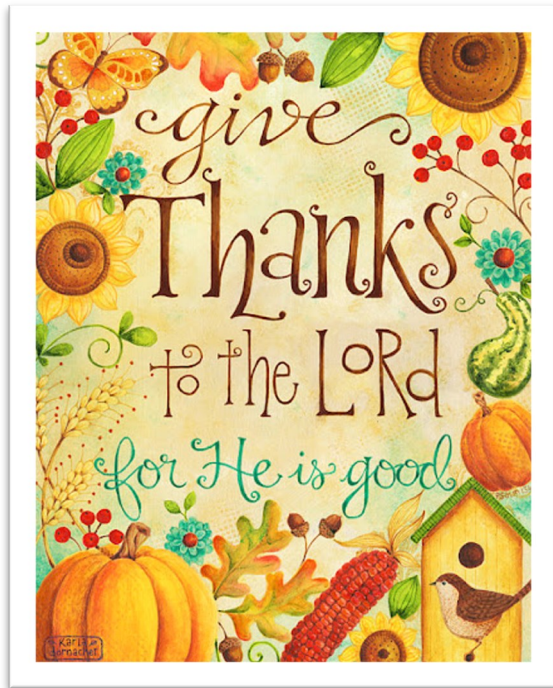


Amelcote Benefice

The Messenger



September-October-November 2024

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From the Rector...

Some friends from our former church came to visit us recently. I have known 2 of them since primary school and we have both known the others for many years. They too, live in a rural village and all of them are from farming families and all very involved with the local church. When they arrived at the Rectory, their first comment was what a lovely, unspoilt village. How are you managing to keep it so? Their problem is that a couple of local farmers have recently sold off acres of land to housing developers (one now has 600 houses on it and another 2 each have around 100 houses with more to come). Their villages have lost their “villageness” and, as all local amenities such as shops, doctor surgeries, village hall etc had already vanished, there is absolutely nothing apart from houses (one village church and a small village primary school which is now bursting with children and with no room to expand). They are really struggling to keep community going and envy us. We are so fortunate here; yes, we don't have local shops or surgeries in the villages but we have so much community – the minibus service, our village halls, three schools, all thriving, the pubs, not to mention our 4 churches. God wants us to live in community together; looking out for each other, sharing conversation, meeting each other socially and worshipping Him in church. We give Him thanks for our villages and pray that He will continue to bless our communities.

Revd Marion Reynolds

Services in the Amelcote Benefice

You are invited to come along to any of the services listed below for September, October and November 2024.

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Service</i>	<i>Church</i>
Sep 1st	10am	Holy Communion	Cold Higham
Sep 8th	10am	Holy Communion	Tiffield
Sep 15th	10am	Holy Communion	Pattishall
Sep 22nd	10am	Holy Communion	Gayton
Sep 29th	10am	Informal Family Worship (followed by short Communion—optional)	Pattishall
	5pm	Harvest celebration with the Gayton Singers	Gayton
Oct 6th	10am	Holy Communion, St Lukes, Gift Day	Cold Higham
	3pm	Harvest Food and Fun	Pattishall
Oct 13th	10am	Holy Communion	Tiffield
Oct 20th	10am	Holy Communion	Pattishall
Oct 27th	10am	Holy Communion	Gayton
Nov 3rd	10am	Holy Communion	Cold Higham
	3pm	Commemoration of the Departed	Pattishall
Nov 10th	TBC	Services of Remembrance	All churches
Nov 17th	10am	Holy Communion	Pattishall
Nov 24th	10am	Holy Communion	Gayton
Dec 1st	TBC	Advent Sunday service	TBC

Schools Worship

In conjunction with our colleagues at Astcote Methodist church, we will be going into our three Benefice schools on a regular basis to lead collective worship.

All three schools will be in church to celebrate Harvest

18th Oct 9:30am Pattishall school at Holy Cross

21st Oct Gayton and Tiffield schools—time and venue tbc

Revd Marion

HOLY CROSS CHURCH, PATTISHALL

CRAFTS & PLAY

Fridays 3.00-4.30 pm

27th Sept

4th, 11th, 18th Oct



**Crafts and toys
Tea and cake
Bible Stories**

Everyone welcome

Harvest

Join us to celebrate and give thanks for the Harvest



Sunday 29th September -5pm St Mary Gayton

A service of Harvest Thanksgiving , with the Gayton Festival Singers

Sunday 6th October-3pm - Holy Cross, Pattishall

Food and Fun with a Harvest theme

Prayer Breakfast

A Prayer Breakfast will be held at the Rectory 8:30 - 9:30am on the first Saturday of the month, starting on 7th September.

