience. And slowing down lets you acknowledge God's presence more easily.
4. **Listen** – When was the last time you *really* listened to someone without trying to think of what to say next? You'll be surprised what you hear if you actually listen to a friend, to the natural sounds around you or to your own conscience. God speaks when we pause long enough to listen.
5. **Say "God is here"** – Sometimes saying "God is here" is the best way to snap into an awareness that God dwells not just within you but alongside you in every moment, mundane or grand – in the ordinary!

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Readings for July 2016

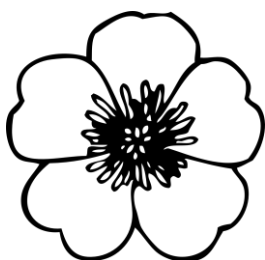
7 August Trinity 11 / Proper 14	Isaiah 1: 1, 10 - 20 Psalms 50: 1 – 8, 23 - end	Hebrews 11:1 – 3, 8 - 16 Luke 12: 32 - 40
14 August Trinity 12 / Proper 15	Isaiah 5: 1 - 7 Psalms 80: 1 – 2, 9 - end	Hebrews 11: 29 – 12:2 Luke 12: 49 - 56
21 August Trinity 13 / Proper 16	Jeremiah 1: 4 - 10 Psalms 71: 1 6	Hebrews 12: 18 - end Luke 13: 10 - 17
28 August Trinity 14 / Proper 17	Jeremiah 2: 4 - 13 Psalms 81: 1, 10 - 16	Hebrews 13: 1 – 8, 15 - 16 Luke 14: 1, 7 - 14
4 September Trinity 15 / Proper 18	Jeremiah 18:1 - 11 Psalms 139: 1 – 5, 12 - 18	Philemon 1- 21 Luke 14: 25 -33

From the Registers

Holy Baptism		
17th July	Konnie Frida Townsend	Pattishall
RIP		
14th July	Mary Lilian French, Funeral and Burial	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.

News from our Church Communities



Holy Cross, Pattishall

The Grand Total of monies raised from the Open Garden weekend was £437. Many thanks to all those involved for such a wonderful event – it was jolly hard work, but all of our efforts paid off! *- Jan Taylor*

St Luke's, Cold Higham

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.

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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, 10th August from 11.00 am until 3.00pm. The next month expert Kate Bliss is joining us is October.

St Mary the Virgin, Gayton



Congratulations to Barry & Wendy Steer of Gayton, who are celebrating their Golden Wedding on 20th August!

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. A list of churches that will be open to visitors this year 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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Pattishall	Hilary Aslett	01327 830 486
Tiffield	Sylvia Dean	01327 350 077

Calendar of Events in our Benefice

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 Aug	2.30-4.30 pm	Teas at Holy Cross, Pattishall
Wed 10 Aug	11am-3pm	Antiques Valuation Day at Cold Higham Village Hall
Sun 28 Aug	3pm	Informal strings concert by music students at Holy Cross, Pattishall. No tickets – donations on the door. Refreshments will be served.

Thu 1 Sep	7.30pm	Gayton PCC meeting
Sun 4 Sep	2.30-4.30pm	Teas at Holy Cross, Pattishall
Mon 5 Sep	2pm	Cold Higham PCC meeting
Wed 7 Sep	8pm	Tiffield PCC meeting
Sat 10 Sep	10am-6pm	NHCT Ride & Stride
Sat 10 Sep	7.30pm	St Lawrence Towcester – concert by the King Singers (from Kings College, Cambridge). Tickets from The Chantry
Sun 11 Sep	11am	Holy Cross Patronal service followed by a shared lunch
Wed 13 Sep	11am-3pm	Antiques Valuation Day at Cold Higham Village Hall
Fri 16 Sep	7 for 7.30pm	Gala Concert at St Mary's Gayton. Tickets from David Coppock
Sat 24 Sep	8.30-9.30am	Prayer Breakfast at the Rectory (every 4 th Saturday in the month)
Sat 1 Oct	7pm	Gayton Harvest Supper & Quiz
Sat 8 Oct	2-4:30pm	Messy church at Pattishall Village Hall
Sat 8 Oct	7.30pm	Tiffield Harvest Supper
Tues 18 Oct	7.30pm	A Fashion Show by Just Trading Towcester at Pattishall School

Please note, there will be no **Monthly Prayer Breakfast** in 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.

Church Services for August 2016

Date	Time	Service	Venue
7th 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
	2:00pm	Holy Baptism	Gayton
14th Aug	9:30am	CW Holy Communion	Tiffield
	9:30am	Family Worship	Cold Higham
	11:00am	CW Holy Communion	Pattishall
	2:00pm	Holy Baptism	Pattishall
21st Aug	8:00am	BCP Holy Communion	Pattishall
	9:30am	CW Holy Communion	Cold Higham
	11:00am	CW Family Communion	Gayton
28th Aug	9:30am	CW Holy Communion	Pattishall
4th Sept	8:00am	BCP Holy Communion	Pattishall
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	11:00am	CW Holy Communion (said)	Cold Higham

The copy deadline for the September issue of The Messenger is Tuesday 30 August. Kirsten will be away, so Hilary Aslett has kindly agreed to do 'just one more' Messenger.

Please email hilary.aslett@btopenworld.com, phone 01327 830 486, or give to Reverend Marion. Thank you!