

# AMELCOTE BENEFICE



## The Messenger

November 2018

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The deadline for the December-January Messenger is Wednesday 28 November. Please email [amelcote.messenger@gmail.com](mailto: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

By the time you sit down to read this note, October will be almost over, our celebrations of another Harvest almost forgotten, and although the clocks will have gone back an hour, perhaps you will be looking forward to cosy evenings in by the fire! You may be attending a firework party, or listening to the sound of fireworks as you sit in your warm home. As we come to this year's Remembrance Day, we give thanks for the peace we enjoy in this country, and remember that 100 years ago there were prayers for a lasting peace. And yet after another World War, and many other battles in which our men and women have been involved, we still need to pray for lasting peace, and we ask the question, why are so many people still fleeing their homes to reach a "Promised Land" of Peace and Plenty? Yet many will encounter hostility, and hunger.

On every side we are facing world hunger. We may think about hunger only in personal terms. "What will we have for dinner tonight?" or "Next week I'll contribute a can of something for the food bank", but we cringe when we see babies with bloated stomachs, too weak to be nursed by their starving mothers. When tragedy strikes the universal need for food and support is recognised.

Since the Harvest Service at Gayton, when the account of Naomi and Ruth was read, my thoughts have been very much with those two women, who, like many since them, fled their homes to reach a land which had peace and plenty of food. We read quickly and forget they endured ten years of famine, lack of food, deprivation and a lack of comfort or joy. And when they found food back in Bethlehem, the future still looked pretty bleak: there was no visible sign of support, two women very much on their own, they had experienced huge loss, and were now alone.

Ultimately, God worked wonders that would trickle down to affect the lives of both Jews and Christians. King David and our Saviour Jesus Christ find Ruth in their lineage. The God who walked through the famine with them brought them to the feast of fullness. He promises to do the same for us but the timing might not be what we expect. Just like Naomi and Ruth, God's answers may come in surprising ways.

So as we prepare for Advent, and then Christmas, I am asking you to make a difference for someone you may never meet or know. Boaz in the story of Naomi and Ruth gave the edges of his field for Ruth to gather, and to share with her mother-in-law. Eventually he met Ruth, loved her, and she became his wife; their child was King David's grandfather.

Would you give something from the edges of your cupboard to the Food Bank, and cover the hands and feet of those in need with a pair of warm socks and gloves, for those attending the Hope Centre? We will collect them in our churches, and deliver them week commencing the 17<sup>th</sup> December, as our Christmas Gift to those in need.

*Love in Christ,*

*Reverend Káren*

### From the Registers

	<b>Baptisms</b>	
August	Frederick George Duncan Harris	Tiffield
	Arrabella Wheeler	Gayton
September	Charles Edward William More-Thompson	Pattishall
	<b>Marriages</b>	
July	Oliver James East & Anna Maria Crasto	Gayton
August	Edward Alexander James and Caroline Louise Rankin	Gayton
	<b>Funerals</b>	
March	Sarah Jane Brackley Clarke	Gayton
April	Edna Chick	Pattishall
	John Edgar Paul Ratlidge	Gayton
	Keith Palmer	Gayton
May	Martyn Alan Harper	Pattishall
June	Trevor Anthony Green	Gayton
	Norma Mary Nightingale	Pattishall
July	Ronald John Bailey	Gayton
August	Irene Edith Dundass	Gayton
October	John Arthur Taylor	Pattishall

### 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 Amelcote Group of Parishes:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Service</b>	<b>Church / Venue</b>
4th November	9.30am	CW Family Communion	Gayton
	11am	Morning Worship	Tiffield
	11am	Family Service	Pattishall
7th	9.30am	BCP Communion	Pattishall
10th	10am	Commemoration of Prisoners of War	Pattishall School
Remembrance Sunday	9am	CW Holy Communion	Pattishall
	10.30am	Remembrance Service	Pattishall
	10.45am	Remembrance Service	Tiffield
	11am	Remembrance at War Graves	Cold Higham
	5.30pm	Remembrance Service	Gayton
	7.05pm	Peel of Bells	Cold Higham
14th	9.30am	CW Holy Communion	Pattishall
18th	10.30am	Confirmation	Gayton
		CW Communion	
21st	9.30am	CW Holy Communion	Pattishall
25th	9.30am	CW Family Communion	Pattishall
	11am	Morning Worship	Cold Higham
2nd December	9.30am	CW Family Communion	Gayton
	11am	Morning Worship	Tiffield
	6pm	Advent Service	Pattishall
5th	9.30am	BCP Communion	Pattishall
9th	9.30am	CW Family Communion	Cold Higham
	11am	Morning Worship	Pattishall
	5.30pm	Carol Service	Gayton
12th	9.30am	CW Holy Communion	Pattishall
	5pm	Tiffield School Nativity	Tiffield
16th	9.30am	CW Holy Communion	Pattishall
	11am	Morning Worship	Gayton
	3.30pm	Carol Service	Tiffield
	6pm	Carol Service	Cold Higham
18th	2pm	Carols and Christingle	Pattishall School at Holy Cross

