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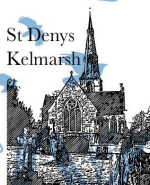
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Kelmarsh

*"Peace cannot be kept by force."*

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*"It can only be achieved by understanding."* Albert Einstein



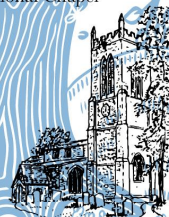
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Dear friends,

As we move into a New Year there always appears to be a new sense of hope doesn't there? The previous year with all its tragedies, problems, disappointments, failures and sadness is now behind us and a clean slate lies ahead.

The New Years Eve party where we have probably had too much to eat and drink ushers in the new year and for a while we may think all is new, yet beneath the gaiety and laughter we can pass from the season of glitter and carols to the season of the bleak midwinter.

For sure there has been much in 2023 to make many people depressed . crushing economic disparities, violence on our streets, climate concerns, homelessness, the list goes on and headed at this time by the wars we see in both Ukraine and Gaza. Also, for many there will be personal pains and anxieties, health issues, the loss of loved ones, loneliness, getting older. At these times there is a temptation to crawl back into bed or maybe sneak into the manger with Jesus, where it is warm, safe and secure.

But Epiphany is in front of us . its emphasis of light shining in the darkness, reminds us that life continues, that revelation and growth and new beginnings loom on the horizon, that new roads appear up ahead. New roads that will take us, if indeed we choose to let them, into new adventures, new opportunities to be the persons God wants us to be.

The Magi, also called the wise men or the Three Kings, who bring their gifts to the Christ Child illustrate this movement. Who were these Magi? Probably astrologers from the East perhaps from Persia or Babylon (present day Iran and Iraq). They believe that human destiny was written in the stars and though they were learned men of their day, we would consider many of their notions as superstitious today. That said I guess if I asked how many of you know your own astrological sign that many of you would reply in the affirmative! Nonetheless, the wise men agreed upon one thing (as many of us do too) - they believed that human events were influenced by a power beyond this world.

The magi from the East are inquisitive, adventurous, obedient to their calling and seek no honour for themselves. They humble themselves before the Christ Child and offer sacrificial gifts of great value. In short, they fit the image of servants more than royalty or those with superior wisdom, and thus, are an exemplary role model for us. But it's what they do at the end of the story that is of particular interest. Matthew's Gospel says that they are warned in a dream not to return to Herod. In the bible dreams are an important conduit for God communicating with his people . and remember God is still speaking!.

The Magi, having offered their gifts, realise the danger in returning to Herod and leave for their country by another road+. They don't hang around where its comfortable and secure but set out by another road, a new road, a different road to the one they had travelled on. They move on in their journey of life, and so must we. For us, the manger is only one stopping place on our journey of faith, and whilst the manger offers tranquillity it should never transfix us. The rest of Christ's journey, and OUR journey remains to be travelled.

As we embark on this new year, embodied so well in the spirit of Epiphany and the reality of life moving on, a fair question for us to ask is how can we move on+? Have a look at Isaiah Chapter 60 . Rise, shine! for your light has come and the Glory of the Lord has risen upon you+. They no longer have to live in darkness . nor do we. Rise and shine, get up, begin again - there is more to come. There are new roads to travel this year. Each of us has a new road ahead of us, as we step off, not knowing what we may find, not knowing exactly where we are going we can be comforted in knowing that for sure the light goes with us leading the way. God will be on that journey with us, Christ's light will be ever present.

Trevor  
LLM & Reader



## **WELFORD WI**

30 members attended the December meeting which took the form of the Christmas Party. After the singing of Jerusalem, the President, Denise Bott, introduced Mr. David Tomkins, a Ventriloquist and Magician who entertained us with baffling tricks and singing ventriloquism with Roy Orbison, a dog, Abba, and an hilarious voice throwing to member Debbie Green. He finished with Elvis Presley and left to enormous applause. He was thanked by Denise Cattell accompanied by her dummy, Jane.

Members were invited to bring a sharing plate of food and the table was groaning with both savoury and sweet items. While members helped themselves to food and a glass of wine or cordial, Jane read out the November minutes which were signed as correct. Thanks were expressed to Christine O'Reilly for organising an evening meal at Casa Nostra in Market Harborough, to Pauline Underhill for organising the coffee club at Emerson and West and to Lynne Stapley for laying our wreath at the Remembrance Service.

