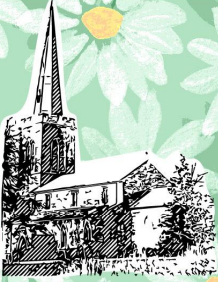


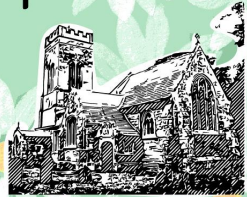
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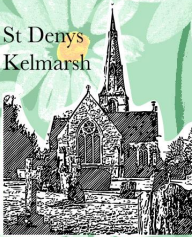


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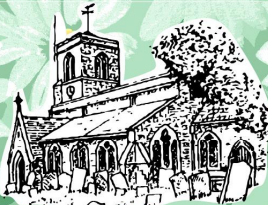
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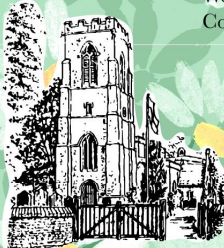
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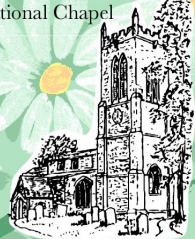
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St Helen's Sibbertoft



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Dear Friends,

Usually I really like the first quarter of a New Year, the busy time of Christmas is behind us, and there is a real hope of things to come. We often find the warmer weather returning after the crisp and cold weather of winter. The flowers such as crocus and snowdrops, begin to herald the change from winter to spring. Already we are seeing the daffodils bobbing their heads around as we walk in our gardens once again, and around these beautiful villages where we are blessed to see nature in all its glory. But this year has not been quite the same, mainly because due to illness I was really out of all the action, but I would like to thank those who sent me good wishes, cards and gifts for my recovery. It was lovely to be on the receiving end of so much support and love. Thank you.

When I came “back into the action” the season of Lent was just beginning, as this is fixed in time depending on when Easter falls that year – and 2023 is one of the earliest times in the year it can be (9th April Easter Sunday). Lent, an opportunity before we reach Passiontide and Easter, to reflect on our relationship with God, as well as the relationship that God longs for with all the peoples that he calls his own children and heirs, through and with Him into eternal life. I hope you were able to find some helpful material to assist you in your Lent reflections, or maybe you have been one of the people to attend the Lent reflection groups held during Lent. Whichever way you have chosen to contemplate during Lent, I hope you have found it enlightening and helpful for your relationship with God during the rest of 2023 and beyond.

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By the time that you have this magazine in your hand it will likely be the beginning of Passiontide, which begins on the Fifth Sunday of Lent when the focus moves to the preparation for Palm Sunday, and Jesus' triumphal journey into Jerusalem, and then the last week of His earthly life, during the week we know as Holy week which culminates in the Last Supper with his disciples, his betrayal by Judas Iscariot, his arrest in the garden of Gethsemane, the trial, during which the disciple Peter denied that he knew the Lord Jesus, and finally on Good Friday, the terrible, brutal and barbaric death of Jesus by crucifixion. The disciples must have been petrified at his death, because they were still not sure what Jesus had been teaching them about hope that was to come after his crucifixion when he rose from the dead on Easter morning; that joyous morning when the resurrection of Jesus is celebrated by Christians, Alleluia. Christ is Risen.

It is something that we long for people to know and understand. That is the mission of the Church. The worldwide situations that we currently face do not engender themselves for us to be joyous and to live with hope. All around us we see change which many people find distressing, unsettling, and far from the "Good old days" that many people remember about carefree days in which they grew up, not always free from abject poverty and fear of how all the bills would be paid, their homes heated and food placed on the table, but a simpler way of life, surrounded by family and a neighbourhood community which looked out for, and helped each other get through the tough times free from personal fear of fraud, having their identities stolen, free from the impact of a war being fought a long way from here but having great impacts on our lives in so many ways.

I wonder what would happen if we all spoke of the miracle that was, that is Easter, the death and resurrection of Jesus, who removed the total pain of nothingness after death, and fills our lives with joy in life whatever our situations, if we turn to him and allow Him to reign in our hearts and help us to love God and love our neighbours as we love ourselves.

