

Happy New Year!

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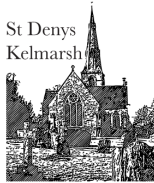
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All Saints, Clipston



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St Denys
Kelmarsh

If one has courage

The Magazine

*... Nothing can dim the light
that shines from within
Maya Angelou*



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Dear Friends,

The Epiphany ó what is it all about? Well, the basic story as most of you will know, is about Magi, or wise men, journeying from foreign lands in the East to worship the Christ child, and is a story found in the Gospel according to Matthew, the book which begins the Bible's New Testament. It's an account of the manifestation or revelation, of Christ to the Gentiles, non-Jewish people ó for such were the wise men.

There are various theories as to who exactly they were—it could be that they were astrologers from Persia who, as such, would have spent much of their time examining the sky for signs and portents. Whoever they were, though, when they observed a star rising in the East (the Star of Bethlehem), they each recognized it as signifying that the king of the Jews had been born. So the wise men followed the star to Bethlehem of Judea, to the place where Jesus was. When they arrived, they worshipped him, giving the infant gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

It's such a well-known story but, in reality, much of what we believe we know about it is based upon various traditions which have grown up over the years. One of the most familiar is that there were three wise men ó a tradition which has developed because of the number of gifts given: in fact, Matthew doesn't tell us how many wise men there were.

Another variation from the "original" is that we often refer to them as *kings* ó an idea that dates back as far as the 3rd Century, although again Matthew doesn't refer to them in this way.

A further long-standing tradition you may have heard is that their names were *Caspar*, *Melchior*, and *Balthasar* ó again we have no knowledge of the accuracy of this and, indeed, other traditions give them different names. The Syrian Church, for instance, call them *Larvandad*, *Hormisdas*, and *Gushnasaph*, and the Armenian, *Kagpha*, *Badadakharida* and *Badadilma*.

The great English historian, St. Bede the Venerable, writing in the 8th century, offers these imaginative (if historically unreliable!) descriptions of the wise men:

The first was called Melchior. He was an old man, with white hair and a long beard; he offered gold to the Lord as to his King. The second, Gaspar by name, young, beardless, of ruddy hue, offered to Jesus his gift of incense, the homage due to Divinity. The third, of black complexion, with heavy beard, was middle-aged and called Balthasar. The myrrh he held in his hand prefigured the death of the son of Man

As can be seen from this, St. Bede is suggesting that the magi symbolize different ethnic groups, and this is an idea that developed with the wise men said to represent Europeans, Asian, and Africans - the three races known at the time.

Of course, all this is fascinating - but more importantly, it should help us to understand that at the heart of The Epiphany story is the knowledge that Jesus came not just to save the Jewish people ó amongst whom he was born ó but the whole world.

With every blessing,

Miranda

Welford Sibbertoft & Sulby Endowed School



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SIBBERTOFT NEWS

Dates for the Diary

PANCAKE PARTY

1st March 6.00—8.00pm

This will be a ticketed event.

VEGAN/VEGETARIAN TASTING EVENT

9th April 11.00am—3.00pm

Come and try delicious vegetarian and vegan dishes

And take away a recipe or two.



31 WI members attended Welford Congregational Chapel on Thursday 9th December for their Christmas Carol Service—they were welcomed by President Denise, who read notices before the service began.

We sang numerous carols, and readings and prayers were given by members. We were also treated to Cinderella, a mini pantomime by Roald Dahl. Following the service, mulled wine, mince pies and shortbread were enjoyed by everyone.

Members generously donated numerous toys for the Toys on the Table Appeal in Market Harborough and a collection raised a further £100.10 for our nominated charity.

WELFORD CHRISTMAS TREE FARM

The Welford Parochial Church Council extends its sincere thanks to Welford Christmas Tree Farm for the gift of the Christmas tree for St. Mary's Church. The tree has been admired by all who have been into church during the festive season and we thank you very much.

WELFORD EDUCATIONAL TRUST

The Trust exists to promote the education of persons under the age of 25, who are resident in Welford.

The Trustees will consider applications for financial assistance from individuals and organisations, and Application Forms are available from :

The Secretary, Ms S Barlow, 5 Westfield Crescent, NN6 6HY (575784).

Completed forms must be returned to the address above before 28th January 2022.



Good Neighbours ó January 2022

We very much hope we will be holding the January Good Neighbours Coffee Morning on Tuesday January 4th from 10.00-12.00 in Welford Village Hall. Cost £1 for coffee/tea and biscuits.

Current regulations **require a mask** again to come in until you are seated. Table service is continuing and we would be grateful if you bring your own mug. There will be books (£1) and jigsaws (£2) for sale and we ask you to bring the right money and mask up when visiting the table please. Hand sanitizer will be available.

Thank you so much for your generosity with Betty's hampers, which were beautifully dressed by Pauline Tear. We raised £135 for PSP. 4 prizes were won by Sue Greeves, Janet Mills, Sue Lees and Madeline Howell-Jones.

We hope you all had a good Christmas and wish you a happy and healthy 2022.

Jane, Sue & The Team

PSP Hampers raise £300

Many thanks to all those who contributed to the PSP hampers, especially the WI. Thanks to Jane Cottrell for organizing the hampers and selling the tickets. Thanks also to Pauline Tear for dressing the hampers so beautifully, and to Madeline for the hats.

Lastly, thank you to all who bought tickets and gave such generous donations.

