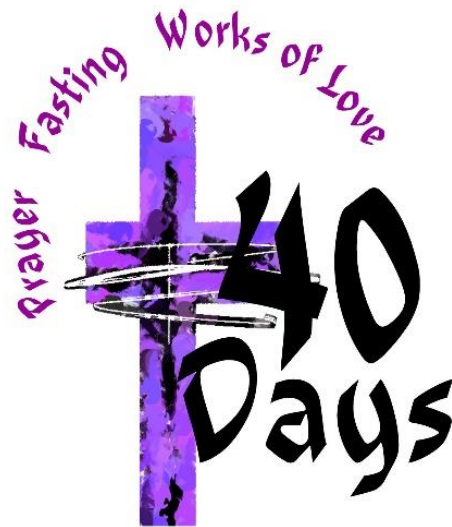


AMELCOTE BENEFICE



The Messenger

February – March 2018

Benefice in Vacancy

Honorary Assistant Priest (Retired), The Reverend Hugh Kent

Readers: Peter Stiling, Sue Titheridge

Certified Lay Worship Leader: Jean Pugh

Churchwardens

Cold Higham	Pauline Pearson	01327 830 287
Gayton	David Coppock	01604 859 645
	Andy Hartley	01604 858 360
Pattishall	Chris Bulleid	07934 589 685
	Gail Stuart	07766 663 008
Tiffield	Mike Dean	01327 350 077
	Philip Titheridge	01327 351 219

A message from the Reverend Hugh Kent:

As we wish a Happy New Year to all the inhabitants of the Amelcote benefice, we have good news to share – we have a new Rector appointed to join us on March 6th.

Notice the term ‘join us’, rather than coming to do a job here. She will be joining the family of Jesus Christ here in the parishes of the Amelcote benefice, albeit with a specific task.

We are all members of this Christian family and we all have a common task. There can be misunderstandings and differences of opinion amongst us; but fundamentally we have an unbreakable bond through sharing in the life of Jesus here.

I have seen this family of Christ working so well in the interregnum. Many devoted people sharing Christ’s love in many ways: leading worship, pastoral visiting, being in the three schools, choral singing for special occasions, and administration, especially by the churchwardens. What I have seen is deep caring for those in trouble; and sharing in the joy of those being married or having children baptized. We have enjoyed concerts in churches, winter warmer lunches, and other times together.

Jesus mixed with the people of his own day in similar ways. He had a special task and he joined in the ordinary activities of the neighbourhood so that the task could be fulfilled.

We read of Him at a wedding, on a mass picnic, playing with the children etc. Our faith is not a one day a week obligation. We are Christians in all aspects of our lives and we need Jesus’s example to guide us through sometimes tricky situations.

As our new Rector joins us, she is coming into this family here in the Amelcote benefice with her special skills. We pray that she will quickly feel at home, feel supported and that we will have the joy of receiving her talents to enhance our Family of Christ here.

- Reverend Hugh



APPOINTMENT OF RECTOR (HOUSE FOR DUTY)

We are delighted to announce that following interview and with the agreement of Bishop Donald, the Patrons of Sidney Sussex College and the Society for the Maintenance for the Faith, and the parish representatives, the Reverend Canon Káren Jongman has been offered and has accepted the invitation to become Rector (House for Duty) in the benefice of Pattishall w Cold Higham & Gayton w Tiffield (The Amelcote Benefice).

Káren is currently Priest in Charge of the benefice of Walgrave w Hannington & Wold & Scaldwell.

The date for Káren's licensing is Tuesday 6 March 2018.

Bishop Donald and Archdeacon Richard are very grateful to all who helped with the preparation of the benefice profile, all the arrangements for the interview and for the continuing and encouraging ministry of the parish in the service of Christ during the vacancy. We ask for your prayers for Káren as she prepares to leave Walgrave benefice and move to Pattishall benefice.

The Venerable Richard Ormston
Archdeacon of Northampton

Readings for February and March 2018

28 January Candlemas	Malachi 3.1-5 Psalm 24.[1-6] 7- end	Hebrews 2.14-end Luke 2.22-40
4 February 2 nd Sunday before Lent	Proverbs 8.1,22-31 Psalm 104.26-37	Colossians 1.15-20 John 1.1-14
11 February Sunday next before Lent	2 Kings 2.1-12 Psalm 50.1-6	2 Corinthians 4.3-6 Mark 9.2-9
18 February Lent 1	Genesis 9.8-17 Psalm 25.1-9	1 Peter 3.18-22 Mark 1.9-15
25 February Lent 2	Genesis 17.1-7,15,16 Psalm 22.23-31	Romans 4.13-25 Mark 8.31-38
4 March Lent 3	Exodus 20.1-17 Psalm 19*	1 Corinthians 1.18-25 John 2.13-22
11 March Mothering Sunday	1 Samuel 1:20 end Psalm 127 1-4	Colossians 3:12-17 Luke 2:32-35
18 March Lent 5	Jeremiah 31.31-34 Psalm 51.1-13 <i>or</i> Psalm 119.9-16	Hebrews 5.5-10 John 12.20-33
25 March, Palm Sunday	TBC	
1 April, Easter Day	TBC	

