

Amelcote Benefice

The Messenger



July -Aug -Sep 2021

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A Note from the Rectory



I have just finished a morning of Prayer with Brother Herbert and Brother John, on line, from the Abbey in which they live.

The verse used from Matthew 28:20 was already on my heart.

'Surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age' Brother John reminded us that The Lord Jesus is always intimately involved in his church. He walks among us, and His promise is 'I am with you always'

Recently watching a scene from Angel Productions ['The Chosen'](#) I saw how close Jesus was to his disciples, as they walked, when they talked together, and at the lake as they sat and ate fish with Him around a fire. Now not physically, but still in real truth and presence, Jesus is with us, wherever, and whatever we are doing.

And this is the blessed truth, since where Jesus is, love becomes inflamed. Of all the things in the world that can set our hearts burning, there is nothing like the presence of Jesus. A glimpse of Him so overcomes us, that we are ready to sing, *'Turn your eyes upon Jesus, Look full in His wonderful face ...'*

Even the touch of His garments causes the sick and the faint to grow strong. If we, for even a moment, lean our heads against Him and receive His divine love into our cold hearts, we are cold no longer, but glow hot in love. Then we will gain strength to withstand every suffering, as the song continues. *'In the light of His glory and grace'* When we know that Jesus is with us, all our abilities, and our prayers will develop in grace.

We must cast our cares onto the Lord Jesus and trust Him to act. For many years I have given all my cares to the Lord Jesus and have listened and waited for Him to answer my prayers. I believe that is why I am here with you in these Parishes, not because I desired it, but because the Dear Lord God ordained it, and Bishop Donald acted in faith to send me here.

Some twenty years ago, on a Sunday in Peterborough Cathedral we made promises to God, to serve others where ever He sent us. I believe He continues to call all those who trust Him to serve where ever and however He Ordains.

Love in Christ

Canon Káren




**Please join us for
AFTERNOON TEA
On Saturday August 7th
From 2.30 – 4pm**

Hosted by:

Jean & Christine at Holmeview, 8 Greenway EASTCOTE	Kirsten & Laura at 15 Church Street PATTISHALL
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**All proceeds will go to the Trussell Trust to help the
Towcester Foodbank.**

If possible to RSVP to Kirsten (01664 via the village Facebook page
(find me & use Messenger!) that would be helpful but NOT ESSENTIAL – thank you!

From the Editor

Once again we are looking forward to the easing of Covid restrictions and settling down to the new ‘normal’. It was so good last Sunday to serve refreshments outside following the service at Pattishall and to see people chatting and lingering despite the threat of rain! Lets hope the rain holds off for the Tea for Trussell (p3) and the Ride and Stride (p10), two outdoor events for us all to look forward to.

Turn to p8-9 for reports from Pattishall and Tiffield on the much enjoyed Churches Count on Nature week. The Pattishall white squirrel was spotted and it was wonderful to read that the schoolchildren were involved at Tiffield.

Thanks to all who contributed to this edition. The next Messenger will cover October/November/December and the copy deadline will be September 24th. Please send items to me at amelcote.messenger@gmail.com

Margaret Bulleid

Services in the Amelcote Benefice

The July and August services are as previously published with one or two slight changes so please refer to the table below.

From September a new service rota commences with Benefice Communion each Sunday at 9.30 and Morning Prayer twice monthly at 11.15. In September/early October there will be a Sunday afternoon Harvest service at each of the churches.

Currently, booking your place at a service is still required, but this may change following the lifting of restrictions on 19th July.

It has been good to be back in church worshipping together, but for some this is not possible. Those unable to be with us in person can now connect live to the services in Pattishall church, using Zoom or watch on demand using Youtube.

Keep an eye on the weekly news sheet for readings, prayers and up to the minute information on services. Email Chris Bulleid on amelcote.info@gmail.com if you would like to be added to the mailing list.

SUNDAY SERVICES JUL/AUG	Family Communion 10am	WEDNESDAY SERVICES JUL/AUG	Morning Worship 10am
Jul 4th	Pattishall	Jul 7th	Tiffield
Jul 11th	Pattishall	Jul 14th	Pattishall
Jul 18th	Gayton	Jul 21st	Cold Higham
Jul 25th	Zoom	Jul 28th	Zoom
Aug 1st	Pattishall	Aug 4th	Tiffield
Aug 8th	Zoom	Aug 11th	Zoom
Aug 15th	Tiffield	Aug 18th	Cold Higham
Aug 22nd	Zoom	Aug 25th	Pattishall
Aug 29th	Cold Higham	Sep 1st	

SUNDAY SERVICES SEP/OCT	Benefice Communion 9.30 am	Morning Prayer 11.15 am	Harvest service 3.00 pm	WEDNESDAY SERVICES SEP/OCT	Morning Worship 10.00 am
Sep 5th	Pattishall			Sep 8th	At time of publication the venues are yet to be decided. See the weekly sheet nearer the time.
Sep 12th	Tiffield	Gayton	Pattishall (outside)	Sep 15th	
Sep 19th	Pattishall		Cold Higham	Sep 22nd	
Sep 26th	Gayton		Tiffield	Sep 29th	
Oct 3rd	Pattishall		Gayton (Songs of Praise)	Oct 6th	
Oct 10th	Tiffield	Pattishall		Oct 13th	
Oct 17th	Cold Higham			Oct 20th	
Oct 24th	Gayton	Tiffield		Oct 27th	
Oct 31st	Pattishall				

New to Zoom?