The next craft afternoon will be on the 29th January and the coffee club will be Wednesday the 24th January (venue to be decided) There are six spare tickets booked for Singing in the Rain in August at Kilworth House. Anyone interested should contact Christine O'Reilly. There is a County walking tour of London from Euston to The Angel Islington on the 20th March and an outing to Middleton Hall on April 17th

The raffle organised by Pauline Underhill was won by Mary Crowther, Lynne Stapley and Jane Cottrell.

The meeting closed at 9.30.

The speaker in January is Caroline Bendix with a talk entitled Bound to Learn ó A brief history of bookbinding and the competition is -An Old Bookø Everybody welcome.



1. Which of the following has inhabited Earth the longest?  
a) Cockroaches b) Jellyfish c) Sharks d) Turtles
2. In which part of the body would you find your cruciate ligament?  
a) Knee b) Neck c) Heel d) Elbow
3. What was the most popular girls name in 2021?  
a) Emma b) Olivia c) Rebecca d) Elsie
4. Glossectomy is the removal of which part of the body?  
a) Eye b) Finger c) Lung d) Tongue
5. What is the best selling novel of all time?  
a) War and Peace b) Don Quixote c) Gone with the Wind d) A Christmas Carol
6. Which artist performed the title song of the movie Golden Eye?  
a) Shirley Bassey b) Cher c) Adele d) Tina Turner



### **Poppy Appeal 2023**

Thank you so much to all who donated and all the local businesses who had collection boxes. To date I have banked £1,637.65 and an extra £30 was donated using the QR code which was successfully trailed for the first time this year. This is an impressive amount in these hard times. Thank you all.

Jan Edensor Poppy appeal organiser

1. Jellyfish 2. Knee 3. Olivia 4. Tongue 5. Don Quixote 6. Tina Turner



## T@2

**There is to be no T@2 in January** due to Monday 1<sup>st</sup> January will be New Year's Day and the 8<sup>th</sup> January is the first day back for children who attend WSSS, and we thought getting the children (and possibly yourselves ready to go to another event when you are trying to re-establish your routines might prove all too much). But we **wish all our customers and members of the Community a very Happy New Year** and **look forward to seeing you on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2024.**



**St Marys Church Welford**

**Sunday 21st January at 10.30am**

*Enjoy tea or coffee with warm croissants*

**Relaxed Informal Inspired**

## **Competition winners and entries**

As this copy for the January magazine had to get to the printers several days earlier than usual the deadline and therefore the winners of the Diorama competition have not been chosen yet. However, they will have been announced at the Crib service at 4pm on Christmas Eve and will be published in the magazine in February and on the Church noticeboard in 2024. Thank you in expectation of lots of entries, Kairen

## **WELFORD EDUCATIONAL TRUST**

The Welford Educational Trust exists to promote education, (including social and physical training) of persons under the age of 25years, who reside in the Ancient Parish of Welford and who are in need of financial assistance.

The Trustees meet in September and February each year.

In the past, students have received financial help towards the cost of books for college and university courses. Students wishing to apply for the book grant must complete an application form available from the Secretary, Ms S Barlow, 5 Westfield Crescent, Welford, Northampton, NN6 6HY, 01858575748.

Completed forms should be returned to the above address by 1st February 2024.

Late applications cannot be considered. Please note that book grant applications will only be considered at the September meeting each year.

The Trustees will also consider applications from individuals and youth groups to provide financial assistance towards education, training and other needs. Applications by letter to the Secretary by 1st February 2024.



## **PROSTATE CANCER HAMPER RAFFLE**

I would like to thank everyone who came to the Good Neighbours Coffee morning and supported this worthy cause.

Special thanks to Jane Cottrell, the WI, and Sarah for selling tickets and donating gifts for the hampers.

Also thanks to Pauline Teear for adding the festive touches and decorating and wrapping the beautiful hampers.

So far, £210 has been raised.

Thank you all very much!

Betty Barlow



## SIBBERTOFT NEWS

### THANK YOU

St. Helen's is very grateful to all who have helped over the last year with cleaning and flower arranging, decorating, church opening/closing, churchyard maintenance, painting/varnishing etc. It is hugely appreciated - thank you.



### Welford Christmas Tree Farm

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



### Good Neighbours – January 2024!

Happy New Year to all

Thank you to all who came to our Christmas meet up. We had a bumper turn out. Thank you for supporting Betty's hamper for Prostate Cancer. At the time of writing, I do not know the total amount raised.

