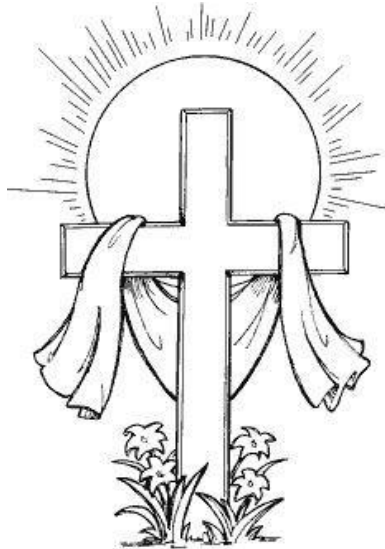


AMELCOTE BENEFICE



The Messenger

April & May 2018

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A note from the Rectory

The wonderful service you organised for my installation and the many messages of welcome I have received since arriving here just a month ago have helped me to appreciate just what a wonderful Family I am joining; my sincere thanks to all of you.

My love of walking and the need to exercise Austin, my black Labrador, have given me the opportunity to meet many residents of Pattishall, Astcote, and Eastcote. All have kindly stopped to talk, showed me the way to go, and been interested to know something about me. Jesus also walked a lot – alone and with his disciples – often meeting people along the way, some needing his help, others willing to go with him and talk, and sadly some just too busy to discover what he could offer them.

As we approach Easter, we are reminded of that final difficult walk Jesus was forced to make carrying a cross which weighed heavily on his back. Eventually, Simon from Cyrene was made to carry the load. However easy or difficult our journey through life we all need someone, a friend, a family member, or a helpful stranger to help and encourage us on our way, and sometimes to carry the load we are carrying.

I am thankful that so many of you have helped to show me the way and support the load with me over these first few weeks. Jesus knew that some of his friends would find the challenge too great, and that most of his followers would leave him. But his disciples and a few women would stay close after that final Friday. They are the ones who recounted the Good News that Jesus had risen on Easter Day, encouraging others to allow him to make his home among them. I too am making a home among you – I look forward to spending time here and to meeting you as I walk, or visit me at the Rectory, a warm welcome awaits you and we can talk over a cup of tea, or coffee. I look forward to the next part of my journey with you!

Yours in Christ,

Reverend Karen

Readings for April & May 2018

1 April Easter Day	Isaiah 25. 6-9 Psalm 118:1-2	Acts 10. 34-43 John 20:1-18
8 April	Exodus 14:10-end, 15.20,21 Psalm 133	Acts 4.32-35 John 20:19-end
15 April	Zephaniah 3.14-end Psalm 4	Acts 3.12-19 Luke 24.36b-48
22 April	Genesis 7.1-5, 11-18, 8. 6-18, 9.8-13; Psalm 23	Acts 4.5-12 John 10.11-18
29 April	Genesis 22.1-18 Psalm 22.25-end	Acts 8.26-end John.15.1-8
6 May	Isaiah 55.1-11 Psalm 98	Acts 10.44-end John 15.9-17
13 May	Ezekiel 36.24-28 Psalm 1	Acts 1.15-17, 21-end John 17.6-19
20 May Pentecost	Ezekiel 37.1-14 Psalm 104.26-36, 37b	Acts 2.1-21 John 15.26-27, 16.4b-15
27 May Trinity	Isaiah 6.1-8 Psalm 29	Romans 8.12-17 John 3.1-17

Lent Group

This year's Lent Group at 10 Booth Close, was well-attended, despite the inclement weather. We used the Little Book of Lent as our guide for discussion and prayer. As is the custom, a plate for offering was generously filled. This year's proceeds – £171.00 – will go to the Hope Centre and the Towcester Food Bank. – Hugh and Hilary Kent

'Wise Words' at Moulton Parish Church

Five members of the Well Group attended the Women's day conference at Moulton Parish Church on Saturday 24 February. This year's theme was 'God's Wise Words', and we were inspired by the message from Lindsay Benn, wife of the former Bishop of Lewes. We also attended small-group seminars on a variety of topics, which were stimulating for everyday living. It was good to see that the event has grown in scale and attendance since 2017. –Alison Brierley

Church Services for April & May 2018

Date	Time	Service	Church
31st March 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
8th Apr	9:30am	Family Worship	Tiffield
	9:30am	Morning Worship	Cold Higham
	11:00am	CW Holy Communion	Pattishall
15th Apr	8:00am	BCP Holy Communion	Pattishall
	9:30am	Family Worship	Cold Higham
	9:30am	Morning Worship	Tiffield
	11:00am	CW Holy Communion	Gayton
22nd Apr	9:30am	Morning Worship	Pattishall
	11:00am	CW Holy Communion	Cold Higham
28th Apr	8:30am	Benefice Prayer Breakfast	Venue TBA
29th Apr	9:30am	Benefice Holy Communion	Gayton
2nd May	9:30am	CW Holy Communion	Pattishall
6th May	9:30am	CW Holy Communion	Gayton
	9.30am	Informal Worship	Pattishall
	11:00am	Morning Worship	Tiffield
10th May Ascension Day	10:00am	CW Holy Communion	Pattishall