From the Registers

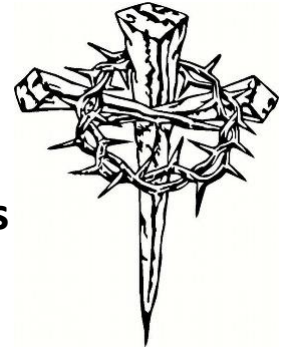
	Baptisms	
17 Dec 2017	Jacob Isaac Spiers	Holy Cross
	RIP	
1 Dec 2017	John Tustian of Caldecote	St Lawrence, Towcester

In Memoriam: John Tustian

John grew up in Caldecote, and after his parents' deaths, he took over their farm. He attended Tiffield School as did his three children. Later he was a School Governor for many years, where he played a big part in the building of a second classroom there.

- Mike Dean

Preparing for Easter...



Please join us for Thursday Lent Coffee Mornings

February 15th, 22nd, March 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd

10-30am until noon

at Hugh and Hilary Kent's

10 Booth Close, Pattishall, NN12 8JP - Tel 01327 830 231

Alternatively, you are welcome at Ann & John Atkin's on

Tuesday evenings 7.30-9pm

February 20th, 27th March 13th, 20th, 27th (not 6th March)

31 Gayton Road, Eastcote, NN12 8NG - Tel 01327 830 907 on

**With a Bible reading from The Little Book of Lent
and a prayer and plenty of time to chat**

Saturday 27 Jan 8.30-9.30

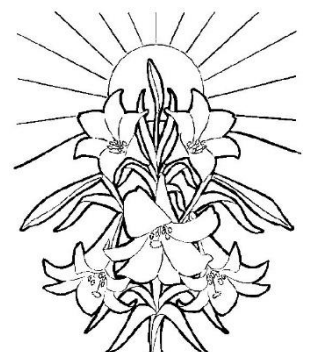
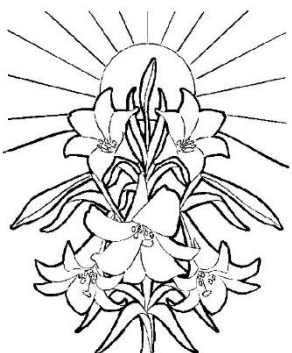
Prayer Breakfast at Sue & Philip Titheridge's

44 High St North, Tiffield, NN12 8AE – RSVP 01327 351 219

Saturday 24 Feb and 31 March 8.30-9.30

Prayer Breakfast at Jean Pugh's

Holmeview, Eastcote – RSVP 01327 830 909



Church Services for February and March 2018

Date	Time	Service	Church
28th Jan Candlemas	9:30am	Morning Worship	Pattishall
	11:00am	CW Holy Communion	Cold Higham
4th Feb 2nd Sunday before Lent	8:00am	BCP Holy Communion	Pattishall
	9:30am	Informal Worship	Pattishall
	9:30am	Morning Worship	Gayton
	11:00am	CW Holy Communion	Tiffield
11th Feb Sunday next before Lent	9:30am	Family Worship	Tiffield
	9:30am	Morning Worship	Cold Higham
	11:00am	CW Holy Communion	Pattishall
14th Feb	10:00am	Ash Wednesday CW Holy Communion	Pattishall
18th Feb Lent 1	8:00am	BCP Holy Communion	Pattishall
	9:30am	Family Worship	Cold Higham
	9:30am	Morning Worship	Tiffield
	11:00am	CW Holy Communion	Gayton
25th Feb Lent 2	9:30am	Morning Worship	Pattishall
	11:00am	CW Holy Communion	Cold Higham
4th Mar Lent 3	8:00am	BCP Holy Communion	Pattishall
	9:30am	Informal Worship	Pattishall
	9:30am	Morning Worship	Gayton
	11:00am	CW Holy Communion	Tiffield
6th Mar	7:00pm	Institution Service	Pattishall
* Reverend Káren's first services at each church marked with *			

