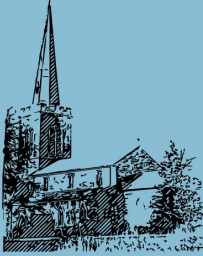
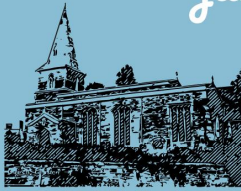


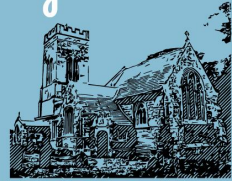
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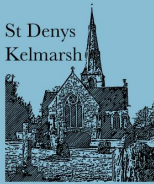
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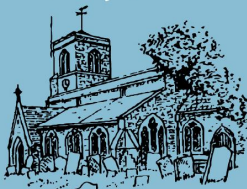


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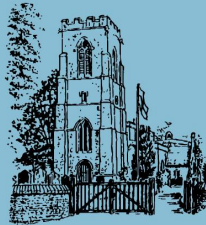
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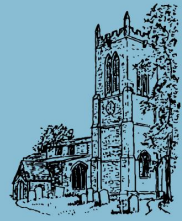
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Dear Friends,

Last year, I began my letter in *The Magazine* with this: “*As we look ahead in to 2020, we can have no real knowledge of what the year will bring*”

Needless to say, this is always true, but we certainly didn't know what an extraordinary and difficult year 2020 would be, here and across the world. I continued my letter, though, by saying something else that is always true, ò - *but whatever happens, God is with us.*”

Always true, really? At times, some of you may have thought: well, if he is with us, why doesn't he do something about it?

My response would be, well, he has!

For God has been active in and through everyone who has demonstrated the gifts he gives us: gifts such as kindness, compassion, care—he has been active, too, in every gift exercised in the pursuit of treatments and vaccines. In fact, God is present and active in every gift used to the benefit of others.

We have just celebrated the great feast of Christmas, the day when we recall the greatest of gifts, that of Jesus, both fully human and fully divine—God with us, and the same God from whom all good gifts come.



2021 will also be a year of which we have no real knowledge of what it will bring, but I hope that we will perhaps recognize in the simple, everyday acts of others, that God is here, with us, just as he always is, and always will be.

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.”

This is the same God who was born in Bethlehem, lived and died among us, and rose again to new life. And he did this so that we might live our lives with him ó not at some distant point in the future but now, on this day and at this moment. As St. Teresa of Avila put it, *“Christ has no body now but yours. No hands, no feet on earth but yours. Yours are the eyes through which he looks compassion on this world. Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good. Yours are the hands through which he blesses all the world. Yours are the hands, yours are the feet, yours are the eyes, you are his body. Christ has no body now on earth but yours.”*

So, yes, Christmas is about a gift - and the many gifts that flow from him. It is my prayer that 2021 will be a year when all our gifts are used in the name of Christ and in the service of others.

Miranda



*And I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year:
“Give me a light that I may tread safely into the un-
known.”*

And he replied:

*“Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the
Hand of God.*

*That shall be to you better than light and safer than a
known way.”*

*So I went forth, and finding the Hand of God, trod gladly
into the night.*

*And He led me towards the hills and the breaking of day
in the lone East.*

Update for Secret Santa

The Christmas Elves have been busy in several villages sewing the Secret Santa gifts mentioned in November's magazine. The sewing machines have been whirring late into the night and there have been many reported hearings of loud *ōOochōō* coming from a number of houses where the finishing process has been happening, also late into the night.

I am very grateful for the help received from machinists and hand sewers as well as those who gave donations to help with the cost of the materials and the gift itself. I hope to be able to reveal all in February's magazine, but I don't want to spoil the surprise for the receivers as this is going to print before Christmas Day.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support this year of the work of the Lay Team in a year of exceptional circumstances. We have received some lovely comments on our work and we are always happy to receive feedback. It is a privilege and a joy to serve in this way. We wish you a happy Christmas and pray that you will find comfort and joy in the seasonal reminder that God loved us all so much He sent his Son to earth to walk among His people and ultimately give His life for each and every one of us.

