



## CHAPEL COMMENT

I wish for you a smoother path,  
all problems left behind.  
A little joy, a lighter heart,  
a calm and quiet mind.

I wish you hope and happiness  
along the path you tread,  
and gentle sweet tranquility  
to fill the days ahead.

I wish you peace to soothe the soul,  
each doubt and fear dispel.  
And love which grows and knows no  
bounds  
and whispers; "All is well".

Iris Hesselden.

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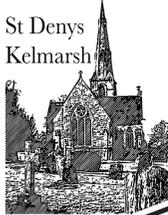
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All Saints, Clipston



St Michael's Haselbeck



St Denys  
Kelmarsh

*Be Kind, Stay Safe*

# The Magazine



Welford  
Congregational Chapel



St Helen's Sibbertoft



St Mary The Virgin, Welford



St Nicholas' Marston Trussell

Haselbeck, Kelmarsh  
Marston Trussell, Naseby,  
Welford, Sibbertoft & Clipston

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### **Good Neighbours**

Hope everyone is staying safe and well. Sorry we are unable to meet up again this month. I have lots of books and jigsaws at home (38 High Street) if you would like to borrow anything. Just call and ring the bell.

Jane & Sue



### **PRIVATE PRAYER IN CHURCH**

**Following new guidelines, Welford and Clipston churches will be open for private prayer as below. The churches will be supervised and strict hygiene and social distancing observed.**

**Welford—Tuesdays from 23rd June 9.30am to 12.00am**  
**Clipston—Wednesdays from 24th June 11.00am to 2.00pm**



for.....

- The phone calls to ask how you are.
- The gifts of delicious cake left by the door.
- The notelet cards to write messages to any one in need.
- The weekly WI newsletter.
- The welcome chats in the street.
- The rainbows and art work in the windows.
- The pebble snake.
- The boxes of books to 'help yourself'.
- The offers to get shopping.
- The bunches of flowers and gifts of chocolate.
- The well stocked Village shop and Garage.
- The weekly beer delivery. (Not for me you understand!!)
- The takeaway meals and veg` boxes.
- The offer to make face masks.
- The weekly spiritual message from Barrie and Tony.
- The on line Sunday services.
- And to anyone else I've missed!!

The sense of community which is Welford.

## *Dear Friends,*

Elsewhere you will see an article by Kris Seward, our new Curate – what a blessing he will be to the Benefice! It is my hope and prayer that we can be a blessing to him and to Karen his wife, too.

He is, of course, joining us at a time when life has become very different for everyone and, whilst the lockdown is easing, major challenges remain. There are personal, everyday challenges over which we have significant control, but there are also those that impact us more generally whether locally, nationally, or internationally. Whatever they are, though, they are challenges that constantly remind us of what we have left behind – things like the choice to socialise with whoever we want, to go to the cinema, the pub, or out for a meal. Even sending our children to school has become something of a risk benefit analysis. Things we took for granted are now to be treasured or longed for.

Most of us who read this will, though, continue to take for granted the fact that we will be treated justly; that people looking at us won't, consciously or subconsciously, judge us to be somehow less able, possibly more dangerous, and certainly not "one of us". I am, of course, thinking Black Lives Matter, and I must continue to think this when the phrase is not front and centre of the news.

Too often, it seems to me, there has been a great outcry against racial prejudice, and then a rapid descent into apathy - until such time as another horrific injustice raises the issue once more. It mustn't go on. We can't continue to allow "black lives" to matter less than others. It's easy to say that we don't, easy to say that the colour of someone's skin is irrelevant to us, but there is a good deal of evidence to suggest "people of colour" have to constantly demonstrate that they don't fit a stereotype which we, white people, have developed – and developed on the basis that they are less than equal to us.

As Christians, we have been as guilty as anyone, with the Bible used in this country to justify slavery, just as it was used by Wilberforce and others to end it. God gave us his Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth – to interpret the Bible in the light of Christ's love, and not in the darkness of fear, prejudice and profit.

We need to be clear in our own hearts and minds that God created all human beings in his image – nowhere in the Bible does it say "white" human beings; there is no qualification of any kind. Diversity is inherent in creation, to be celebrated, affirmed and embraced.

Having found that clarity, it is still a difficult debate to step into; we may feel we risk being criticised for the language we use, for cultural appropriation, or for simply not understanding the issue because we are white.

But whilst I can never fully understand what it's like to be black, what I do understand is that God's justice is utterly colour blind and that tragically, time and time again, human history teaches us that the justice we dispense is not.

*Miranda*

*Kris Seward*



Hi, my name is Kris and I am married to Karen, we have just moved into the vicarage at Welford. In this short period of time, we have begun to experience the hospitality and love of the community. The wonderful welcome of cards, flowers and meals have been so thoughtful and gratefully received whilst we are in the middle of the chaos of moving to a new house and settling in, so please accept our sincere thanks for this blessing.