Date	Time	Service	Church
11th Mar Mothering Sunday	9:30am	Family Worship	Tiffield
	9:30am	*Morning Worship*	Cold Higham*
	11:00am	*CW Holy Communion*	Pattishall*
18th Mar Lent 5	8:00am	BCP Holy Communion	Pattishall
	9:30am	Family Worship	Cold Higham
	9:30am	*Morning Worship*	Tiffield*
	11:00am	*CW Holy Communion*	Gayton*
25th Mar Palm Sunday	9:30am	Morning Worship	Pattishall
	11:00am	CW Holy Communion	Cold Higham
26th Mar	7:00pm	Compline	Tiffield
27th Mar	7:00pm	Compline	Cold Higham
28th Mar	2:00pm	Stations of the Cross	Pattishall
	7:00pm	Compline	Gayton
29th Mar Maundy Thursday	7:30pm	CW Holy Communion + Vigil	Pattishall
30th Mar	2:00pm	Good Friday Last Hour at the Cross	Cold Higham
31st Mar Easter Eve	8:00pm	Service of the Light	Pattishall
1st Apr Easter Day	9:30am	CW Family Communion	Pattishall
	9:30am	CW Family Communion	Cold Higham
	11:00am	CW Family Communion by extension	Gayton
	11:00am	CW Holy Communion	Tiffield

A VERY BIG “THANK YOU”

We would like to say a very big THANK YOU to all the people who worked so hard to make the seasons of Advent and Christmas really beautiful for us. First of all we must thank Rev Hugh for his seemingly tireless work in so many ways, a real guiding light. We must also thank the Churchwardens, PCC members, organists, ringers, singers, tea makers, mince pie makers, readers and leaders, and the many helpers who make great efforts on our behalf, often in the background.

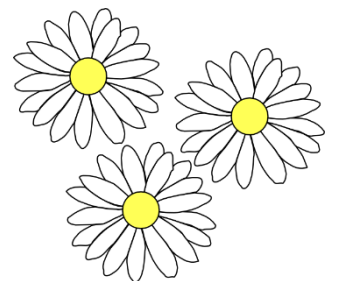
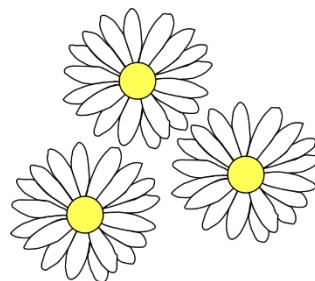
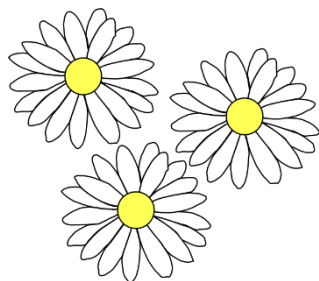
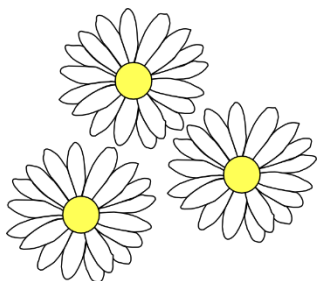
Just a little before Advent we enjoyed the St Luke’s Craft Fair which was beautifully set up and stocked with all kinds of well-crafted and very attractive things to buy, plus the warm, friendly welcome we always associate with St Luke’s.

Another great success was the Christmas Craft afternoon at Holy Cross where a good crowd made their own decorations, cards, etc. aided by skilful helpers.

For us, the highlight was the beautiful Crib Service on Christmas Eve at Holy Cross. It was really good to see the church so full and the children were adorable. The “Pop-up Choir” were kind enough to come again and sing for us, their wonderful voices uplifting even the poorest singers amongst us to greater heights. In fact we felt the continuing, real and spiritual meaning of Christmas.

Our thanks again,

Yvonne and Brian Englefield



~ Thank You ~

Peggy and Janet would like to thank everyone who contributed so generously at Elaine's funeral to support the cost of upgrading the church heating. A total of £780 was donated.

Children's Society Box Collection

Thank you to all the Pattishall / Cold Higham box holders for raising a grand total of £438.29 during 2017

If you would like a box in your house for your loose change or for regular small donations to the Children's Society, please contact:

Margaret Bulleid 01327 830 065

Supporting our Churches

Ensure that your regular giving to your church is maximised at no cost in money, time, or effort to you by giving 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 taxpayer) to your church every month.

For details, please ask your church treasurer.

