

ASA 2022

Average Sunday Attendance during 2022 was:

Clipston	12.75
Haselbech	2.98
Kelmarsh	3.56
Marston	6.90
Naseby	5.60
Sibbertoft	6.00
Welford	17.73
ASA TOTAL	55.52

Average Attendance at Principal Services

Average service attendance during 2022 is:-

Clipston	Holy Communion	17
Haselbech	Holy Communion	12
Kelmarsh	Holy Communion	14
Marston	Holy Communion	8
Naseby	Holy Communion	15
Sibbertoft	Holy Communion	13
Welford	Holy Communion	15

Clipston Sunday		<16	Adults	Totals
10.30	Café Church (once a month)	4	16	20
11.00	Holy Communion (once a month))	-	17	17
Haselbech Sunday		<16	Adults	Totals
9:30	Holy Communion (3 rd)	-	12	12
Kelmarsh Sunday		<16	Adults	Totals
9:30	Holy Communion (once a month))	-	14	14
Marston Trussell Sunday		<16	Adults	Totals
11:00	Holy Communion (3 rd)	-	8	8
6:00	Evensong (once a month)	-	7	7
Naseby Sunday		<16	Adults	Totals
11:00	Holy Communion (once a month))	-	15	15
Sibbertoft Sunday		<16	Adults	Totals

9.30	Holy Communion (2 nd)	-	9	9
9.30	Matins (4 th)	-	11	11
Sibbertoft 4th Wednesday				
11.00	Sibbertoft Manor in church	-	13	13
Sibbertoft 5th Sunday United Benefice				
Welford Sunday		<16	Adults	Totals
10.30	Café Church (once a month)	5	25	30
6.00	Holy Communion (once a month))	0	15	15
6.00	Evensong (twice a month)	0	18	18
Welford Wednesday				
10.00	1 st Wed. MU Corp. Comm.		6	6

Average Attendance at Other Services

Clipston	<16	Adults	Total
School Services / Leavers	110	35	145
Mothering Sunday	5	16	21
Stations of the Cross	6	23	29
Easter Day	5	19	24
Harvest	3	19	22
Crib service	43	32	75
Christmas Day HC	6	14	20

Haselbech	<16	Adults	Total
Easter	-	22	22
Harvest	2	15	17
Advent	10	20	30
11.30 p.m. Christmas Eve HC	-	20	20

Marston Trussell	<16	Adults	Total
Harvest	-	25	25
Jubilee	-	22	22

Marston Trussell	<16	Adults	Total
Remembrance Sunday	-	17	17
Christmas Eve	-	35	35

Naseby	<16	Adults	Total
Easter Day	-	26	26
School Leavers	75	40	115
School Harvest	63	60	123
Remembrance Sunday	-	26	26
Nativity 1	28	30	58
Nativity 2	38	24	62
Carol Service	-	42	42

Sibbertoft	<16	Adults	Total
Maundy Thursday	-	16	16
Easter Day	2	20	22
Harvest	2	18	20
Remembrance Sunday *Led by Vicar at War Memorial	8	42	50
9 Lessons / Carols	2	40	42
<i>11.30 p.m. Christmas Eve HC (not held for last few years)</i>	-	17	17
9.30 a.m. Christmas Day	2	17	19

Last year we had two weddings, one baptism and one funeral.

Welford	<16	Adults	Total
School Services Easter/ Leavers/ Christmas	92	56	148
Easter Day	0	20	20
Remembrance Sunday	14	69	83
Crib Service	17	24	41
11.30 p.m. Christmas Eve HC	0	15	15

2011 Census Data

	Age 0-15	Age 16-24	Age 25-44	Age 45-64	Age 65 plus	Total
Clipston	132	57	130	229	101	649
Haselbech	21	6	25	26	16	94
Kelmarsh	26	8	33	33	21	121
Marston Trussell	22	12	27	43	22	126
Naseby	155	45	164	215	108	687
Sibbertoft	55	33	69	139	93	389
Welford	227	93	233	368	194	1115

Sunday and Weekday Services

Forest Church

This is an opportunity to experience God through nature. It is an all-age group and we undertake various activities including walking, crafting and playing games. We look to aspects of the natural world to help interpret stories and messages in the Bible. It gives us a great opportunity to celebrate God's creation and take time to appreciate the wonderful world that is right here on our doorstep.

We rotate meetings through churches in the Benefice and have met at Welford, Sibbertoft and Clipston. We currently meet on the 4th Sunday of every month at 3pm and the session usually lasts between an hour and an hour and a half.

Anyone is welcome to attend. We regularly have 4 families but there are always occasional attendees, so numbers have been up to 25. The age range is large, ranging from infants to pensioners. The majority of times though there are children between the ages of 8 and 14 as well as their parents

During this time of interregnum some of the families have taken it in turn to organise activities and host the meetings. Before this it was hosted at an outside venue called the Midshires Covert which afforded us the opportunity to build camp-fires and explore some of the local footpaths.

Clipston

Worship in Clipston Church has historically been quite traditional and largely Eucharistic in nature. Over recent years, however, great efforts have been made to broaden the appeal of church worship to a wider section of the community including younger people and families.

The church has benefited from strong musical input from our resident organist who also manages a well-supported choir. Church services have strong music emphasis and this is carried forward into well supported concerts and events which help to bring new people into church and contribute to our fund-raising efforts.

The lay ministry team have been in the forefront of designing and delivering All Age services and, more recently, Café Church provision. The emphasis has been to encourage less formal worship, more modern (and live) music.