The January Good Neighbours Coffee Morning will be on Tuesday January 2<sup>nd</sup> from 10.00-12.00 in Welford Village Hall. Still only £1 for coffee/tea and biscuits!

Come and catch up with friends in the warmth of the village hall. Our usual books (£1) and jigsaws (£2) will be on sale.

We hope you all had a good Christmas and wish for a drier, brighter 2024! We look forward to seeing you on the second.

Jane, Sue & The Team



## CHAPEL COMMENT

An old Polish proverb gives the following advice:

"If everyone swept in front of their own house, the whole town would be clean."

These days it could well refer to the kind of community effort that makes environmental projects like recycling, efficient energy use and litter collection really work.

If we take to heart a modern interpretation of these words, we could all work together to make the world a better place.

"You must be the change you wish to see in the world."

Mahatma Gandhi.

Something to think about.

Happy New Year.

### **PSALMS AND READINGS – January**

#### **Sunday 7th January—Epiphany**

Psalm 29

First Isaiah 60, 1 to 6

Second Ephesians 3, 1 to 12

Gospel Matthew 2, 1 to 12

#### **Sunday 14th January—2nd of Epiphany**

Psalm 67

First 1 Samuel 3, 1 to 10

Second Revelation 5, 1 to 10

Gospel John 1, 43 to end

#### **Sunday 21st January—3rd of Epiphany**

Psalm 15

First Genesis 14, 17 to 20

Second Revelation 19, 6 to 10

Gospel John 2, 1 to 11

#### **Sunday 28th January—4th of Epiphany**

Psalm 24

First Deuteronomy 18, 15 to 20

Second Revelation 12, 1 to 5a

Gospel Mark 1, 21 to 28

## **SIBBERTOFT**

	<b>Lesson Reader</b>	<b>Intercessions</b>	<b>Sidesman</b>
14/1	OT Cynthia Bailey NT Viv Arrowsmith	Toby Jackson	
28/1	OT Peter Krafti NT Alex Robinson	Caroline Robinson	Miles Lloyd
	Eucharistic Assistant 28/1 Viv Arrowsmith		

## **WELFORD**

	<b>Lesson Reader</b>	<b>Intercessions</b>	<b>Sidesman</b>
14/1	OT P Lane NT S Lees	S Bevin	C Horner
21/1	OT G Newman NT J Newman	S Lees	G Newman
28/1	OT C Horner NT J Horner	J Nicholas	C Horner

Eucharistic Assistant 21/1 K Broad

## **WELFORD CONGREGATIONAL CHAPEL**

### **Services at 10.45am**

	<b>Preacher</b>	<b>Flowers</b>
7d	Rev Tony Avery	Mrs A Bott
14/1	Richard Durrant	Mrs D Bott
21/1	Rev Tony Avery	Miss R Heard
28/1	David Harrup	Mrs J Bale
4/2	Rev Tony Avery	Mrs W McCullagh

## JANUARY 2024 SERVICES

7 <sup>th</sup>	10:30am	Benefice Holy Communion	Marston Trussell
14 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am	Holy Communion	Naseby
	9:30am	Morning Worship	Sibbertoft
	10:00am	Café Church	Clipston
	6:00pm	Evensong	Welford
21 <sup>st</sup>	9:30am	Holy Communion	Kelmarsh
	10:30am	Café Church	Welford
	11:00am	Holy Communion	Clipston
	6:00pm	Holy Communion	Welford
24 <sup>th</sup>	11:00am	Sibbertoft Manor Service <i>at St Helen's - all welcome</i>	Sibbertoft
28 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am	Morning Worship	Naseby
	9:30am	Holy Communion	Sibbertoft
	11:00am	Holy Communion	Haselbech
	6:00pm	Evensong	Welford
4 <sup>th</sup> Feb	10:30am	Benefice Holy Communion	Naseby

*For latest service updates see the website calendar:  
[www.nasebygroup.org/calendar](http://www.nasebygroup.org/calendar)*

### MORNING PRAYER

Revd Clare invites you to join her in saying Morning Prayer on Thursday mornings:

... in St Marys, Welford on 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> (and 1<sup>st</sup> Feb) at 10:00am

... in All Saints, Clipston on 11<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am

### The Magazine.

If you would like an entry in the February edition of the magazine please

Send copy by 15th January to [jules1044@gmail.com](mailto:jules1044@gmail.com)

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