Date	Time	Service	Church
13th May	9:30am	CW Holy Communion	Cold Higham
	11:00am	Family Worship	Tiffield
	11:00am	Morning Worship	Pattishall
16th May	9:30am	CW Holy Communion	Pattishall
20th May Pentecost	9:30am	CW Holy Communion	Tiffield
	11:00am	Morning Worship	Gayton
	11:00am	Family Worship	Cold Higham
23rd May	9:30am	CW Holy Communion	Pattishall
26th May	8:30am	Benefice Prayer Breakfast	Venue TBA
27th May Trinity Sunday	9:30am	CW Holy Communion	Pattishall
	11:00am	Morning Worship	Cold Higham
30th May	9:30am	CW Holy Communion	Pattishall

Change to the Service Rota

Please note, the service pattern will change from the beginning of May. Holy Communion will now take place at 9.30 services, with non-communion services generally moving to 11:00. There will be a new Wednesday mid-week Holy Communion at Pattishall, although this new pattern will be “disrupted” by Ascension Day on Thursday 10th May. The 8am BCP service in Pattishall will be discontinued.

Amelcote Bellringers
 Welcome Reverend Canon Káren
 Jongman
 Ringing Quarter Peals at Cold
 Higham, Gayton and Pattishall



<p>Cold Higham, St Luke Thursday, 8 March 2018 1260 Mixed Doubles Stedman, Reverse Canterbury, St Simons, Plain Bob, Grandsire</p>	<p>Gayton, St Mary Saturday, 10 March 2018 1260 Plain Bob Doubles</p>	<p>Pattishall, Holy Cross Sunday, 11 March 2018 1260 Grandsire Doubles</p>
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The Well Group

In February a larger than usual group of women gathered to hear Sarah Veness talk about her recently published book *The Memory Box*, and her personal journey of recovery from stroke to involvement in creative writing. The fascinating subject of mental recovery from trauma and loss of memory is clearly a topic which predominates in our society. We hope that Sarah will return to talk about writing projects in the future, and her work as a dementia champion.

The Well Group meets on the last Thursday of each month (not July, August or December) from 12-2pm at Astcote Methodist Church. We welcome any woman who would like to have lunch and hear a short talk on a subject related to the Christian faith. All you need to do is contact Alison Brierley albrierley@btinternet.com 07794 742 286 or Ann Atkin ann.atkin51@btinternet.com 01327 830 907 to book a place for lunch, or to find out more.

Upcoming meetings:

- 26th April – Mission Work in Brazil – Ruth Clarke de Assis
- 31st May – Teaching in a Refugee Camp – Pam Kirkland

Summer Events!

Afternoon Teas at Holy Cross

Sunday May 6th 3.00-5.00pm

Take a break from gardening and enjoy a friendly chat over a cup of tea or coffee and slice of homemade cake on the first Sunday of the month from May through September.

Donations welcome - all proceeds to the Church Fund.

Friday 11th May 7.30pm

Join us at Astcote Chapel to hear

The Sweet Sounds of New Orleans with Dom Pipkin

Jazz / Blues: Pianist / Vocalist

(Cameo Performance by Sara Spade)

Tickets £12 from Ann Atkin 01327 830 907



TIFFIELD OPEN GARDENS

Bank Holiday Monday 28th May

11.00 – 5.30

Tickets available on the day from the Church Room

Light lunches Cream Teas Cake stall Tombola

GAYTON OPEN GARDENS

Sunday 10th June

1.00 - 5.00 pm

Gardens, Homemade teas, Plant Sales, Stalls etc...



Dates for your diary – full details inside unless given here

Sat 31 Mar	8.30-9.30am	Prayer Breakfast at Jean Pugh's
Thu 12 April	7.30pm	APCM at Holy Cross, Pattishall
Thu 26 April	12-3pm	The Well Group meets at Astcote Chapel
Sun 6 May	3-5.00pm	Afternoon teas at Holy Cross
Fri 11 May	7.30pm	Jazz/blues concert at Astcote Chapel Tickets £12 from Ann Atkin 01327 830 907
Mon 28 May	11-5.30pm	Tiffield Open Gardens
Thu 31 May	12-2pm	The Well Group meets at Astcote Chapel
Sun 6 June	3-5.00pm	Afternoon teas at Holy Cross
Sun 10 June	1-5.00pm	Gayton Open Gardens

St Mary's Gayton is one of Northamptonshire's top 100!

In 2018, the 'Northamptonshire: Britain's Best Surprise' campaign aims to encourage people living in Northamptonshire and beyond to explore the great diversity and beauty of our churches. The campaign launches on 1 April and will encourage more visits to church buildings and events, and will include online and print material, PR, social media promotion, posters, banners, leaflets and trails.

St Mary's, Gayton has been included on the campaign's list of Northamptonshire's 100 best churches due to its historic and architectural importance. Each church on the 'best 100' list has its own page on the Surprise Northamptonshire website, with information about the church and any events or activities. Find out more here: www.northamptonshiresurprise.com/crm-categories/things-to-do/churches/

–David Coppock

The deadline for the June-July (poss June-August TBA) Messenger is Wednesday 23 May. Please email kirsten.gibbs@virgin.net, phone 01327 830 707, or give to one of the churchwardens to pass on to me. Thank you!