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Perhaps, like me you are someone who doesn't always welcome and embrace change with wide open arms but needs to move into it gradually, then you can rest easy in the knowledge that God himself and His message do not change. He wants us to be happy, fulfilled people, for us to be His friends and to understand why He gave his gift of His Son to save us. (The answer to that is because He loved us so much He didn't want to be parted from us because of our wayward lives and our wrongdoings). So if you want someone who never changes, if you like to feel enveloped with love then look no further than Jesus.

A very old chorus that I learnt as a youngster goes like this
"He's the same today as yesterday, my great unchanging friend.
He's the same today as yesterday, just the same unto the end,
By his mighty power he holds me, in his arms of love enfolds me,
He's the same today as yesterday, my great unchanging friend."

Thank God for His constancy.

But in all other aspects of life keep in mind that change is inevitable- except from a vending machine!

To close with another cause for hope! The seven Parishes in the Naseby benefice have submitted the Benefice Profile to the Archdeacon of Northampton for the type of Incumbent we hope to be able to attract to come to these seven Parishes to work with us and amongst us as we seek to grow the number of those who believe and follow Jesus. We have received notice of the next phase of the procedure which includes the advertisement in the Church Times, with a potential interview date late in May.

With prayers and hope for a very Blessed Easter for you all.

Kairen
Lay Minister Naseby Group



NORTHAMPTON MALE VOICE CHOIR



The award winning choir, led by Stephen Bell, will be singing Classic, Modern, Popular, Acapella, Show Songs and Opera[®]c.

SATURDAY 15th APRIL

St. Mary's Church, Welford

Doors open 7.00pm for 7.30pm start

Tickets at £10 each, to include a glass of wine or soft drink in the interval.



From

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Book early as seats are limited



ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

**The APCM will be held in the church on
Sunday 23rd April
At 7.00pm following the 6.00pm Service
Everyone is welcome to attend.**



Welford WI March Meeting

23 members and 1 guest braved the ice and snow and after the singing of Jerusalem, Vice-President Denise Booth introduced the first speaker, Mick Morson, who gave a short talk about the Welford Educational Trust, which is our chosen charity for the next six months. We were then treated to the most humorous and informative talk by Lucy Swales about the life of Madame Tussauds and how the world famous attractions came to be. Lucy then described the making of the wax-works including her part, which is painstakingly attaching each and every hair!!! She was thanked by Julie Newman. A special presentation was then made to Anne Wing and Janet Mills of a certificate celebrating their 60 years membership of Welford W.I. A special cake, made by member Debbie Green, was cut and served together with the refreshments provided and served by S. Wilson, V. Journeaux and M. Crowther.

The normal business of the evening followed, mentioning several County trips and walks, cakes for Cransley Hospice, Aviator Lunch and the subscription rise to £46 from 1st April.

The AGM then took place with reports from the Treasurer, Secretary and outgoing President, Denise Cahell. The new committee names were read out and Alison Pryce proposed Denise Booth as our new President. She agreed to stand and was voted in unanimously.

The competition for a candle organised by Catherine Digby was won by Julie Newman, with Christine O'Rielly 2nd and Catherine Digby 3rd. The raffle organised by Ann Thorrington was won by Ann Fletcher, 2nd Christine O'Rielly and 3rd Denise Booth.

Next month's speaker is Jo Parish and her talk is entitled 'Stone Age Woman'. The competition is a Decorated Stone. Everyone is welcome.

Good Neighbours April 4th 2023

The April Good Neighbours in the village hall from 10-12 welcomes one and all. Only £1 for tea/coffee and biscuits (plus a little treat!)



There will be books (£1) and jigsaws (£2) for sale for our new charity - the Welford Educational Trust.

Jane, Sue & The Team

Lenten Lunch in Welford

As a result of this very enjoyable occasion, a sum of £145.00 was raised.

This amount, added to the cash collection from the Sunday Evensong, meant the brilliant sum of £250.00 was sent to the DEC appeal for the Turkey/Syria earthquake.



CHRISTIAN AID in Welford

As in the last three years, there will not be a house to house collection for this charity.

An envelope will be enclosed with each of the May magazines and delivered to every house. These can be returned to the church, 30 Wakefield Drive, 11 Salford Close, 25 High Street or 14 The Leys. Alternately, if collection is required, please telephone 01858575335.

