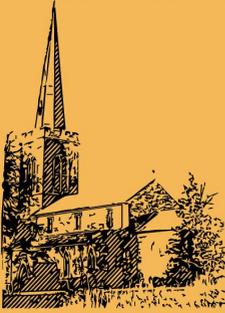


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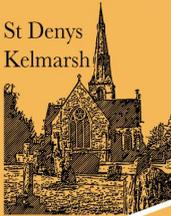
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*Darkness
cannot drive out darkness...*

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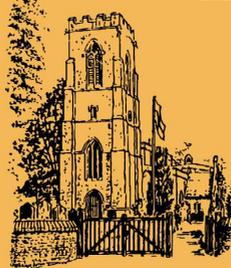
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Dear Friends

St. Francis, one of the most well-loved and renowned figures in Christian history is remembered this month on 4th October. Echoing his love of animals and all creation, I am delighted to say that ó Covid-19 regulations permitting - we will be holding a **Blessing of Animals Service on 18th October** ó I would call it a Pet Service, but I am really hoping we might get some animals along that can't strictly be categorised as pets e.g. horses, chickens etc., and I didn't want them to feel unwelcome!

It will take place outside at Lowe Farm , Clipston Road, Sibberton LE16 9UB – I am hugely grateful to Carolyn and Alex Robinson for hosting it.

All are welcome with or without accompanying animals, so do come along – bring your own refreshments and a chair if you'd like to.

Well known as he is for his care and celebration of the natural world, St. Francis is also a wonderful example of transformation and change, turning from a superficial, meandering life, to one of depth and purpose.

Francis was a renowned party animal in his youth, well known for his love of celebrations and revelry. Even a year spent as a prisoner during a border dispute between Assisi and Perugia, failed to halt his party-loving life-style. Who knows, though, what seeds of discontent were stirring, for after a long period of ill-health and another stint in the army, he began to tire of his somewhat shallow existence.

He went on pilgrimage to Rome, and was deeply affected by the beggars whom he met there. At that time, he was working in his father's successful cloth business, but when he got back from Rome he resigned, and put his high-living (and high-living friends) behind him. Perhaps unsurprisingly his father was not pleased, particularly as Francis stole a bag of cloth, sold it, and used the proceeds to repair churches.

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It was when working on a church, that he heard Jesus speaking to him directly through Scripture, telling him that he had to leave everything and follow him. Francis' life changed radically from excess to simplicity, from party-going fame, to fame as a man of integrity, simplicity and charity.

Around him gathered a group of followers, attracted by his preaching, peaceful purpose, and renunciation of personal possessions. They gradually formed into a religious order and, as the order grew, Francis divided it into districts, appointing others to be in charge. By the time of his death in 1226, there was a men's order, a women's order (instituted by St. Clare, who had heard Francis preaching), and a lay order. He had a huge impact in his life-time, and that impact has not diminished.

How much we can learn from Francis, how much we can be inspired by him. He turned to God and allowed God to transform him, and his life, utterly. We may not be able to make the same radical change (although that should never be discounted) but even little steps, small changes, help us to focus on what matters, on the deep purposes of existence ó things like compassion, generosity, faithfulness - rather than the shiny, slippery surface of celebrity. As St. Francis himself prayed so, too, can we:

*Most High, Glorious God,
enlighten the darkness of our minds.
Give us a right faith,
a firm hope
and perfect charity,
so that we may always
and in all things
act according to your Holy Will.
Amen-*

Miranda

SIBBERTOFT NEWS



**Sibbertoft 'Nan on the run fundraising 20/21' Start date 29/3/20
Challenge to run the equivalent of 25 marathons (650 miles in one
year).**

September update.

Hello again! here I am confirming the half way mark has been achieved on the **30th August 2020 I clocked 325 miles /12.5 marathons in 5 months!**

I am feeling quite proud of my efforts so far and also a little concerned that the body is definitely showing signs of age. I will have to alter the pace and perhaps accept that some of the miles will be at a fast walking pace in the second half. The only person who seems to care about this fact is me. The most important thing is to complete the challenge and raise the funds.

As treasurer of Saint Helens church I am all too aware that our bank balances are looking very depleted as we head into the 9th month of the year. Our inability to hold significant fund raising events, earn fees or benefit from weekly service collections is becoming very evident. This of course is a situation being experienced by every church and charitable body through out the country.

Fund raising slowed down as expected during the holiday months. As the end of the year comes into sight we are working on new ideas to boost the income, raise awareness, and get the community together.

Thank you again to anyone who has or plans to support my efforts.

Visit [give.net](https://www.give.net) search nan on the run20/21 or cash /cheque payable to Saint Helens Church Sibbertoft is good. All funds raised will be divided between the reading room kitchen refurbishment project and Saint Helens church maintenance fund.



Bank Holiday Pop up Shop

The weather was dry but very chilly for our bonanza Bank Holiday Pop up shop.

Fortunately we were able to host two of the three stalls in our beautifully refurbished and improved Reading Room.

We welcomed a steady flow of visitors all acting in a responsible and socially distanced manner.

A huge variety of home baked cakes and gooey treats, Jams and chutneys were on offer to tempt our ever faithful customers.

In addition Clare Garner and Jo Elliott held a craft stall displaying an array of beautifully crafted gifts and stationary (orders can be placed for Christmas).

Outside was our usual Plants and Cut flower stall (all of which sold out).