FAMILY WORSHIP

Join us at 10am on Sun 29th September, for a short informal service for all the family



**AT HOLY CROSS,
PATTISHALL**

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

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NORTHAMPTONSHIRE HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST

Saturday 14th September 2024

between 10am and 6pm

a day in the open air ... plan your own route
350+ stunning churches and chapels to visit -
many of them open and welcoming



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
available from your local organiser: -**

Pattishall - Ali & Crofton Brierley - 01327 830770

Gayton - Andy Hartley - 01604 858360

Tiffield - Mike Dean - 01327 350077

Cold Higham - Pauline Pearson - 01327 830287

Northamptonshire Historic Churches Trust

Registered Charity No 1021632 For more details see our website: www.nhct.org.uk

Well Group

Well Group is a Christian ladies group which meets monthly to share food and fellowship.

Thursday 26th September 12-2 pm : James Yates on his work for Thrive - Youth work in rural churches.



Well group is changing its monthly meeting day to the **1st Thursday** in the month.

Thursday 7th November 12-2 pm: Alison Brierley - War and Remembrance.

Thursday 5th December 12-2 pm : County Ecumenical officer tbc

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



Homemade Preserves



Plum and Blackcurrant Jam

Mint Jelly, Marmalade, Apple & Raisin chutney

£3-£5 depending on size

available from Alison

[01327 830770](tel:01327830770) or albrierley@btinternet.com

proceeds to church workers in Sudan

WINTER WARMER LUNCHES

Sundays

12 - 2 pm

3rd November,

1st December



Holy Cross Church, Pattishall

All welcome for food, fellowship and friendship



We collect food for Towcester Foodbank, in the porch at Holy Cross and at Holmeview, 8 Greenway, Eastcote.

Please ensure that all food is non-perishable and well within sell-by date.

If you need to receive food from the foodbank or would like to know which items are currently most needed you can find out at

www.towcester.foodbank.org.uk

Bell news

It's been a busy summer in the bell tower at Holy Cross as we have enjoyed sharing our wonderful new ring of 8 bells with a succession of visiting ringers. From May to the end of August we have welcomed no less than eight groups of visiting ringers, including bands from Somerset and the Welsh Colleges as well as some more local visitors. Three of the bands rang quarter peals while others enjoyed general ringing. There have been many favourable comments and all have left generous donations. Most of the bands have also rung at Cold Higham and have been warmly welcomed by Pauline.

Our own band members meanwhile, are making good progress at developing their skills on 8 bells, despite the inevitable absences during the holiday season. Congratulations to Jonathan Stuart who recently rang his first quarter peal of Grandsire Triples. Chris has been teaching two new recruits Adrian and, more recently, John. They have both made wonderful progress and Adrian is now a valued member of our service ringing band. MB



The band for Jonathan Stuart's first quarter peal of Grandsire Triples on 18th August, which was rung in memory of Gail Stuart's mother Joan Bartholomew, who died on 26th March.

Tempus Fugit ... Time Flies

‘**T**empus Fugit’ quipped Bond as the exploding watch was propelled across the floor towards the evil Blofeld. Well you don’t need to work for the British Secret Service to know that one minute you’re in your teens enjoying all of life’s firsts and the next you’ve been there and got the t-shirt. Life goes quickly and the police are definitely looking younger.

So it was only five minutes ago since the schools joyfully broke up for the summer hols and now the new term is on the horizon.

September is the time for new beginnings. Children join a shiny new class; teenagers head off into the scary world of work or the carefree (and expensive) world of university; the rugby season bursts into life at Franklin’s Gardens, the home of the Premiership Champions; and churches crank up their kids’ groups, home groups, social lives and community contact.

Tempus Fugit. Time flies. So let’s make the best of it. Verse two of the old hymn, Awake my Soul, says:



*Redeem thy mis-spent time that's past,
and live each day as if thy last;
improve thy talent with due care;
for the great day thyself prepare.*

Or in plain English:

Make the most of every day and use your God-given gifts for Jesus, because one day we meet him.

Enjoy the new beginning that September brings; use your time wisely and well; be creative and sparky in your discipleship; and delight in every opportunity to serve the Lord Jesus.

Tempus Fugit ... enjoy!

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'R. Ormston', with a horizontal line underneath.

The Venerable Richard Ormston
Archdeacon of Northampton



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[News from the Diocese](#)

Amelcote News

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

Many thanks to those who have contributed to this issue.

Please send items, from all around the Benefice, for the
Dec/Jan/Feb issue
to amelcote.messenger@gmail.com by November 15th.

Margaret Bulleid

Who's Who in the Amelcote Benefice

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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