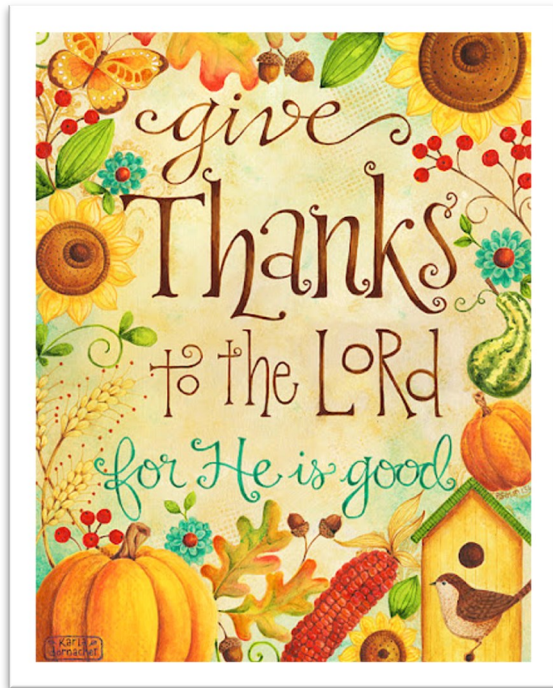


Amelcote Benefice

The Messenger



September-October-November 2023

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An update from the Benefice team

During the vacancy the usual service pattern has continued. The churchwardens, supported by the Rural Dean (Canon Richard Stainer), are finding stand-in priests to lead communion and other services as required.

Sometimes there may be a need for a change to the normal service arrangements so please keep an eye on the weekly information bulletins and church noticeboards for the latest information.

Our vacancy went live on the church's recruitment website in late August and will be advertised for three weeks in the Church Times beginning on 8th September. Interested candidates will be encouraged to look at our 'Benefice profile', which explains the current situation of the church in our area, what we want our new minister to achieve, and what we can offer to help them achieve it. The closing date for applications is 27th September.

Two representatives have been appointed from each parish to take forward the shortlisting and interviewing of the candidates. These are Cold Higham—Pauline Pearson and Ken Watts, Gayton—John Rogers and Lisa Gunn, Pattishall—Alison Brierley and Michelle Lloyd and Tiffield—Mike Dean and Philip Titheridge.

Shortlisting and seeking references will happen in October, with interviews being held before the middle of November. The details of all candidates will be kept confidential to the parish representatives.

Numerous benefices are looking for new ministers so it is hard to predict how long we might need to wait before we get a new minister. We will keep PCC members and people in the Benefice informed of progress as recruitment moves forward.

Philip Titheridge



Services in the Amelcote Benefice

You are invited to come along to any of the services listed below for September, October and November 2023.

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 know of someone who might like to be added to the mailing list.

Date	Time	Service	Church
Sep 3rd	10am	Family Communion	Cold Higham
Sep 10th	10am	Family Communion	Tiffield
Sep 17th	10am	Family Communion	Pattishall
Sep 24th	10am	Family Communion	Gayton
Oct 1st	10am	Harvest Communion	Cold Higham
Oct 8th	10am	Family Communion	Tiffield
Oct 15th	10am	Family Communion	Pattishall
Oct 22nd	10am	Harvest Communion	Gayton
Oct 29th	10am	Family Communion	Pattishall
Nov 5th	10am	Family Communion	Cold Higham
Nov 12th	10am	Remembrance service with communion	Tiffield
	10.15am	Remembrance service	Pattishall
Nov 19th	10am	Family Communion	Pattishall
Nov 26th	10am	Family Communion	Gayton

A note from Revd Karen

Culworth Rectory

My sincere thanks for your love and support over the past five years.

I pray that you will continue to walk with the Lord, let him be your Guide and keep loving each other and the one you serve—Jesus.

Bless you in His name

Rev'd Karen xx

HOLY CROSS CHURCH, PATTISHALL

**CRAFTS AND
PLAY**

Fridays

15th, 22nd, 29th September

13th, 20th October

3.00 - 4.30 pm



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

Everyone welcome



Well Group

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

Thursday 28th September 12-2 pm Lunch at Ascote Methodist church, with speaker from World Vision.

Thursday 19th October 12-2pm Lunch at Ascote Methodist Church, with speaker Sue Donnelly, Reader in Roade benefice - Our Story.

Thursday 30th November 12-2pm Lunch at Ascote Methodist Church
Speaker to be confirmed.

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

Pastoral Ministry during Benefice Vacancy

All requests for occasional offices (Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals), home visits, home communion and prayer, please contact:

Jean Pugh: 07711 329664 - Lay Pastoral Minister

From the Editor

Many thanks to those who have contributed to this issue.

Please send items, from all around the Benefice, for the
December/January/February issue
to Margaret Bulleid amelcote.messenger@gmail.com
by November 14th.