Download the Zoom app or access the website <https://zoom.us/signup>
 Create a Zoom account (free). Join the services at times shown above using meeting ID: **323-560-1333**

Password: **Amelcote**

Need more help? Contact Chris Bulleid on amelcote.info@gmail.com

Amelcote Benefice YouTube channel

All our Zoom and Pattishall services are streamed live on Youtube and can also be watched later at a time convenient to you.

Search for Amelcote on YouTube and subscribe to our channel.

Revd Hugh writes...

Elijah was an Old Testament prophet for the true God, who had a fiery temperament. He was so outspoken and active that he offended the Queen Jezebel big time. So he fled into the wilderness of Sinai and felt sorry for himself . He took shelter in a cave and moped in 'lockdown'.

Many of us, especially in the older generation, have been in lockdown for much of the past 16 months . Our homes may have seemed to be something like Elijah's cave where we were confined. In my life, the small garden we have has been a great boon, and seeing the tomatoes, cucumbers, and beans beginning to flower and fruit, has been a light that nature (created by God) has brought to my life.

What happened to Elijah? Well, being in deep despair he says, 'I have done all this for you God and where are you now? I am the one in lockdown and my accusers and enemies are leading a normal life.'

We have seen our lovely younger neighbours, going off to work, taking children to school, and at the back of our minds we could think 'lucky them'. But, as Elijah grumbles, God tells him to stand at the mouth of the cave and wait. God comes; not in a rushing wind or blazing fire, but in a still small voice and commands him to get out. He has to go to do some very difficult tasks, rebuking the high and mighty in the process with God saying 'I will be with you'.



Perhaps this is what we 'oldies' should allow ourselves to experience, being available as the vaccines ease our worries. Getting out of our caves to do His will, especially encouraging our younger generations to hear God and do His will

As encouragement I leave you with lines from a modern hymn and the text of an ancient prayer.

*All I once held dear ,built my life upon
I count but loss, compared to this
Knowing you Jesus, Knowing you.* (Graham Kendrick)

and St Richard's prayer

*Thanks be to thee, my Lord Jesus Christ,
for all the benefits thou hast given me,
for all the pains and insults thou hast borne for me.
O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother,
may I know thee more clearly,
love thee more dearly,
and follow thee more nearly, day by day.*

Revd Hugh Kent

Well Group

Well Group is a Christian ladies group that meets monthly to share food and fellowship. We're looking forward to meeting in person again (Covid permitting) in the autumn.



Thursday 30th September 12-2 pm join us for lunch at Astcote Methodist Church. Speaker tbc.

Thursday 28th October 2-3.30 pm with tea at Astcote Methodist Church. Bible theme.

All women are welcome to join us - please get in touch with me on 01327 830770 or albrierley@btinternet.com

Alison Brierley

Churches Count On Nature

June 5th-13th

*Organised by the charity
Caring For Gods Acre*



Pattishall

Many thanks to everyone who got involved in Churches Count on Nature between 5th -13th June.

The weather was typically British and ranged from wind and rain to brilliant sunshine. A number of people from young to young at heart went exploring in the churchyard and found a great variety of plants and animals. Books were used to find Latin names and magnifying glasses helped to see the detail of animals and plants. Altogether 66 different species were found.... but there are many more so keep your eyes open as you walk through the churchyard.

On Sunday afternoon some of the youngest participants went exploring whilst others enjoyed chatting over a cup of tea and a biscuit, while still keeping their eyes open for minibeasts crawling through the grass and birds flying overhead. Thank you to Jean and Alison who organised and served the refreshments.

Julie Bunker





Tiffield

This took place in Tiffield Churchyard from June 7th-12th offering people the opportunity to take part as and when they could.

Resources were left on a table in the porch with covid friendly guidelines suggesting areas in the church yard to give some advice on how to start!

Tiffield Primary School also took part with groups of children coming along during the day.

Overall approximately 55 different plants were identified including several grasses; yarrow; cow parsley; speedwell; creeping buttercup; wild geranium; violets and monkshood to name but a few.

The results were entered via www.caringforgodsacre.org.uk from where they are uploaded to the National Biodiversity Network (NBN) Atlas which is accessible to all.