Over the past two years, Karen and I have been living in Durham where I studied Theology, Ministry and Mission at Cranmer Hall. Before this, we lived in the small village of Geddington which is just outside of Kettering. Whilst we loved Durham I have felt God's call for me to serve in rural ministry grow stronger and stronger so it's with a great deal of excitement and anticipation that I begin my curacy with you all.

I am really looking forward to meeting everyone over the coming weeks but also a little disappointed that under the current restrictions this may not be possible in the same way as normal. However not to be deterred I'm hoping to set up a few informal drop-in sessions via zoom and will be calling others on the telephone so we can have a chat over a cup of tea or coffee and get to know one another. Having spoken to Miranda, I am also planning to begin a weekday morning prayer service via zoom, so keep your eyes peeled on the Naseby Group website for further details.



## **Mary Magdalene**

**Mary of Magdala was a leading figure among those attracted to Jesus. When the men in that company abandoned him at the hour of mortal danger, Mary of Magdala was one of the women who stayed with him, even to the Crucifixion. She was present at the tomb, the first person to whom Jesus appeared after his resurrection and the first to preach the “Good News” of that miracle. She was declared a saint by the Catholic Church in 1969 and in 2016 Pope Francis declared her Feast Day as July 22<sup>nd</sup>.**

### **THE MAGAZINE**

Online

The Magazine can be viewed online, in glorious colour at  
[www.nasebygroup.org](http://www.nasebygroup.org)

Deadline for August Magazine 15th July  
[thechurchmagazine@aol.com](mailto:thechurchmagazine@aol.com)



*No comment required ...*



. Over the coming weeks I also plan to visit each parish to prayer walk the streets and get to know the villages, I should be quite easy to spot as Archer my dog will be by my side and he has an opinion on everything and likes to express it loudly, so please look for me.

Walking is a real passion of ours and being in Gods beautiful creation is often where I feel closest to God, it's a great opportunity just to relax and be, and we are delighted to be surrounded by so much beauty within the benefice.

I have a real heart for mission and a deep pastoral concern for all, and my hope is to walk alongside the communities encouraging and developing the gifts that God has given us, to learn from those around me, enabling one another to reach further into our communities and show the love of Christ to those who have not heard or experienced his love before. I am often struck by the message from John 21 v.15-17 and our call to feed and care for Gods sheep, to find those who are lost or in need (Luke 15:1-7). This is the ministry I would love to develop as together we seek to re-define what Church means and how we can do things differently post COVID-19 whilst continuing to make Church relevant and life-giving to our communities, building on the good work already underway within the parishes.

We are so blessed that God has brought us to this wonderful place, and it will be a real privilege to be able to serve you over the coming years. In the meantime, I look forward to being part of these lovely communities and assure you of my continued prayers and I look forward to journeying with you and seeing where God leads us.

I wish you all Gods perfect peace and blessings.

Kris

## SIBBERTOFT NEWS



### Sibbertoft 'Nan on the run fundraising 20/21' Start date 29/3/20

#### June update

Almost 3 months into my self imposed challenge to run the equivalent of 25 marathons in a year. At the time of writing (mid June) I have completed 7 marathons (183.4 miles in 11 weeks) and realising that this is a long haul. The legs are definitely taking longer to ease into a comfortable pace. More stretching needed but will carry on! Fund raising growing at a steady pace and have received donations from friends and neighbours near and far so publicity is definitely working.

Thanks to all who have supported thus far.

Following the excitement of the May bank holiday celebrations and amazing early summer weather our lives are definitely calming down and the weather has returned to the usual mix of up and down temperatures. At last some much needed rain has fallen on our parched fields and gardens and plants are looking healthier because of it.



#### Welford WI

It is still not possible to hold meetings but there is a weekly, very informative and entertaining newsletter. Newsletter compiled by Jane Cottrell and Denise Cattell. If you are not able to download it, please let Jane know and she will get a printed copy to you. If restrictions ease sufficiently, it is hoped to be able to hold an afternoon get together in the Manor Gardens (all by kind invitation of Christine and John O'Reilly). It is likely to be in August and could be at short notice – to make the best of any favourable weather. It would be a case of bring your own chair, mug and refreshments.

Please stay safe and, hopefully, we will soon be able to meet again, properly.

AT June 2020

#### Naseby WI,

Unprecedented times have resulted in the cancellation of meetings until September 2020 at the earliest. The speakers have all been rebooked for the 2021 programme. Meanwhile members have been 'Zooming', making unique face masks and peg bags in an array of fabrics and getting to grips with 'on-line' shopping from a variety of sources. All members are looking forward to the planned 'Summer Party' in August, albeit in not the manner in which it was envisaged and social distancing permitted!!