QUIZ FOR



1. What was the first Number One hit for Elvis Presley in April 1956?
2. What is April's birthstone?
3. And what about birth flower?
4. On what date is Saint George's Day?
5. "It was a bright cold day in April and the clocks were striking thirteen" is the first line of which novel?
6. What major event will take place on April 15th 2023?
7. What international event takes place on April 22nd each year?
8. Which bird's arrival in mid April is said to signal the start of Spring?
9. The April Lyrids last from April 16th to 26th. What are they?
10. Which famous poet and playwright was born and died in April?
11. April Windsor, played by Amelia Flanagan, is a character from which TV soap?
12. Which invasion took place on April 2nd 1982?
13. Which spacecraft, launched in April 1970, is famous for the quote "Houston, we have a problem"?
14. The nuclear explosion at Chernobyl in April 1986 took place in which country?
15. What mythical creature has its own day in April?

SIBBERTOFT NEWS



SUNDAY TEAS

PEARL ANNIVERSARY - 30 Years of Brewing and Baking

From 2nd April we will, once again, be running our weekly Sunday Teas un-til SIBBERTOFT October, offering tea and coffee, freshly-baked home-made cakes, a warm welcome and a chance to chat. There will be the usual seasonal plant and cut-flower stalls, home-made jams, marmalades and chutneys, great service and good company.

Although our stalwarts, Lesley and Cynthia have stepped down from the main responsibility for organising Teas every week, we now have a willing team of six who will be taking over to lead and support the Tea Ladies and Gentlemen as they enjoy brewing, serving and washing up every week for the benefit of our local (and the wider) community. New helpers are always very welcome, so please do come along if you are interested in volunteering or finding out more.

On Sunday 28th May we will be having a Very Special Tea to mark 30 years of Sibbertoft Teas. It all began when Mary Burton, Peggy Russell and Cynthia Bailey set forth to raise some funds for St Helens Church in 1993. Over the years, our reputation for delicious cakes and tea, not forgetting the warmest of welcomes, has gone from strength to strength and our weekly Teas combine fund-raising with social outreach for the community and wider area.

Please do come and support us, you won't be disappointed.



Yoga for health

Sibbertoft Reading Room

On Monday Evenings

On-line Zoom 5.30 to 6.30pm Live in the Reading Room 7.00 to 8.00pm

All abilities welcome : Move from where you are

For more information : Jose Kirby 07801 880908

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SIBBERTOFT EASTER SERVICES

Thursday 6th April 7.00pm Maundy Thursday Service
Easter Day 9th April 9.30am Holy Communion

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING (APCM)

Wednesday 19th April , 6.30pm in Church

All Welcome



St Georges Day Celebrations

From 4pm, 22nd April at Sibbertoft Reading Room
Treasure hunt, Bingo, Games for young and old!
Food and Drink available
07568 133827 for more details

SAVE THE DATES !

Sibbertoft's "Festival", celebrating local food and craft producers on Saturday, 16th September in the grounds of Sibbertoft Manor. Food and craft stalls, live music, a bar and much, much more.

Friday 19th May, 7.30pm in the Reading Room. St Helens is calling a village-wide meeting to discuss the future of the church in your village. As many as possible are encouraged to attend, as your input will be central to long-term decision-making. More details nearer the time.

T @ 2

Please note there will be no T @ 2 in April, as I am not available on the 1st Monday of April, and the 2nd Monday is a Bank holiday and school holiday.

May will have a different day to 1st and 8th May which are both bank holidays. Look in the May magazine for an alternative date.



Coronation weekend 6-8th May

During the weekend of 6th-8th May, (Coronation Weekend) the church will be open on Saturday 6th May so people can come and watch the Coronation Service from Westminster Abbey on the large TV screen in St. Mary's, of Welford. There will be refreshments available during this time. The PCC decided to make this historical occasion available in this way as during the late Queen's Platinum Jubilee and her funeral people in the community said how much they had enjoyed the opportunity to experience those events together as a community. (Also the colour and clarity of the events was spectacular to watch in high resolution and on such a large size screen!).

Once the times have been released for the procession and service and following events the time of this event will be advertised on posters on the Church noticeboards, on social media as well as on the Benefice website www.nasebygroup.org



CHAPEL COMMENT

Jasmine, whose name means “heavenly felicity”. Grows in many parts of the world. In China it is the symbol of beauty, while in India it is known as the “moonlight of the grove”. Many Indians brides use it in their wedding bouquet because it symbolises deep affection. According to legend, many of the world’s most beautiful flowers died on Good Friday, overwhelmed by the grief of the Crucifixion. The jasmine however, bore its sorrow bravely but its original pink colouring was washed away by its tears. The following day the jasmine’s petals were seen to be very pale and they have remained so ever since.