## Pattishall, Cold Higham, Gayton and Tiffield

Date	Time	Service	Church / Venue
23rd	9.30am	CW Holy Communion	Pattishall
	11am	Morning Worship	Cold Higham
Christmas Eve	4pm	Crib Service	Pattishall
	11.15pm	Midnight Communion	Gayton
Christmas Day	9.30am	Family Service+ CW	Pattishall
25th	10am	CW Family Communion	Cold Higham
	11am	Family Service+ CW	Tiffield
30th	10am	Benefice Communion	Tiffield

### Readings for November & December 2018

4 <sup>th</sup> November All Saints Readings	Isaiah 25:6-9 Psalm 24:1-6	Revelation 21:1-6a John 11:32-44
11 <sup>th</sup> November Remembrance Sunday	Jonah 3:1-5,10 Psalm 62:5-end	Hebrews 9:24-end Mark 11:14-20
18 <sup>th</sup> November	Daniel 12:1-3 Psalm 16	Hebrews 10:11-25,35 Mark 13:1-8
25 <sup>th</sup> November Christ the King	Daniel 7:9-14 Psalm 93	Revelation 1:4b-8 John 18:33-37
2 <sup>nd</sup> December Advent Sunday Evening Service	Jeremiah 33:14-16 Psalm 25:1-9 Colossians	1 Thessalonians 3:9-end Luke 21:25-36 Chapters 1 and 3
9 <sup>th</sup> December Advent 2	Malachi 3:1-4 Philippians 1:3-11	Luke 3:1-6
16 <sup>th</sup> December Advent 3	Zephaniah 3:14-end Psalm 146:4-end	Philippians 4:4-7 Luke 3:7-18
23 <sup>rd</sup> December Advent 4	Micah 5:2-5a Hebrews 10:5-10	Luke 1: 39-55
24 <sup>th</sup> December Christmas Night	Isaiah 52:7-10 Psalm 98	Hebrews 1:1-4 John 1:1-14
25 <sup>th</sup> December Christmas Day	Isaiah 9:2-7 Psalm 96	Titus 2:11-14: Luke 2:1- 20
30 <sup>th</sup> December 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Christmas	1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26 Psalm 148:7-end	Colossians 3:12-17 Luke 2:41-end

### ADVENT COURSE

Mondays December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>  
2-4pm

Venue: Holy Cross Church

Where a Warm Welcome Awaits YOU!

A short 3-week study of Colossians

How can we as a Church become  
more Christ Centred?

If you would like more information

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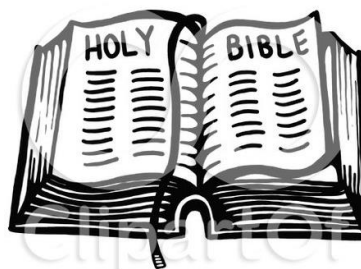
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### Bible Study Group

The next group of sessions focussing  
on the Commandments will begin on  
January 7th at 2pm at Holmeview.

If you are interested or would like to  
find out more please contact Jean

Pugh 07711 329 664



### 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](mailto:albrierley@btinternet.com) 07794 742 286 or Ann Atkin [ann.atkin51@btinternet.com](mailto:ann.atkin51@btinternet.com) 01327 830 907 to book a place for lunch, or to find out more.

