

AMELCOTE BENEFICE



The Messenger

September - October 2018

Rector, the Reverend Canon Káren Jongman

01327 830 569 | 07980 881 252

karenajongman@gmail.com

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

The deadline for the November - December Messenger is Wednesday 24 October. Please email amelcote.messenger@gmail.com, phone 07833 651 005, or give to one of the churchwardens to pass on to the Editor.

A Note from the Rectory

Ernest Hemingway said *"There is nothing to writing. All you do is sit down at the typewriter and bleed."* There are few things worse than sitting in front of a blank computer screen when someone has demanded that you produce something. It could be a sermon, a letter, a novel, a report. But when it is completed, it can feel like a weight has been lifted from our shoulders. We say to ourselves, "Look what I have done!" And we might even go on to share with our friends or colleagues what an arduous task creating this thing was. Why does writing feel like such an accomplishment? As Hemingway suggests, we leave a little bit of ourselves in each word!

To an infinitely greater extent, God has left Himself in each word of Scripture written for us. It's a book that is definitely beyond what any man could have written. Without the Holy Spirit, what could mere man have produced? Humans would have been incapable of actually revealing anything about God's nature without supernatural intervention. But the Bible itself says that all Scripture is "God-breathed." God sent the Holy Spirit to move through David, Paul, and the other 40-plus writers who authored the Bible.

It's a miracle, if you think about it. In symbols of Greek, Hebrew, and Aramaic (and now translated into more languages than any other book in the world), God reveals Himself to humanity. God's true character can be learned from reading His Word – and His true emotions toward us are revealed, too. The writing of the Bible was directed by the Spirit of God, and only through the Holy Spirit can we begin to comprehend such love as we read, ponder, and meditate on those words – but that's not the end of it.

"You study the Scriptures diligently because you think that in them you have eternal life. These are the very Scriptures that testify about me, yet you refuse to come to me to have life." – John 5:39-40

The Holy Spirit uses God's Word to reveal who God is to us in Jesus. That's the end game. That's why God wrote. That's why He bled. Those of us who are in Christ have the capacity to truly know who He is and experience Him in a rich way every moment of every day.

Holy Spirit, thank you for expressing love in a way I can understand through the Word so that I can come to Jesus and find life. Make the living and active Word of God come alive today, that I might be able to comprehend that which otherwise would be beyond me. Amen.

Love in Christ,

Reverend Káren

Readings for September & October 2018

2 September	James 1:17-end	Mark 7:1-23
9 September	James 2:1-10, 14-17	Mark 7: 24-end
16 September	James 3:1-12	Mark 8:27-end
Patronal Festival Holy Cross, Pattishall	Psalm 110, 150 Isaiah 63:1-16	1 Corinthians 1:18-25
23 September	James 3: 13-4:3, 7-8	Mark 9:30-37
30 September	James 5:13-end	Mark 9:38- end
7 October	Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12	Mark 10:2-16
<i>Readings for the Harvest Services</i>	<i>Psalm 126 Joel 2:21-27</i>	<i>1 Timothy 2:1-7 Matthew 6:25-33</i>
14 October	Hebrews 4:12- end	Mark 10:17-31
Harvest Service	As 7 October above	
21 October	Hebrews 5:1-10	Mark 10:35-45
Patronal Festival St Luke Cold Higham	Psalm 103 Isaiah 61:1-6	Colossians 4:7-end
28 October Bible Sunday	2 Timothy 3:14-4:5	John 5 :36-end
3pm Service of Commemoration	Psalm 23	Romans 5:5-11 John 5:19-25
4 November All Saints	Isaiah 25:6-9 Psalm 24:1-6	Revelation 21:1-6a John 11:32-44

Bible Study Group

The next session of six weeks starts on Monday 10th September at 14.00 at Holmeview. This session will be exploring The Lord's Prayer as a gateway to the Christian gospel, as a guide to our own prayers, and as a way of deepening our relationship with God.

If you are interested or would like to find out more about the group please contact Jean Pugh 07711 329 664

The Amelcote Group of Parishes:

Date	Time	Service	Church
Sunday 2 nd September	9.30am	CW Family Communion	Gayton
	11am	Family Service /Baptism	Pattishall
	11am	Morning Worship	Tiffield
Wednesday 5 th	9.30am	BCP Holy Communion	Pattishall
Sunday 9 th	9.30am	CW Holy Communion	Cold Higham
	11am	Family Service	Tiffield
	11am	Morning Worship	Pattishall
Wednesday 12 th	9.30am	CW Holy Communion	Pattishall
Sunday 16 th	9.30am	CW Family Communion	Tiffield
	11am	Family Service/Baptism	Gayton
	7pm	Patronal Festival Service	Pattishall
Wednesday 19 th	9.30am	CW Holy Communion	Pattishall
Sunday 23 rd	9.30am	CW Family Communion	Pattishall
	11am	Morning Worship	Cold Higham
Wednesday 26 th	9.30am	CW Holy Communion	Pattishall
Sunday 30 th	10am	Benefice (Harvest) CW Family Communion	Cold Higham
Wednesday 3 rd October	9.30am	CW Holy Communion	Pattishall
Sunday 7 th	9.30am	CW Holy Communion	Tiffield
	11am	Harvest Service	Pattishall
	5.30pm	Harvest Service	Gayton
Wednesday 10 th		BCP Communion	Pattishall
Sunday 14 th	9.30am	CW Family Communion	Cold Higham
	11am	Harvest Service	Tiffield
	11am	CW Family Communion	Pattishall
Wednesday 17 th	9.30am	CW Holy Communion	Pattishall
Sunday 21 st	9.30am	CW Family Communion	Tiffield
	11am	Morning Worship	Gayton
	6pm	Patronal Festival Evensong	Cold Higham
Wednesday 24 th	9.30am	CW Holy Communion	Pattishall

Pattishall, Cold Higham, Gayton and Tiffield

Date	Time	Service	Church
Sunday 28 th	9.30am	CW Holy Communion	Pattishall
	11am	Morning Worship	Cold Higham
	3pm	A Service of Commemoration	Gayton
Sunday 4 th November	9.30am	CW Family Communion	Gayton
	11am	Morning Worship	Tiffield
	11am	Family Service	Pattishall
Wednesday 7 th	9.30am	BCP Communion	Pattishall
Saturday 10 th	10am	Commemoration of Prisoners of War	Pattishall School

Well Group – Monthly Women’s Luncheon and Fellowship

The Well Group meets on the last Thursday of each month (not 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.

