

Amelcote Benefice

The Messenger



March-April-May 2024

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11th February 2024

APPOINTMENT OF RECTOR (HOUSE FOR DUTY)

I am delighted to announce that following interview and with the agreement of Bishop John and the Parish Representatives, The Revd Marion Reynolds who is currently retired and previously a Vicar at Fulford in Stone and Hilderstone in the Lichfield Diocese, has been offered and has accepted the invitation to become Rector (House for Duty) in the Amelcote Benefice.

The appointment of Marion is subject to the normal Church of England legal and administrative procedures. Marion will be Instituted and Inducted by Bishop Debbie on 19 March at 7pm at Holy Cross, Pattishall.

Bishop John and I are very grateful to all who helped with the preparation of the profile, all the arrangements for the interview and for the continuing and encouraging ministry of the parishes in the service of Christ during the vacancy.

Please pray for Marion as she prepares to move to live and work with the villages in the Amelcote Benefice.



The Venerable Richard Ormston
Archdeacon of Northampton

We welcome Revd Marion, as she returns to the Amelcote Benefice to continue her ministry. We pray that she and her husband Paul will find friendship and fulfilment in these familiar parishes.

Please pray for the newly installed Bishop of Peterborough, Rt Revd Debbie Sellin who we look forward to meeting at Revd Marion's service of Institution and Induction on 19th March.

We offer our thanks to Sue and Jean for their spiritual and pastoral support, to the Churchwardens and PCCs for their hard work behind the scenes and to all those members of the Clergy who have taken services and supported us during the Vacancy.

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Services in the Amelcote Benefice

Please join us at any of the services listed below for
March, April and May 2024

We have a weekly news sheet for readings, prayers and up to the minute information on services. Please email Chris Bulleid on amelcote.info@gmail.com if you would like to be added to the mailing list.

Date	Time	Service	Church
March 3rd	10am	Family Communion	Cold Higham
March 10th Mothering Sunday	10am	Family Communion	Tiffield
March 17th	10am	Family Communion	Pattishall
Tuesday March 19th	7pm	Revd Marion's Service of Institution and Induction	Pattishall
March 24 th Palm Sunday	10am	Family Communion	Gayton
March 28 th Maundy Thursday	7pm	Communion	Pattishall
March 29 th Good Friday	2pm	Hour at the Cross	Cold Higham
Sat. March 30th	7pm	Service of Light	Tiffield
March 31 st Easter Sunday	10am	Easter Sunday - Family Communion	Pattishall
April 7th	10am	Family Communion	Cold Higham
April 14th	10am	Family Communion	Tiffield
April 21st	10am	Family Communion	Pattishall
April 28th	10am	Family Communion	Gayton

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<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Service</i>	<i>Church</i>
May 5th	10am	Family Communion	Cold Higham
May 12th	10am	Family Communion	Tiffield
May 19th Pentecost	10am	Family Communion	Pattishall
May 26 th	10am	Family Communion	Gayton

Lent Lunch

Continuation of studying

The Gospel of Mark

with a frugal lunch of soup,
bread and cheese

11.45 – 13.15

March 7th, 14th, & 21st

at Holmeview,
8 Greenway, Eastcote

To confirm your place, please ring
Jean on 01327830909 / 07711329664
or Sue on 01327351219 / 07870882660

Please send items for the
Jun/Jul/Aug Messenger to
Margaret Bulleid by email,
amelcote.messenger@gmail.com
by 20th May

Thanks for reading
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HOLY CROSS CHURCH, PATTISHALL

CRAFTS & PLAY



Fridays

1st, 8th, 15th March

3.00-4.30 pm



Crafts and toys
Tea and cake
Bible Stories

Everyone welcome

Pastoral Matters

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

Church of England Lent Reflections

Watch and Pray invites us to seek God in both familiar and unfamiliar places this Lent: in darkness and in quiet; in movement and migration; in the healing and transforming work of the Spirit; in the weeping of Holy Week and in the joy of Easter morning.



Activate the QR code (using the camera on your phone) to find out more.