St Marys Welford

Sunday 16th April at 10.30am

Enjoy Tea or Coffee with warm croissants

Relaxed Informal Inspired

PSALMS AND READINGS – April 2023

Sunday 2nd April—Palm Sunday

Psalm 24

First Isaiah 50, 4 to 9

Second Philippians 2, 5 to 11

Gospel Matthew 26, 14 to 27

Sunday 9th April = Easter Day

Psalm 114

First Acts 10, 34 to 43

Second Colossians 3, 1 to 4

Gospel John 20, 1 to 18

Sunday 16th—2nd Sunday of Easter

Psalm 150

First Exodus 14, 10 to end

Second 1 Peter 1, 3 to 9

Gospel John 20, 19 to end

Sunday 23rd—3rd Sunday of Easter

Psalm 15

First Zephaniah 3, 14 to end

Second 1 Peter 1, 17 to 23

Gospel Luke 24, 13 to 35

Sunday 30th—4th Sunday of Easter

Psalm 23

First Acts 2, 42 to end

Second 1 Peter 2, 19 to end

Gospel John 10, 1 to 10

SIBBERTOFT

| | Lesson Reader | Intercessions | Sidesman |
|------|---|-------------------------------|--------------------|
| 6/4 | OT Sue Clarke NT Alex Robinson | Viv Arrowsmith | Viv Arrowsmith |
| 9/4 | OT Peter Kra <i>ig</i> i NT Cynthia Bailey | Carolynne Robinson | Miles Lloyd |
| 23/4 | OT Jose Kirby NT Lesley Hartshorne | Sue Clarke | Viv Arrowsmith |
| | | Eucharis <i>tic</i> Assistant | 9/4 Viv Arrowsmith |

WELFORD

| | Lesson Reader | Intercessions | Sidesman |
|------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------|
| 9/4 | OT C Horner NT J Horner | S Bevin | G Newman |
| 16/4 | OT G Newman NT J Newman | J Nicholas | C Horner |
| 23/4 | OT S Lees NT S Bevin | G Temple | M Morson |
| | | Eucharis <i>tic</i> Assistant | 9/4 K Broad |

WELFORD CONGREGATIONAL CHAPEL

Services at 10.45am

| | Preacher | Flowers |
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| 2/4 | Rev Tony Avery | Mrs D Avery |
| 9/4 | Rev Tony Avery | Mrs S Finney |
| 16/4 | Brian Deffee | Mrs L Stanley |
| 23/4 | Bobbie Wakeleigh-Jones | Mrs J Herbert |
| 30/4 | Taken by members | Mrs J Pilmore |
| 7/5 | Rev Tony Avery | Mrs D Bo <i>th</i> |

| APRIL 2023 SERVICES | | | |
|----------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|
| 2 nd | 10:30am | Benefice Holy Communion | Haselbech |
| 3/4/5 th | 7:00pm | Holy Week Services | Clipston |
| 6 th | 7:00pm | Maundy Thursday Service | Sibbertoft |
| 7 th | 7:00pm | Good Friday Devotional | Welford |
| 9 th | Easter Sunday | | |
| | 9:30am | Holy Communion (x) | Marston Trussell |
| | 9:30am | Holy Communion (x) | Naseby |
| | 9:30am | Holy Communion (x) | Sibbertoft |
| | 10:30am | Holy Communion | Welford |
| | 11:00am | Holy Communion (x) | Clipston |
| 16 th | 10:30am | Café Church | Welford |
| | 6:00pm | Evensong | Welford |
| 23 rd | 9:30am | Morning Prayer | Sibbertoft |
| | 10:00am | Café Church | Clipston |
| | 3:00pm | Forest Church | Mid-Shires Covert |
| | 6:00pm | Evensong | Welford |
| 30 th | 10:30am | Benefice Songs of Praise | Welford |
| 7 th May | 10:30am | Benefice Holy Communion | Kelmarsh |

(x) indicates led by Reader with previously consecrated bread & wine

*For latest service updates see the website calendar:
www.nasebygroup.org/calendar*

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