

## Amelcote Benefice

# *The Messenger*



June-July-August 2026

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## From the Rectory...

Did you see the kites flying over Holy Cross on Easter Sunday? We made kites to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus, each decorating them as we felt fit. They were a wonderful sight. We also thought about just how the kite cannot fly without the wind blowing, enabling it to rise as high as the amount of string we have and dance around in the sky! And that leads me nicely to the Holy Spirit who is often referred to as a wind as it blows where it will and no-one can see it - just its effects.



At his Ascension, Jesus promised to send his Spirit to be with the disciples, enabling them to carry on his work of telling all nations of the love of God and how He wants us to live in and for this wonderful world and each other. He told his disciples to wait in Jerusalem; I'm sure they didn't really know what to expect or when, so it must have come as quite a shock when we read what actually happened in Acts 2 on what we now call the Day of Pentecost.



Those ordinary guys were filled with God's spirit as a sound like a "mighty wind" was heard. And, importantly everyone who was gathered in Jerusalem heard them speak in their own language. The task of preaching the gospel to all nations had begun!!

There are many ways we try to preach the gospel within our benefice but, if you can think of any more we could do, please don't hesitate to tell either myself, Jean our Lay Pastoral Leader or any church warden. And, don't forget, as one of my fridge magnets says: "God is not just for sundaes!"

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## Services in the Amelcote Benefice

Please join us at any of the services listed below for  
June, July and August 2026

Date	Time	Service	Church
June 7th	10am	Holy Communion	Cold Higham
June 14th	10am	Holy Communion	Tiffield
June 21st	10am	Holy Communion	Pattishall
June 28th	10am	Holy Communion	Gayton
July 5th	10am	Holy Communion	Cold Higham
July 12th	10am	Holy Communion	Tiffield
July 19th	10am	Holy Communion	Pattishall
July 26th	10am	Holy Communion	Gayton
Aug 2nd	10am	Holy Communion	Cold Higham
Aug 9th	10am	Holy Communion	Tiffield
Aug 16th	10am	Holy Communion	Pattishall
Aug 23rd	10am	Holy Communion	Gayton
Aug 30th	10am	Holy Communion	Pattishall

We have a weekly news sheet for readings, prayers and information on services and events.

Please email Chris Bulleid on [amelcote.info@gmail.com](mailto:amelcote.info@gmail.com) if you would like to be added to the mailing list.

## **Well Group**

Well Group is a Christian ladies group which meets monthly at Astcote Methodist Church to share lunch and fellowship.

Thursday 4th June, 12-2.00 speaker, Carla Merrey,  
Wings of Hope, Northampton

There will be no meetings in July and August

All women are welcome to join us.  
Please get in touch with Ali on  
01327 830770 or [albrierley@btinternet.com](mailto:albrierley@btinternet.com)



**Holy Cross, Pattishall**

**Teas on Sundays**



**June 7<sup>th</sup>, July 5<sup>th</sup>, Aug 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**3.00-4.30 pm**

**Teas, coffee, cakes  
and a friendly natter**

**Please come!**

St Mary's Church Gayton NN7 3EY

# GAYTON OPEN GARDENS AND ALLOTMENTS

SUNDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 1-5PM



Tickets and map from the church  
(Family Tickets Available)

**Gardens Open**

**Homemade Teas in the church**

**Car Parking**

## **School Leavers Services in church**

16th July 2.30 pm Gayton

17th July 2.00 pm Pattishall

17th July 10.00 am Tiffield



**GAYTON**  
CE PRIMARY SCHOOL



**TIFFIELD**  
CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Save the date

Events to look forward to in the autumn months

Saturday 12th September—**Ride and Stride**

Saturday 26th September—**Gayton Church Open Day**

3rd October 7pm —**Northampton Concert Band** at Holy Cross, Pattishall. Tickets from Wendy 01327 830583, Jean 01327 830909 and Alison 01327 830770.

Sunday 29th November 6.30pm— **Advent Concert** at Holy Cross, performed by Fiori Musicali.

Check the Fiori Musicali website or Facebook page for the programme and tickets.

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# RIDE + STRIDES

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Pattishall—Ali Brierley 01327 830770

Tiffield—Rachel Holloway 01327 353172

**Northamptonshire Historic Churches Trust**

Registered Charity No 1021652 For more details see our website: [www.nhct.org.uk](http://www.nhct.org.uk)

*Save the Date*  
– 26 September –



We would like to celebrate **St Mary's Church, Gayton** by inviting you all to come to a “**Open Day**” where you can meet us, enjoy tours of the church, bell tower and the church yard and have some tea, coffee and cake or a light lunch of homemade soup and fresh bread. There will also be toys, games and a children's treasure hunt for the younger ones alongside other activities supported by Gayton Primary school.