There has been a strong emphasis over recent years in making our services relevant to local needs and this was particularly the case during the Covid epidemic when we provided regular services to people through the benefice via Zoom. We have also made it a priority to provide prayer and meditation services at appropriate times of year e.g. for All Souls, at the outbreak of the war in Ukraine, and to mourn the passing of the Queen.

We believe these developments provide a strong basis upon which a new incumbent can build – both in Clipston itself and across the wider benefice.

Kelmarsh

During 2022 there has been 2 Baptisms and 6 weddings at St Deny's.

Our current pattern of services in Kelmarsh is one united service a month at 9.30am We also have weddings where couples come from far and wide to be married at St Deny's and then have their reception at Kelmarsh Hall.

Harvest Festival is always our best and most popular service having tea and an auction of produce following the 4pm service. Our usual congregation for our united benefice service at Kelmarsh is between 15-20. The organ is in good working order, has been regularly tuned and is played whenever there is a service.

Marston Trussell

Marston Trussell has on average, a wedding each year and this year had 3 baptisms and a funeral. Christmas, Easter and Harvest services are usually well attended.

Our normal pattern of services are that we have one morning Holy Communion service and one evensong each month and we host the Benefice service of Holy Communion every seventh month in rotation with the other churches

Naseby

There is a Eucharist service on one Sunday per month and before Covid a service of the Word, also once a month. Occasional mid-week services have taken place.

The major part of the Naseby congregation are regular attenders at other parishes within the benefice, particularly those in the former benefice of Clipston, Haselbeck and Kelmarsh.

Sibbertoft

We hold a Holy Communion and a Matins service (taken by a Reader) each month.

There is also a short monthly mid-week morning worship in the church, taken by a Reader, for the residents of the nursing home across the road from the church (and anyone else).

The regular congregation is not getting any younger and we would like to explore increasing the involvement of younger worshippers.

Any new faces in church are welcomed by Churchwardens and/or other members of the congregation as a matter of course.

Music comes from the Mission Praise hymn book, primarily A&M-type hymns. Psalms are occasionally sung at Matins and there is organ accompaniment for services when the churchwarden is present. A system of hymns played wirelessly through the audio system is used when there is no organ.

Welford

Holy Communion taken from Common Worship, Order 1 (this refers to the contemporary version) is held once a month, and may be said, sung or said with hymns.

BCP sung Evensong is held twice a month.

The Café Church is informal and often moulded to suit the occasion.

Hymns are sung from either Mission Praise or Hymns Old & New.

5th Sunday Benefice services from Welford are also LIVE Streaming, via ZOOM.

The LIVE Streaming facility has also be used for Memorial service, where some of the family were from abroad and unable to attend in person. This service can also be offered for Weddings. (Each at a small cost)

There are occasional shared services with the Congregational Chapel, particularly on Remembrance Sunday.

The congregation is welcomed to every service by Churchwardens or sidesmen.

Other Services

Benefice

Apart from the regular weekly service pattern, all churches observe the major church festivals with services of Lessons and Carols at Advent and Christmas and, in the case of Welford, Christingle and Crib services, Sibbertoft Christingle. Marston Trussell does not hold Midnight Mass and Sibbertoft has no Christmas Day service. All seven hold Remembrance Day services and harvest festivals.

Evening Holy Communions are held in Sibbertoft on Maundy Thursday and Welford on Ascension Day with an ashing service on Ash Wednesday. In Holy Week there is also a Welford Devotional Service on Good Friday.

Combine occasional services e.g. All Souls, Queens Platinum Jubilee, Queens death for all parishes, themed evenings e.g. Celebration of marriage

Clipston

Special services are held at Easter, Christmas, Ascension Day, All Saints Day, Armistice Day, Schools leaver service.

Easter and Christmas services are usually well attended with about 100 people.

Weddings 1 : Funerals 4 : Baptisms 5

Haselbech

Outside church harvest festival with pets, food donations going to Hope centre. Remembrance Day November 11th outside at Memorial taken by ex military personnel. Easter Day dawn at 6am service taken by the Rector

Kelmarsh

At Easter we had 16 adults for Communion

At Harvest festival we had 42 adults for Communion

Marston Trussell

Festival services, such as Christmas, Harvest, Remembrance Sunday and Easter Sunday are very well attended in the village with a much smaller congregation attending a monthly Holy Communion service and a monthly Evensong. A rotational benefice service is held in Marston Trussell, approximately twice a year in rotation, with the other 6 churches.

Naseby

Services for all the major festivals are held in Naseby and where possible these will additionally include attendance by the school. A less formal "Lighting the Christmas Tree" service takes place on Advent Sunday.

Welford

A very popular service on Christmas Eve is *Come and Sing Carols* and takes place at 8.00 p.m. for about an hour. It is just that - a mixture of carols, sung mainly by the large congregation.

The annual Remembrance Service is held in church, it being the largest building in the village. This is a community service and is shared with members of the Congregational Chapel. The Royal British Legion and uniformed youth groups parade and the service concludes at the War Memorial in the churchyard,

In the churchyard there is a section of about ten graves of people from the Polish community that existed in Welford just after the war. Although that community no longer exists, each All Souls Day relatives hold a short service around the graves. The Priest and Churchwardens usually attend this service.

Baptisms usually take place in a separate service and there were six last year.

There have been one wedding, which have included support from the bell-ringers and a team of flower arrangers who can help if required.

Six funerals and one Service of Thanksgiving following cremation have taken place this year.

Local families are visited by the Priest or Readers.

The local undertakers know the parishes well, have been organising funerals there for many years, and are completely reliable.