Betty

Quiz Anssews

1. Aquarius 2. Elizabeth 1 3. Snowdrop 4. January 6th 5. March 6. Falkland Islands 7. 25th January 8. Queen Victoria died 9. 1/1/1901 10. Rio de Janeiro 11. 1912 12. Charles 1 13. Edgar Allan Poe 14. Bahrain and Rio de Janeiro 15. October

QUIZ FOR



1. Which astrological sign is between January 21st and February 20th?
2. On the 15th of January 1559 who was crowned monarch of England?
3. What is the common name for *Galanthus nivalis*, which flowers between January and April?
4. Which date in January is the traditional date for the feast of Epiphany?
5. January replaced which month as the first month of the Roman 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. What happened on 22 January, 1901?
9. On precisely which date did the Victorians celebrate the start of the twentieth century?
10. Which world city's name means "River of January"?
11. On the 17th of January in which year did Captain Robert Falcon Scott reach the South Pole?
12. Who, in January 1649, did the courts deem a "tyrant, traitor, murderer and enemy of the people"?
13. Which author of such classics as "The Pit and the Pendulum" was born on January 19th 1809?
14. The first commercial flights Concorde, took place on January 21st 1976. Departing from London and Paris what were their respective destinations?
15. With the exception of leap years January always begins on the same day as which other month?

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CHAPEL COMMENT

One day, an old man was walking along a beach that was littered with thousands of starfish that had been washed ashore by the High tide. As he walked he came upon a young boy who was eagerly throwing the starfish back into the sea, one by one..

Puzzled, the man looked at the boy and asked him what he was doing. Without looking up from his task, the boy simply replied, "I'm saving these starfish, Sir"

The old man chuckled aloud, "Son, there are thousands of starfish and only one of you. What difference can you make?"

The boy picked up a starfish, gently tossed it into the water and turning to the man, said, "I made a difference to that one!"

I am reminded of The Parable of the lost sheep from Luke Ch 15, v 1 to 7.

V. 7 - I tell you that in the same way, there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety nine righteous persons who do not need to repent.

Diary Date
Friday 4th March 2022

World Day of Prayer service to be held at

Welford Congregational Chapel at 2pm.

The service is entitled 'I know the plans I have for you' and prepared by England, Wales & N. Ireland, so hopefully we can make this a special one!

For more details, please contact

Rachael Heard on 01858 575280 or email rheard@live.co.uk

World Day of Prayer website www.wwdp.org.uk

Psalms and Readings January 2022

Sunday 2nd 2nd Sunday of Christmas

Psalm 150

1st Jeremiah 31, 7 to 14

2nd Galatians 4, 4 to 7

Gospel Luke 2, 15 to 21

Sunday 9th Baptism of Christ

Psalm 29

1st Isaiah 43, 1 to 7

2nd Acts 8, 14 to 17

Gospel Luke 3, 15 to 17 and 22 to 22

Sunday 16th 2nd Sunday of Epiphany

1st Isaiah 62, 1 to 5

2nd 1 Corinthians 12, 1 to 11

Gospel John 2, 1 to 11

Sunday 23rd 3rd Sunday of Epiphany

Psalm 8

1st Nehemiah 8, 1 to 3 and 5 to 6 and 8 to 10

2nd 1 Corinthians 12, 12 to 31

Gospel Luke 4, 14 to 21

Sunday 30th Presentation of Christ in the Temple

Psalm 24

1st Malachi 3, 1 to 5

2nd Hebrews 2, 14 to end

Gospel Luke 2, 22 to 40

CONGREGATION LED SERVICES

2 nd Jan	2 nd Sunday of Christmas	Mick Morson	575333
6 th Feb	5 th Sunday after Epiphany	Ann Barraclough	575269
6 th Mar	1 st Sunday of Lent	Sue Lees	575707
3 rd April	5 th Sunday of Lent	Julie Newman	575335
1 st May	3 rd Sunday of Easter	Susie Bevin	575226
5 th June	Whit Sunday	Gordon Ball	575331

SIBBERTOFT

	Lesson Reader	Intercessions	Eucharistic Assistant
9/1	OT Alex Robinson NT Caroline Jackson	Carolyne Robinson	Caroline Jackson
23/1	OT Cynthia Bailey NT Jo Elliot	Sue Clarke	Viv Arrowsmith

WELFORD

	Lesson Reader	Intercessions	Sidesman
2/1	OT C Horner NT J Horner	S Bevin	G Newman
9/1	OT G Newman NT J Newman	J Nicholas	J H-Jones
16/1	TBA	TBA	TBA
23/1	OT M Morson NT A Barraclough	S Lees	C Horner
30/1	OT L Hartshorn NT C Bailey	S Bevin	J Howell Jones

WELFORD CONGREGATIONAL CHAPEL

Services at 10.45am

	Preacher	Flowers
2/1	Rev Tony Avery	Mrs L Stanley
9/1	Paster Barrie Woodward	Mrs G Herbert
16/1	Richard Durrant	Mrs J Pilmore
23/1	David Harrup	Mrs D Bott
30/1	Taken by Members	Mrs H Plevin
6/2		Mr T Butlin

Mothers Union Communion

Will take place on Wednesday January 5th at 10.00am

Benefice Services January 2022

- 2nd 10.00am Benefice Holy Communion Clipston (also on Zoom)
6.00pm Evensong Marston Trussell
6.00pm Evensong Welford
- 9th 9.30am Holy Communion Sibbertoft
10.00am All Age Service Clipston
11.00am Holy Communion Naseby
6.00pm Holy Communion Welford
- 16th 9.30am Holy Communion Haselbech
10.00am Benefice Hybrid Service Welford (also on Zoom)
11.00am Holy Communion Marston Trussell
3.00pm Forest Church
- 23rd 9.30am Holy Communion Kelmarsch
9.30am Morning Prayer Sibbertoft
10.00am All Age Service Clipston
- tbc 10.30am Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Service
at Naseby Methodist Chapel & All Saints Church
6.00pm Evensong Welford
- 30th 10.00am Benefice Service Welford

The Magazine.

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