**St Mary's Church, Gayton**

## Meeting the Archbishop of Canterbury

On May 16th, Dame Sarah Mullally the Archbishop of Canterbury visited St Christophers Care Home, Northampton. In my role as Anna Chaplain, I felt honoured to be invited to talk to her about my



ministry in the Amelcote Benefice. The Archbishop showed great interest in the Messy Vintage services. Three other Anna Chaplains spoke of their work in the Diocese and Dame Sarah asked us all many questions and asked why we had been called to take up the ministry.



She, along with Bishop Debbie, went into the Chapel where we all joined some of the residents for coffee and an informal chat. The Archbishop spoke at length to each of the residents (including Revd Hugh Kent), showing a very caring side of her ministry. The morning concluded with prayers and a blessing.

*Jean Pugh*

Click [here](#) for more about the Archbishop's visit to the Diocese

## Recent Events

*Alison writes about two very enjoyable events held at Holy Cross during April and May...*

The Natasha Thompson Quartet showed that they are a firm favourite with friends and local residents. Natasha's mellow voice captured the vibe of New York - 'On the A train', and 'Moonlight in Vermont' plus many other favourites enjoyed by all. It was a good result for Holy Cross church funds, with a profit of £600 after expenses.

The Quiz night at Holy Cross, with Hilary Aslett, was a great success, new faces mingling with the regular supporters of our popular annual Quiz with Ploughman's. Many thanks to Wendy Watts and Jean Pugh especially for organising it. A substantial £500+ was raised for the maintenance of our beautiful welcoming church.

*Alison Brierley*



A box for Foodbank donations can be found in Holy Cross church every day and in the porch at Holmeview, 8 Greenway, Eastcote, on Fridays. Please ensure that all food is non-perishable and well within sell-by date.

[Click here for items currently most needed](#)

Your generous donations are gratefully received and make a real difference. Thank you.

*Jean Pugh*

## Endings and beginnings

**A**s June arrives, perhaps some of us sense a gentle invitation to pause and notice where we are. The weeks ahead carry a particular energy for me, a feeling that something is drawing to a close, even as new possibilities begin to open up. For many households, June marks the end of exams and years of study, bringing a heady mix of relief, tiredness and excitement.

This year, that feels especially close, as my son Noah comes to the end of his GCSEs. Like many families, we've lived with revision timetables, quiet encouragement, lots of snacks and prayers, all held alongside that familiar question: *what comes next?*

Across our communities, others will be marking different endings and beginnings too. The school year begins to wind down, projects reach their conclusion, and routines soften as summer draws closer. Even the natural world joins in. Spring's freshness gives way to the smell of barbecues and freshly cut grass. Days stretch long into the

evening, gardens flourish, and light seems to linger as if reluctant to leave.

In every season of life, God remains our constant. While our circumstances shift and change, God's faithful presence does not. Scripture reminds us that God walks with us through endings and beginnings alike, offering hope when outcomes are still unknown, peace while we wait, and reassurance as new possibilities unfold.

Christian hope is not about having all the answers, but about trusting the One who holds them. As we journey through June, my prayer is that we may notice what is ending, celebrate what is beginning, and step forward with confidence and joy, trusting that God is already there, welcoming us into all that lies ahead.



The Revd Becky Dyball  
Bishop's Missioner



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## Pastoral Matters

If you are in need of someone to talk to, or would like to pray with someone, please contact Jean Pugh, Pastoral Minister on 01327 830909 or mobile 07711329664



A phone line of hymns, reflections and prayers



\*Calls are charged at the same rate as a standard UK landline number

The Daily Hope phone line has been relaunched, by an organisation called Faith in Later Life. Please note that the number has changed. It is no longer a free phonenumber—calls will be charged at the same rate as a standard UK landline.

Many thanks to all who contributed to this Messenger. Please send items for the Sep/Oct/Nov issue by Aug 20th, to Margaret Bulleid, [amelcote.messenger@gmail.com](mailto:amelcote.messenger@gmail.com).

Thanks for reading

# **Who's Who in the Amelcote Benefice**

## **Rector**

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## **Lay Pastoral Minister**

Jean Pugh  
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## **Churchwardens**

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Pattishall	Alison Brierley	01327 830770
Tiffield	Mike Dean	01327 350077
	Rachel Holloway	01327 353172

## **The Amelcote Benefice**

St Luke, Cold Higham: St Mary, Gayton:  
Holy Cross, Pattishall: St John the Baptist, Tiffield