It is hoped to resume the usual format for our meeting on 10 September, 'QI4S', Quilts for Injured Servicemen and Women'

If you can please come along to the Methodist Chapel in Naseby, 7.30pm or contact Angela Carter (President) for further information



**URGENT FOOD BANK COLLECTION  
HOPE CENTRE NORTHAMPTON**



Food banks throughout the country continue to struggle with the increasing demand on their services as more and more people find themselves, in these unprecedented circumstances, struggling to feed their families.

The Hope Centre is now supporting some 180 families along with providing three meals a day for the homeless.

The overwhelming support from our village communities has been heart-warming and hugely appreciated.

Please continue to remember those families struggling to feed themselves and continue to support our efforts to get food to those in need. Deliveries are made to the centre every Tuesday,

Collection points continue as follows:-

Marston	Trussell	Christine Otway, 9 Main St. opposite The Church Hall
Sibbertoft		Sue McCrae, 42 Welland Rise and The Church porch, and pop-up shops
Welford		Vicky Johnson, 15 Salford Close and The Church porch

In a bid to find a replacement source of income for our famous **Sibbertoft Sunday Teas** our weekend **Pop Up Shops continue to run** at the homes of **Cynthia Bailey on Welland Rise and Lesley Hartshorne at the top of Westhorpe**. We aim to open (weather permitting) on a Saturday from 10am to mid afternoon. Alternatively if rain stopped play on a Saturday we open on a Sunday at 11am (allowing Cynthia and I time to attend our Zoom Church service) Sadly rain stopped play fully the first weekend in June but made up for it the following weekend. The season is moving on and Cynthia's Cut flowers are now a regular feature, plus fresh produce to include Eggs, Strawberries, Cucumbers and other varieties of soft fruit and veg as they come available. We continue to grow new Ornamental flowering annuals and perennials. Due to the popularity of the wonderful cake stall we all enjoyed in April we have decided to offer small quantities of home baked cakes, Scones and tray bakes, plus of course Jams and marmalade. Please come and see us we welcome and need your support and friendly chat.

**All funds raised go to nan on the run community buildings project.**

**give.net search 'nan on the run'**

Thanks to everyone who has supported so far. A long way to go yet but confident we will get there.

On line giving to date £2700 and Pop up shops £2000+, which supports the Church and The Reading Room

Lesley H

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# QUIZ FOR



# MARSTON TRUSSELL NEWS



## CAN YOU HELP

As some of you may be aware we are the few on the Parochial Church Council at Marston Trussell doing our very best to keep the church alive for our community. As are many people in the village and surrounding area. At present, because of various circumstances, there are no Churchwardens or Secretary which puts the pressure on those remaining on the committee.

Do you have the skills to maybe take on **Secretary's position** as this role can be filled by a non church goer? But obviously we would encourage someone being in an active role within the church who has hidden talents we have not discovered yet!

Please consider this if you will and contact Reverend Miranda Hayes (01858 525342),

Chris Otway (01858 289516) or myself Jenny Bradshaw (07989169782) if you think you can spare some of your time to keep the village church functioning.

We will be very pleased to hear from you to discuss.



A big thank you to the small group of volunteers who have done so much work in Marston Trussell Church yard recently. The ivy has been cleared, old trees taken out, the gateway has been cleared and the fence has been replaced. It is looking better than it has in years and is a lovely space for quiet contemplation. Special thanks to Angela, Gary, Woodpecker tree surgery and Gardner fencing.

Due to the current Corona Crisis All current Marston Fundraising and social Events have been postponed until later when we know what the situation will be.

Special thanks to Christine Otway for all the crochet rainbows sold in aid of Church funds

1. In July 1730 one of the UK's best known pottery designers was born in Burslem. Name him.

2. July 1st is a national holiday in this Commonwealth country as it commemorates the confederation of a number of provinces in 1867. What is the country?

3. Founded by General William Booth in July 1865 in London, what is the organisation called?

4. In July 1976, Israeli commandos rescued 103 hostages from a plane at which airport in Africa?

5. Jackie Kennedy who later became Jackie Onassis was born in July 1929. What was her maiden name?

6. In July 1885 the first successful anti-rabies inoculation was administered, by whom?

7. She was the first female aviator to fly solo across the Atlantic and disappeared in July 1937 whilst flying over the Pacific. What was her name?

8. July 14th is a national holiday in France as it commemorates which event in 1789?

9. Which Chinese Zodiac symbol is associated with this July?

10. What is the birthstone for July?

11. The month of July was named after whom?

12. What is the Flower of July?