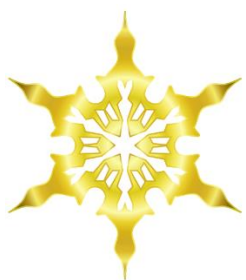
**29th November** – Deacon Richard Beckett: Spirituality & Photography, followed by a shared lunch – please bring a savoury or sweet contribution if you are able

**31 January** – Sue Titheridge – A Bible reflection

**28 February** – a Cynthia Spencer staff member will speak about the Hospice

From the Editor... A big 'thank you' to everyone who sent in contributions to this month's Messenger. You can see that although this is the 'November' edition, we just about have December covered as well! To avoid having the next deadline in the midst of the holiday season we'll keep it at 28 November for December-January (and as many SPRING dates as possible). We tend to focus on activities taking place at Holy Cross – please do send in news and events from all 4 churches – this is EVERYONE's newsletter! Also, I'd like to hand over newsletter production at some point in 2019, so if you've been thinking you'd like to 'have a go' please let me know!

Thank you again, Kirsten x



## Winter Events



### **Sunday 2 December 2-4pm at Holy Cross Christmas Craft Afternoon**

Get in the Christmas spirit with card-making,  
ornament-crafting, and creative fun for all!  
For all ages – small charge to cover materials  
Cakes and Refreshments

#### **Autumn Brunch at St Luke's Cold Higham Parish Hall**

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> November**  
**11.30am - 2pm**  
£10 (£5 under 12s)

#### **Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> November – 7 for 7.30 Quiz at Pattishall Village Hall**

£10 per person. Teams of 6.  
Bring your own drink and glasses.  
Ploughman's supper.  
Tickets from Wendy, Jean or Gail.

**Prayer Breakfast**  
**Nov 24<sup>th</sup> / Jan 26<sup>th</sup> 8.30am**  
Holmeview

RSVP to Jean Pugh 07711 329664

**Winter Warmer Lunch at Holy Cross**  
**Sunday 2 December / 12.30-2.30pm**  
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

#### **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December 5pm 'Live Nativity' in Tiffield**

A great event with real animals joining  
the procession from the school to the  
church for a traditional musical telling  
of the Nativity, including further  
entertainments under cover in a local  
farm in the centre of the village.  
Find out more from Philip Titheridge.

**No Messy Church November or  
December – but see you again  
Sat 12th January 2-3.30pm at  
Holy Cross**

**Sat 9 Feb from 9.00am (singers)**  
**'Bring & Sing Messiah' @ Holy Cross**  
Not to be missed – either as a singer  
or an audience member! Led by Nigel  
Perrin, founder member of the Kings  
Singers and highly regarded choral  
director, and accompanied by Andrew  
King, a leading local keyboard  
performer and teacher.  
£25 to sing / £5 to listen – booking  
essential via Gail Stuart.

## Dates for Your Diary – full details inside

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 Hall
	7 for 7.30pm	Quiz and supper at Pattishall Village Hall
Sat 24 Nov	8.30am	Prayer Breakfast at Holmeview
Thu 29 Nov	12-2pm	The Well Lunch Group at Astcote Chapel
Sun 2 Dec	12.30-2.30	Winter Warmer drop in lunch at Holy Cross
	2-4pm	Christmas Craft afternoon at Holy Cross
Mon 3 Dec	2-4pm	Advent Course at Holy Cross– also 10 & 17 Dec
Wed 12 Dec	5pm	Tiffield Live Nativity
Mon 7 Jan	2pm	Bible Study Course begins at Holmeview
Sat 12 Jan	2-3.30	Messy Church at Holy Cross
Sat 26 Jan	8.30am	Prayer Breakfast at Holmeview
Thu 31 Jan	12-2pm	The Well Lunch Group at Astcote Chapel
Sat 9 Feb	9.00am	Bring & Sing Messiah workshop day Holy Cross
	4.30pm	Scratch Messiah performance at Holy Cross
Thu 28 Feb	12-2pm	The Well Lunch Group at Astcote Chapel

### Endnotes... Reflections on the 2018 Ride & Stride (Pattishall) 8<sup>th</sup> September

Three members of Holy Cross took part in this year's event. Jean Pugh joined Robin and Barbara Kelso's walking group, visiting our four benefice parishes, starting at Cold Higham and finishing at Gayton. Jonathan Stuart, the NHCT Area Organiser for South Northampton, cycled to each of the parishes in the group. He was able to see the rarely open chapel at Quinton House School in Upton, also St Benedict's West Hunsbury, and other churches in the area. Hilary Aslett realised a long held ambition to walk to the 8 churches and chapels in Kettering town centre.

All this activity raised a magnificent £805 plus Gift Aid for the Northamptonshire Historic Churches Trust, half of which comes back to Holy Cross church funds.

Thanks to the riders and striders, and to the church 'sitters' who welcomed our visitors and gave them refreshments

– Hilary Aslett – Local Organiser