Please 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.

27th September – Sarah Williams: Training Street Pastors

25th October – Janet Robinson: Kasambira Updates, Uganda

29th November – Deacon Richard Beckett: Spirituality & Photography

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.

Autumn Events



SYNCOPATED JAZZ RETURNS TO HOLY CROSS

Sunday 2nd September 2.30-4.30pm

GREAT music with tea, cakes and a bar (donations)

Tickets £10 (under 16s free)

from Wendy 01327 830 583, Gail 01327 831 534, or Jean 07711 329 664

Prayer Breakfast

Sept 29th & Oct 27th 8.30am

Holmeview

RSVP to Jean Pugh 07711 329664

Gayton Harvest Festival

Sunday 7th October at 5.30 pm

With Gayton CE Primary School &

Gayton Festival Singers

All Welcome!

Tiffield Harvest Supper

Saturday 13th October

Details from the Church Wardens

Autumn Brunch at St Luke's Cold

Higham Parish Hall

Saturday 10th November

11.30am - 2pm

£10 (£5 under 12s)

Winter Warmers at Holy Cross

Sundays 7 Oct, 4 Nov / 12.30-2.00pm

Enjoy a friendly chat over a warming

“Light Lunch” of soup, bread and a

hot drink on the first Sunday of the

month October - March

Donations welcome

Gayton Harvest Supper and Quiz

Saturday 20th October 7.00pm at

Gayton Village Hall

Teams of 6 – thinking caps on!

Fish and Chip Supper (or veggie alternative) & home-made desserts

Tickets from Alison Foster

07900 996 299

ali.foster2000@googlemail.com

Proceeds from the above events

support the hosting church

Thank you!



Saturday 8th September Ride & Stride – CAN YOU HELP???



We need people to ‘man’ the churches, donate cakes & refreshments, and sponsor those of us riding and striding – every little helps and half the monies raised support your named church

For more details contact Hilary Aslett 01327 830 486 or see

<https://www.rideandstrideuk.org/counties/northamptonshire/>

Messy Church Saturday 6th October, 2-4.30pm at Pattishall Parish Hall

Families and children of all ages welcome
Activities – Crafts – Worship - Tea & Cake
Organised by Astcote Methodist Church & Holy
Cross, Pattishall



New Heating & Lighting at Holy Cross Church



We are delighted to announce that we have just completed the installation of a new heating and lighting system at Holy Cross church. The system comprises 6 chandeliers suspended from the nave arches in place of the old pendant lamps. Each chandelier incorporates separately switched low energy up and down lights and electric heaters. The overall effect has been to transform the church to produce a cosy, well lit space for worship and other social occasions.

The cost of the work excluding VAT is £40,000, and we have already gratefully received donations and promises of £33,200 plus a further £1500 from charitable trusts. So, at the time of writing, the shortfall is £5300. If you would like to make a donation, please contact Crofton Brierley or one of the church wardens. Thank you, Chris Bulleid

Dates for Your Diary – full details inside

Sun 2 Sept	2.30-4.30pm	Syncopated Jazz concert at Holy Cross
Sat 8 Sept	All day	Annual Northamptonshire Historic Churches Trust “Ride & Stride” – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
Mon 10 Sep	2pm	Bible Study Group begins at Holmeview (6 wks)
Thu 27 Sep	12-2pm	The Well Lunch Group at Astcote Chapel Speaker Sarah Williams: Training Street Pastors
Sat 29 Sep	8.30am	Prayer Breakfast at Holmeview
Sat 6 Oct	2-4.30pm	Messy Church at Pattishall Parish Hall – families welcome – no need to book
Sun 7 Oct	12.30-2pm	Drop in soup & bread lunch at Holy Cross
	5.30pm	Gayton Harvest Festival at Gayton Church
Sat 13 Oct	TBA	Tiffield Harvest Supper – details from Church Wardens
Sat 20 Oct	7pm	Gayton Harvest Supper and Quiz at Gayton Village Hall
Wed 24 Oct	All day!	Messenger Deadline – November, December & New Year dates & events to Kirsten please!
Thu 25 Oct	12-2pm	The Well Lunch Group at Astcote Chapel Speaker Janet Robinson: Kasambira Updates, Uganda
Sat 27 Oct	8.30am	Prayer Breakfast at Holmeview
Sun 4 Nov	12.30-2pm	Winter Warmer drop in lunch at Holy Cross
Sat 10 Nov	11.30-2pm	Autumn Brunch at St Luke’s Cold Higham Parish Hall £10 (£5 under 12s)
	7 for 7.30pm	Quiz and supper at Pattishall Village Hall
Thu 29 Nov	12-2pm	The Well Lunch Group at Astcote Chapel Speaker Deacon Richard Beckett: Spirituality & Photography
Sat 9 Feb	From 9.00am	SAVE THE DATE for Bring & Sing Messiah at Holy Cross! Details to follow.