Thank you for reading

Margaret

SUPPORT NORTHAMPTONSHIRE'S BEAUTIFUL CHURCHES

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Saturday 9th September 2023

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350+ stunning churches and chapels to visit -
many of them open and welcoming



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Pattishall - Ali and Crofton Brierley - 01327 830770

Gayton - Robin Kelso - 01604 857585

Tiffeld - Fay Tennet and Sue Williams

Northamptonshire Historic Churches Trust

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

A little more about 'Ride and Stride'...

There's a lot of enthusiasm for this year's Ride and Stride event on 9th September.

If you would like to try out an e-bike for the day, please contact Crofton and Ali Brierley (01327 830770).

Robin Kelso (Gayton) and Sue Williamson (Tiffield) are co-ordinating walking groups while Fay Tennet is leading a cycling group who will meet on Tiffield Village Green at 9am.

If cycling or walking isn't your thing, why not volunteer to meet and greet and serve refreshments to those visiting your church?

WINTER WARMER LUNCHES

Sundays
12 - 2 pm



1st October, 5th November, 3rd December

Holy Cross Church, Pattishall

All welcome



NORTHAMPTON MALE VOICE CHOIR

*Singing classical, modern, popular and show songs
From Take That to Karl Jenkins
and everything in between!*



Saturday 30th September 2023

7.30pm

Refreshments available

**Holy Cross Church,
Pattishall
NN12 8NB**

**Tickets £12.50
Under 12s FREE
01327 830909
07766 663008
07906 077055**

GAYTON SHOW

September 16th, 1pm - 5pm



in the Village Hall

Alongside the usual produce competition open to Gayton Allotmenters and resident gardeners there will be stalls and refreshments.

Stalls include pottery, crochet, art, children's stalls, jewellery and Guess the weight of the pumpkin.

The children's classes are open to any child that attends Gayton school. Details of the classes will be posted on the Parish Noticeboard soon.

There will be a dog agility class and, weather permitting, there will be a plant stall outside.

Come and see the fabulous produce and perhaps have a cup of tea and a cake.

We are providing a ploughman's lunch but only if pre booked by the Thursday before. (phone me 07778 574139 to order)

We are trying to bring back the Village Show which hasn't taken place for over 30years so please come and join us!

Hilary Glanville

Save the Date...

HARVEST SUPPER

Saturday 21st October

Holy Cross Church, Pattishall

Keep an eye on the weekly bulletins for more details

Announcing a new Bishop's Charity for 2024

September always feels like a new beginning of sorts, I think maybe because it is so reminiscent of our childhoods as every autumn we start a new class, with a new, probably oversized, and shiny uniform on.

Thinking of this moment of change led me to consider Manna House, an organisation that I have been involved in for many years, and one which itself has just started on a new beginning with the retirement of their longstanding and inspirational Co-Founder and Director John Nightingale. This incredibly worthwhile charity provides counselling training for all across the Diocese as well as counselling sessions in Northamptonshire.

The Manna House Trust (www.themannahouseonline.com) seeks to understand, sustain, enrich and transform lives by nurturing and promoting wellbeing, wholeness and recovery. They aim to do this through excellent counselling and therapeutic practice, training and research, expressing Christian service of hope, meaning and purpose.

The increasing need for counselling services to help those suffering from bereavement, depression, abuse, anxiety and stress or troubled relationships means that the demand for these services has never been greater, at a time when



many are facing a cost of living crisis and donations to charities are falling.

As Christians, we are called to look after all those suffering in our society; 'Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me' (Matthew 25:40). I commend Manna House to you as my new Bishop's Charity and urge you to consider it in your charitable giving planning for next year, or maybe see if there is someone in your community who may be able to undertake their training to offer support in your local area.

With my prayers and best wishes,



+John

Acting Bishop of Peterborough and
Bishop of Brixworth

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Manna House Counselling Service

We are based in Central Northampton and are planning for a new
Volunteer Reception Team.
Covering Monday -Friday, 09:00–17:00

If you have a Christian Faith, have any free time, and enjoy helping
people, this is the place for you...

Duties will include, welcoming and caring for clients and visitors to MHCS,
to field any enquiries, to provide a way of receiving donations or gifts by
Cheque, Cash or Credit Card reader.

It can be daunting arriving with us for your first and/or your last interview
or counselling session and a friendly face, warm welcome and offer of a
cup of tea can go a long way to reassure and support our clients.

Please contact Neil for further information.

Tel: 01604 633304, email MHCS@mannahouse.org.uk

Reg. Charity No. 286358



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

Who's Who in the Amelcote Benefice

Rector

Vacancy

Reader

Sue Titheridge

Lay Pastoral Minister

Jean Pugh

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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

The Amelcote Benefice

St Luke, Cold Higham: St Mary, Gayton:

Holy Cross, Pattishall: St John the Baptist, Tiffield