Well worth the hard work by those who contributed in any and every way we raised £690.00!!!

In view of its success we are working on repeating the event with a **Christmas themed Pop up Shop on 28th November** details in next months magazine but please save the date.

Jam, fresh produce including glorious bunches of colourful cut flowers are still available from a stall outside Cynthia's house 44 Welland Rise.

**Pop up shop fund raising has now exceeded £5000.
Thank you Sibbertoft and others for your continued support, L&C.**



Good News For Good Neighbours!

All being well, we will be meeting again on Tuesday October 6th from 10.00-12.00 in the village hall.

This first coffee morning will be free but you will need to bring your own mug!

Only 27 will be able to be in the hall at once and we will be following strict guidelines to keep everyone safe.

Jane & Sue

Ride and Stride

Many thanks are extended to all the participants who visited St. Mary's, Welford during this year's event, which took place on the 12th September. The number of riders and striders calling at the church was more than double previous years. Also sincere thanks to the stewards who were at the church to welcome and record the visitors.

*Our God and the sailor, we adore
In times of danger - not before.
The danger past, both are requited
God is forgotten, and the sailor slighted*

Alfred the Great



King of the southern Anglo-Saxon kingdom of Wessex and one of the outstanding figures of English history, as much for his social and educational reforms as for his military successes against the Danes. He is the only English monarch known as 'the Great'

In 886 AD, Alfred negotiated a treaty with the Danes. England was divided, with the north and the east declared to be Danish territory and Alfred gained control of areas of West Mercia and Kent which had been beyond the boundaries of Wessex.

Alfred built up the defences of his kingdom to ensure that it was not threatened by the Danes again. He reorganised his army and built a series of well-defended settlements across southern England. He also established a navy for use against the Danish raiders who continued to harass the coast.

As an administrator Alfred advocated justice and order and established a code of laws and a reformed coinage. He had a strong belief in the importance of education and learnt Latin in his late thirties. He then took part in, the translation of books from Latin to Anglo-Saxon.

By the 890s, Alfred's charters and coinage were referring to him as 'king of the English'. He died in October 899 AD and was buried at his capital city of Winchester.



Remembrance Sunday 8th November 2020 Welford

Because of present circumstances and the resultant restrictions this years' Service of Remembrance at Welford on Sunday 8th November will have to be different.

As things stand it will be impossible to accommodate the 200 plus people who have attended in previous years, and it is therefore proposed to hold a much shorter service outside, at the War Memorial starting at 10.45am.

In order to maintain social distancing, in addition to standing in the road, you can stand in the churchyard around the War Memorial. Masks may also be worn if you wish to do so. The Royal British Legion will not be selling poppies this year, but it's work and commitments continue, so there will be an offertory plate located by the church gate.

Should things change beforehand notices will be posted on the village and church noticeboards and on the benefice website on www.nasebygroup.org

We will remember them, but at a safe distance.

QUIZ FOR



- 1) The Great Fire of London ended in September 1666, but how many people died? a) 6 b) 60 c) 600 ?
- 2) Against which country did South Africa declare war in September 1939
- 3) Whose funeral in September 1997 was watched by an estimated 2.5 billion people on television?
- 4) The International Criminal Police Organisation was formed in September 1923. What is it better known as?
- 5) The sculpture 'David' was unveiled in Florence in September 1504, who was the sculptor?
- 6) In 1888, George Eastman received a patent for his camera that used roll film and registered which trademark?
- 7) Edvard Grieg was a pianist and composer who died in Sept 1907. What nationality was he?
- 8) In September 1752, Great Britain adopted which calendar almost 2 centuries later than the rest of Europe?
- 9) Born in September 1913, Bill Shankly made 297 appearances as a player for which club?
- 10) Which Scottish engineer and architect who died in September 1834, designed the Menai Suspension Bridge?
- 11) In 1991 Uzbekistan declared its independence from which state.
- 12) In 1715 which French king died after a reign of 72 years?



CHAPEL COMMENT

The Path

by Marie Duncalf

At times it is steep and a struggle to climb,
It's hard to keep up and you feel left behind.
Or the roads full of potholes, the passage unsafe,
You hold in your breath with each step you dare take.
Wear your backpacks of faith, put your trust in the Guide,
He will map out your route and stay close by your side.
There are times when the pathway is so overgrown
Your view is obscured as you tread the unknown.
A fork in the road? Then remember to pray,
Ask him for directions and follow His way.
Put your hand in the Lord's and don't ever let go,
Follow His footsteps and spiritually grow.
The path that you follow may sometimes be smooth,
A journey so easy with little to prove.
So, look over your shoulder and see who you find,
It may be they're stumbling and falling behind.
As you travel along, looking out for the lost,
Show them His compass and all that it cost.
It points to salvation, a cross for our sin,
A life lived in fullness whilst walking with Him.

CHURCH DIARY

October 2020

Sunday 4th., 11th., 18th., and 25th.
10.00am Live Streaming Holy Communion

Sunday 11th. and 25th.
6.00pm Welford Church Service

Sunday 4th. And 18th.
6.00pm Clipston Church Service



WELFORD CONGREGATIONAL CHAPEL

October 2020

Sunday Worship 10.45am

Preacher

4/10 Rev Tony Avery
11/10 Pastor Barrie Woodward
18/10 Trevor Boys
25/10 Bobbie Wakeleigh-Jones