With love, Kairen

Around The World at



Epiphany

In Spain they call it El Día de los Reyes (The Day of the Kings), the day when three Kings ó Melchior, Gaspar, and Balthazar ó representing Arabia, the Orient, and Africa, arrived on horse, camel and elephant, Before going to bed on the eve of January 6, Spanish children polish their shoes and leave them ready for the Kingsøpresents to be put in them.

In Germany (Three KingsøDay). January 6 is a public holiday in three federal states , and three cantons of Switzerland. Germans eat a Three Kings cake, a golden pastry ring filled with orange and spice representing gold, incense and myrrh.

In Egypt the feast of the Epiphany is celebrated by the Coptic Orthodox Church. It falls on 11 Tobe of the Coptic calendar and represents the moment ó during the baptism of Jesus ó when the skies opened and God revealed himself to all as father of Jesus and mankind.

In Poland, Epiphany is celebrated in grand style with huge parades welcoming the Wise Men, often riding on camels or other animals from the zoo. The Wise Men pass out sweets, children process, carols are sung, and living nativity scenes are enacted. The Poles also take small boxes containing chalk, a gold ring, incense and a piece of amber, in memory of the gifts of the three Kings.

In Mexico it is traditional to eat -The Three Kingsøcake. A figure of Baby Jesus is put in the mixture and whoever gets it in their portion has good luck all year.



Good Neighbours ó January 2021

If we are able to, we will be holding the January Good Neighbours Coffee Morning on Tuesday January 5th from 10.00-12.00 in Welford Village Hall. Cost £1 for coffee/tea and biscuits.

As before, please bring the right money and your own mug. It will be table service again and we ask you to wear a mask until seated and your order taken. Please only sit in the four seats set out at each table, and keep 2 metres distance if you stop to say hello to someone on the way to your seat!

There will be some books (£1) and jigsaws (£2) for sale and we ask you to bring the right money and only one person at a time at the table please.

Thank you so much for your generosity in December—we took £42 for The Lewis Foundation, helping cancer patients.

We hope you all had a good Christmas and wish you a better 2021.
Jane & Sue



Welford Christmas Tree Farm

The Parochial Church Council wishes to extend its sincere thanks to Welford Christmas Tree Farm for the gift of a magnificent tree for St. Mary's Church.

The Magazine.

If you would like an entry in the February edition of the Magazine please send copy by the 15th January

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SIBBERTOFT NEWS



Sibbertoft 'Nan on the run fundraising 20/21' Start Date 29/3/2020

Challenge to run the equivalent of 25 marathons (650 miles in one year).

December update.

As I write my final update for 2020 in mid December the world is focused on the turn of the year from 2020 to 2021 and the promise of life returning to a new normal what ever that may bring. We hope a relaxation of social restrictions as the vaccination program is rolled out. A significant drop in Covid infections and maybe the opportunity to hug our friends and family a small action but with a huge meaning. I wish everyone a meaningful, safe and calm Christmas enjoyed with a small group of friends or family.

The last month has seen a slow down in miles achieved due to poor weather, continued physical niggles and of course distractions while preparing for the Sibbertoft Christmas Pop up shop event.

I did reach 20 marathons (524 miles) on 29th November exactly 8 months from my start date and so the end is now very much in sight expected to be mid February. Thanks to all who have read these updates on a monthly basis

Thank you to all who have donated thus far.

Help me to achieve the £10.000 on line target.

Make a Christmas/new year gift to Sibbertoft Community buildings fund.

Visit [give.net](https://www.give.net) search nan on the run20/21

or cash /cheque payable to Saint Helens Church Sibbertoft.

All funds raised will be divided between the reading room kitchen refurbishment project and Saint Helens church maintenance fund.