Thank you to everyone who took part as well as Phil and Mike who held off mowing, making the job more difficult the following week!

Rachel Holloway



Thanks are due to Hilary Aslett who has been the local organizer for the Ride and Stride for many years. Hilary's enthusiasm for this event has helped to raise hundreds of pounds for the NHCT over the years, a proportion of which goes to the church of the participant. Hilary is stepping down but we are grateful to Ali and Crofton Brierley for volunteering to continue Hilary's good work.

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between 10am and 6pm

A day in the open air ... plan your own route
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All sponsorship money received will be divided equally between
the NHCT and the church or chapel chosen by you

Sponsorship forms and a list of open churches and chapels are
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Alison and Crofton Brierley
01327 830770 or albrierley@btinternet.com

Northamptonshire Historic Churches Trust
Registered Charity No 1021632 For more details see our Website: www.nhct.org.uk

From the Registers



Holy Baptism

Sienna Manning

Pattishall

10th July 2021

We remember those who have died

Anthony Wootton

Pattishall

Cremation 23rd July 2021

Please remember these individuals and their families
in your prayers

Giving

Your church's need of financial support is greater than ever during these difficult times. If you feel able to make a gift to your church, please click the button below.

Thank you.

Cold Higham

Gayton

Pattishall

Tiffield

Summer Holiday

I am writing this in early June, before the government announces the level and timing of the final relaxation of covid restrictions. Even at this stage, though, relatively unrestricted travel is allowed to a few countries, and people have started booking and taking their Mediterranean and other holidays. I don't begrudge that. We live in a pressured world, and a good break from work is really necessary. I have encouraged our clergy to make sure they take one.

However, I have a challenge for all of us who fly, for whatever reasons. Flying is very, very, heavy in its carbon cost. Why don't we all consider offsetting the damage we are doing to the planet when we book a flight? If you look at this online, through one of the sustainable travel or carbon capture websites, you will find that for between £25 and £50 you could plant enough trees to offset the carbon cost of your return flight to any short or middle distance destination. We are doing this as a diocese when we visit our link diocese in Korea (long-distance, about £75 per head to offset), and I will suggest it to those who travel with me on pilgrimage to the Holy Land (less than £50 per head). In practice, it comes to around ten percent of the cost of the flight.

One of the remarkable things about holidays away from home is that God's creation can actually re-create us. The beautiful world we live in, whether it is the Lake District or the Scottish hills which I enjoy, or the Mediterranean



sunshine which blesses others, somehow enables us to relax and unwind, then re-energises us. Thank God for this wonderful provision.

This shouldn't be a surprise. "Holiday" is "holy day", originating from the pilgrimages of the Old Testament, running through the saints' days of medieval Christendom, through to our bank holidays and summer breaks today. The human spirit needs refreshment and renewal, and our wise creator provides for this.

I hope you can get away during this summer. I hope and pray that you will be blessed through that. I suspect you will be even more if you can spend some of that time consciously seeking God's renewal and re-energising in your life.

With best wishes

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Donald". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly stylized font.

+Donald
Bishop of Peterborough



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<https://crosskeysmag.org.uk/>

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<https://www.peterborough-diocese.org.uk/bishop-of-peterborough/sermons-articles-and-talks>



Poetry Corner

Slapton Sands

Devon's slopes cradle the arc of the beach
at Slapton curving up to inlets clear;
where cliffs plunge sheer to where the eye can reach.
What land is this, to capture thoughts so dear?

At Torcross stands the monument to brave
soldiers who came with LST's and tanks.
Fierce attack brought them to a watery grave.
Tourists looking, our freedom is their thanks.

The wide restless sea is calm 'neath blue sky;
with gentle airs, white froth caresses sand.
Hedge in fresh leaf which finches over fly;
horizon blue as heav'n bends to kiss land.

Past danger here with present hope resides.
Proof that new peace, through faith and love abides.

Alison Brierley



*Thank you to Wendy Watts for suggesting this thought
provoking poem with a twist! Stay with it and follow
the instruction at the end! Ed*

REFUGEES

by BRIAN BILSTON (*from 'You Took the Last Bus Home'*)

They have no need of our help
So do not tell me
These haggard faces could belong to you or me
Should life have dealt a different hand
We need to see them for who they really are
Chancers and scroungers
Layabouts and loungers
With bombs up their sleeves
Cut-throats and thieves
They are not
Welcome here
We should make them
Go back to where they came from
They cannot
Share our food
Share our homes
Share our countries
Instead let us
Build a wall to keep them out
It is not okay to say
These are people just like us
A place should only belong to those who are born there
Do not be so stupid to think that
The world can be looked at another way

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Who's Who in the Amelcote Benefice

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The Amelcote Benefice

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Holy Cross, Pattishall: St John the Baptist, Tiffield