Well Group

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

Thursday 29 Feb, 12-2.00 speaker, Helen Honeywell - Kasambira Village,

Thursday 21 March, 12-2.00 speaker, Diane Forsyth - Changing Direction

Thursday 25th April, 12-2.00 Speaker tbc

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

Winter Warmer Lunch



Holy Cross, Pattishall

Sunday 3rd March

12 noon - 2 pm

All welcome

St Mary's Church Gayton NN7 3EY

GAYTON OPEN GARDENS AND ALLOTMENTS

SUNDAY 9TH JUNE 1-5PM



Tickets and map from the church
(Family Tickets Available)

Gardens Open

Teddy Bear Trail

Homemade Teas in the church

Car Parking

Join us for Afternoon Tea

April 7th, May 5th,
3-4.30 pm
at Holy Cross



ALL WELCOME!



Saturday 20 April

7.30 pm

Holy Cross, Pattishall

Ploughmans £12.50

Tickets: Wendy or Jean

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Bells ring out for Robert's 100th birthday

The bellringers of Holy Cross rang 100 changes on 20th February, to celebrate the 100th birthday of our friend Robert Waller of Astcote.



Peterborough Diocesan Guild

On Tuesday, 20 February 2024 in 4m

Pattishall, Northamptonshire
Holy Cross

Tenor: 11–2–24 in G

100 Grandsire Doubles

Rung with 7-6-8 cover

- 1 Caroline J Blackwell
- 2 Margaret J Bulleid
- 3 John P L Pardoe
- 4 Alan Faiers
- 5 Christopher E Bulleid (C)
- 6 Odette M Dawkins
- 7 Jonathan Stuart
- 8 Nick Lowe

Rung in celebration of the 100th birthday of Robert Waller, a local resident.

Congratulations Robert!



I recently completed a six-week course on Anna Chaplaincy

Anna Chaplains are named after the widow prophetess, Anna, who appears with Simeon in Luke's gospel; both are good role models of faithful older people. Anna Chaplains are there for people of strong, little or no faith at all.

Anna Chaplaincy has developed as a response to the needs of a growing ageing population, which has presented the church with new challenges. Many of its members, and those whom we would want to walk alongside are no longer able to get to a church building or sit through a service. As well as the needs for worship and fellowship, for some there is a need for spiritual care for all older people, many of whom lack human contact and long for someone who has the time to listen to their story, and honour them as the unique and precious person that they are. If our society can be ageist then we as the church must not be ageist, we are called to care for all people.

Old age was traditionally perceived as following years of active labour and work so starting at 60 for women or 65 for a man, and for this reason old people were entitled to a pension from the state, however, in the last 30 or 40 years, those living for many years beyond 65 have increased greatly. Just 100 years ago, life expectancy changed dramatically, the office for national statistics shows a male born in 1910 and 1912 was expected to live for 51 years, 100 years later that has increased to 79 years and a woman's expectancy increased from 55 to 83 years.

Old age has been considered in two categories, the third and fourth ages. The third age are those experiencing some kind of retirement, having a good level of mobility and managing his or her life without outside assistance, while the person in the fourth age is described as someone who requires physical assistance or care due to age related disability, illness or frailty caused by the process of ageing. People living with dementia can feel isolated, alone in their distress at losing their memory and their connection to the things which gave their life meaning and purpose before the condition took hold.

For those in both the third and fourth age without the need to work, there is also more time available to consider spiritual questions regarding the meaning of life how to be content and how to live with hope and peace in old age.

Anna Chaplaincy values older people, giving them a voice, keeping them connected and accompanying them on their spiritual journey. An Anna Chaplain helps older people to realise their life experiences are valuable and must be shared.

If you would like to know more about Anna Chaplaincy please ring me for a friendly chat.

Jean Pugh
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Who's Who in the Amelcote Benefice

Rector

Revd Marion Reynolds (from 19th March)

Reader

Sue Titheridge
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Lay Pastoral Minister

Jean Pugh
07711 329664

Churchwardens

Cold Higham	Pauline Pearson	01327 830287
Gayton	Andy Hartley	01604 858360
	John Rogers	07973 836387
Pattishall	Alison Brierley	01327 830770
Tiffield	Mike Dean	01327 350077
	Rachel Holloway	01327 353172

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