Sibbertoft Christmas Pop up Shop December 5th

Wow what a success!

The rain stopped and the lord sent us a dry, cold but partially sunny day. Friends, family, village residents came out to enjoy the goodies on offer at the three venues around the village. Crafts, Christmas Stationary gifts and the Sibbertoft 2021 Calender at 25 Welland Rise. An enormous array of cakes and savoury bakes at Kingsley House. Plus the Tombola, Raffle and Christmas Wreath collection in the greenhouse at Roserie Cottage Westhorpe. With a cup of warming mulled wine and an opportunity to meet friends and chat(at a distance behind our masks) this was a truly wonderful festive event.

Thank you to all those who attended and spent generously
we raised a spectacular £2,670!

Thank you also to those who offered their garages as safe venues. To the many who baked, knitted and crafted. The greenery elves who worked for 2 days producing 45 wreaths and those who produced the beautiful village calendar. Hard work by so many, but worth every bit of effort to experience such a warm friendly atmosphere.

Despite the many challenges we pulled it off safely.

Well done Sibbertoft, great team work.

QUIZ FOR



1. In Roman mythology, January is named after which god of beginnings ?
2. On the 15th of January 1559 who was crowned monarch of England?
3. What is the common name for *Galanthus nivalis*, which flowers in January
4. Which date in January is the traditional date for the feast of Epiphany?
5. Which American holiday is observed on the third Monday of January each year?
6. Margaret Thatcher Day is the 10th of January in which part of the world?
7. A Burns supper is normally held on the poet's birthday on which date in January?
8. Who died on 22 January, 1901?
9. Which world city's name means "River of January"?
10. On the 17th of January in which year did Captain Robert Falcon Scott reach the South Pole?
11. Who, in January 1649, did the courts deem a "tyrant, traitor, murderer and enemy of the people"?
12. Which famous diarist started with a first entry on 1st Jan 1660?



CHAPEL COMMENT

Traditionally in January, the start of a new year, our thoughts turn to making resolutions for the coming 12 months. I wonder how long these intentions are kept before we give way to temptation or they fall by the wayside? After the events of 2020, perhaps one or several of the following will inspire you.

The wisest men follow their own direction.

Euripides.

I don't know what the future may hold but I know who holds the future.

Ralph Abernathy.

The secret of getting ahead is getting started.

Mark Twain.

Live your beliefs and you can turn the world around.

Henry David Thoreau.

Although the world is full of suffering, it is also full of the overcoming of it.

Helen Keller.

The world is full of magic things, patiently waiting for our senses to grow sharper.

W. B. Yeats.

Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.

Matthew 7:7.

Naseby Group of Parishes

Sunday 3rd January: 2nd Sunday of Christmas

10am	Holy Communion	Virtual Service
6pm	Evening Service	Clipston All Saints

Sunday 10th January: Epiphany

10am	Holy Communion	Virtual Service
6pm	Evening Service	Welford St Mary

Sunday 17th January: 2nd Sunday of Epiphany

10am	Holy Communion	Virtual Service
6pm	Holy Communion	Clipston All Saints

Sunday 24th January: 3rd Sunday of Epiphany

10am	Morning Worship	Virtual Service
6pm	Holy Communion	Welford St Mary

Sunday 31st January: 4th Sunday of Epiphany

10am	Holy Communion	Virtual Service
6pm	Evening Service	Clipston All Saints

Virtual services on Zoom ID 697 715 534.

Physical services all subject to Government guidance and regulation.

Visit the Naseby Group website (nasebygroup.org) for updates.

Churches open for Individual Prayer

Welford	Tuesdays	10:30am ó 12:00noon
Clipston	Wednesdays	1:00pm ó 2:30pm

WELFORD CONGREGATIONAL CHAPEL

Sunday Worship 10.45am

Leaders

3rd	Rev. Tony Avery	10th	Pastor Barrie Woodward
24th	Bobby Wakeleigh-Jones	31st	Taken by members