The deadline for the April / May Messenger is Wednesday 21 March. Please email kirsten.gibbs@virgin.net, phone 01327 830 707, or give to one of the churchwardens to pass on to me. Thank you!



Homemade Food & Live Music...

Winter Warmer Jazz Lunch at Holy Cross

Sunday 4 February 1-3.00pm

Syncopated Jazz will play Dixieland!

Tickets £10 including lunch (children under 12 free) from Wendy
01327 830 583, Gail 01327 831 534, and Jean 01327 830 909

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**JUST A FEW PLACES LEFT FOR THE QUIZ NIGHT ON SAT 10TH FEBRUARY
CONTACT WENDY, GAIL OR JEAN (AS ABOVE) FOR TICKETS !!!**



Winter Warmer at Holy Cross

Sunday 4 March

12.30 – 2.00pm



Escape the winter gloom and enjoy a friendly chat over a
warming “Light Lunch” on the first Sunday of March

Donations welcome for a simple lunch
of soup, bread and a hot drink

All proceeds from these events will go to the Church Fund

Psst... Summer is on its way...

Afternoon teas at Holy Cross will start on Sunday May 6th 15.00 - 16.30

... Women's Fellowship

The Well Group is a small friendly group of women who meet for a simple lunch at 12 noon on the last Thursday of most months, followed by a speaker from various Christian organisations, ending at 2pm. Meetings are in the kitchen at Astcote Methodist Church.

We hope to see you there!

Thu 25 Jan: Elizabeth Marriott 'Methodist Women in Britain'

Thu 22 Feb: Sarah Veness 'Writing about Alzheimers'

Thu 22 Mar: Jenny Harris 'Fostering & Faith'

Please note that the March date is a week earlier than usual, as it would otherwise clash with Maundy Thursday

Please contact Alison Brierley 830 770 if you would like to join us!

You might also be interested in...

Wise Words 2018

A Women's Day Conference

at Moulton Church Centre NN3 7SW

Saturday 24 February - 9.15am-3.30pm

Cost £10 – includes coffee & cake (bring your own lunch)

Keynote speaker Lindsay Benn, small group seminars, singing!

Further information from Alison Brierley 830 770

Moulton Church Centre 01604 495 393

Or visit <http://moultonparishchurch.co.uk/event-items/womens-day-conference-2018/>

Dates for your diary – full details inside unless given here

Sat 27 Jan	8.30-9.30am	Prayer Breakfast at Sue & Philip Titheridge's
	2-4.30pm	Messy Church in Pattishall Parish Hall Helpers always needed; please contact Ann Atkin 830907.
Sun 4 Feb	1-3.00pm	Winter Warmer Jazz Lunch at Holy Cross
Sat 10 Feb	7 for 7.30pm	Quiz Evening at Pattishall Parish Hall in support of Holy Cross
Thu 15 Feb	10.30-noon	Lent Coffee Morning at Hugh & Hilary Kent's
Tue 20 Feb	7.30-9.00pm	Evening Lent Course at Ann & John Atkin's
Thu 22 Feb	10.30-noon	Lent Coffee Morning at Hugh & Hilary Kent's
	12noon-2pm	Well Group at Astcote Methodist Church
Sat 24 Feb	8.30-9.30am	Prayer Breakfast at Jean Pugh's
	9.15am-3.30pm	'Wise Words' Women's Day Conference at Moulton Church Centre, NN3 7SW
Tue 27 Feb	7.30-9.00pm	Evening Lent Course at Ann & John Atkin's
Thu 1 Mar	10.30-noon	Lent Coffee Morning at Hugh & Hilary Kent's
Sun 4 Mar	12.30-2pm	Winter Warmer Lunch at Holy Cross
Thu 8 Mar	10.30-noon	Lent Coffee Morning at Hugh & Hilary Kent's
Tue 13 Mar	7.30-9.00pm	Evening Lent Course at Ann & John Atkin's
Thu 15 Mar	10.30-noon	Lent Coffee Morning at Hugh & Hilary Kent's
Tue 20 Mar	7.30-9.00pm	Evening Lent Course at Ann & John Atkin's
Wed 21 Mar	All day!	Messenger Deadline
Thu 22 Mar	10.30-noon	Lent Coffee Morning at Hugh & Hilary Kent's
	12noon-2pm	Well Group at Astcote Methodist Church
Tue 27 Mar	7.30-9.00pm	Evening Lent Course at Ann & John Atkin's
Sat 31 Mar	8.30-9.30am	Prayer Breakfast at Jean Pugh's