

*January 2025*

# *The Magazine*

**All Saints Clipston  
St Michael's Haselbech  
St Deny's Kelmarsh  
St Nicholas Marston Trussell  
All Saints Naseby  
St Helen's Sibbertoft  
St Mary the Virgin Welford**



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Dear friends,

I've never been particularly good at New Years resolutions. Don't get me wrong, I'm good at thinking up New Year's resolutions, just not so great at implementing them.

I usually pick something around eating less sugar and before the end of the day have realised I've had my third slice of cake and have spectacularly failed.

But in the cycle of a new year, it is good to stop and ponder our priorities for the year ahead to ensure we have vision and are heading in the right direction.

For us as a group of seven churches we can enter 2025 full of hope that in praying, worshiping and working together, we can find fresh and imaginative ways forward.

For me there are 2 priorities for us as a group of churches. The first is to seek God in prayer and to hear what he is calling us to do, and the second is to develop a culture of thankfulness for all that we are, do and have.

To help us achieve this, Naseby Group Prayers will continue in January on Thursdays in term time, 9:15 at the Naseby Methodist Chapel, all are welcome to join. Do please consider joining us if you've not been before.

We are also in the initial stages of setting up a benefice (group) council, not just to act as a forum to work together across our group of churches, but to also prioritise praying together as we plan for the future. So watch this space...

Wishing you all a very happy new year and a great 2025

Every Blessing.

Tom

## Harvest Competition

A belated 'thank you', to the people who joined in the Community Competition for an article that represented what reminds them of Harvest, and the many blessings from a God who provides our food and the amazing colours of the changing colour of the leaves.

We only had a few entries from a village with over 1000 houses but they were all superb in their own way. Outstanding contributions of note were a combine harvester made from childrens building shapes. A pumpkin made from clay and painted pumpkin colour, and if you lifted the top off the pumpkin there were small seeds inside.

Two Brownies entered their take on crackers and wheat and there were different types of biscuits decorating the inside of the display box. There was a beautiful painting using my favourite colour, and someone who was experimenting with a media new to them, of using transfers on a mug and then sealing the transfers so they remain undamaged.

Well done to all of you for enhancing the internal decoration of St Mary's church here in Welford. Together with the appeal for donations to the Market Harborough Food bank, and those donated through WSES we were able to send two car loads full of food requested by the Food Bank to help those who need it.



1. What star sign is between January 21<sup>st</sup> and February 20<sup>th</sup>?
2. Who was crowned monarch in January 1559?
3. On which date in January is Epiphany?
4. Margaret Thatcher Day is celebrated on 15<sup>th</sup> January . Where?
5. Who did Marylin Monroe marry in January 1954?
6. Which grand slam tennis tournament takes place in January?
7. Who died on 22<sup>nd</sup> January 1901?
8. Which world famous singer was born in Tupelo, Mississippi, January 1935?
9. Also called the gillyflower, what flower is the birth flower of January?
19. Which state became the 49<sup>th</sup> state of the US in January 1959?

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## Poppy Appeal 2024

The amount raised by cash donations ( donations by QR code will follow shortly) Is £1,688.23 a splendid amount and slightly more than last year. Thank you to everyone who donated and to everybody who made poppies and helped me to decorate the church, I couldn't have done it without you.

## CHAPEL COMMENT



Very likely you will have received many gifts over the festive season. Hopefully, each one purchased or made, with much thought as to its recipient. Given and received with love.

But have you considered "the Gift of Joy"?

True Joy is a wonderful gift which has little to do with great occasions, celebrations or achievements.

Joy is something we feel deep inside which can happen suddenly and unexpectedly and when we feel it, we should cherish it and share our elation with others.

Mother Teresa was able to find it in the harshest conditions. She said "A joyful heart is the inevitable result of a heart burning with love".

Hopefully we can all feel that way and share our precious gift.

Wishing you all a joyful 2025

### **Diary Date**

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2025 ó World Day of Prayer ó Cook Islands

This years service prepared by an ecumenical group of Christian women from the Cook Islands is based on the words of Psalm 139 entitled "I made you wonderful." A service for everyone in Welford Congregational Chapel at 2pm.

For more details, please contact Rachael Heard on 07808 656831 or email [rheard@live.co.uk](mailto:rheard@live.co.uk)

World Day of Prayer website [www.wwdp.org.uk](http://www.wwdp.org.uk)



*with warm croissants*

**Relaxed                      Informal                      Inspired**

**All Saints Church Clipston Sunday 12th January at 10.30am**

**St Marys Church Welford Sunday 19th January at 10.30am**

*Enjoy tea or coffee*

**PSALMS AND READINGS – January**

**Sunday 5th January—Epiphany**

Psalm 8

First Jeremiah 31, 7 to 14

Second Ephesians 1, 3 to 14

Gospel John 1, 10 to 18

**Sunday 12th January—Baptism of Christ**

Psalm 129

First Isaiah 43, 1 to 7

Second Acts 8, 14 to 17

Gospel Luke 3, 15 to 17 and 21 to 22

**Sunday 19th—2nd of Epiphany**

Psalm 121

First Isaiah 62, 1 to 8

Second 1Corinthians 12, 1 to 11

Gospel John 2, 1 to 11

**Sunday 26th January—3rd of Epiphany**

Psalm 119, 33 to 40 -

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

Second 1Corinthians, 12, 12 to 31

Gospel Luke 4, 14 to 21

**Sunday 2nd February—Presentation of Christ in the Temple**

Psalm 122

First Malachi 3, 1 to 5

Second Hebrews 2, 14 to end

Gospel Luke 2, 22 to 40

## SIBBERTOFT

	<b>Lesson Reader</b>	<b>Intercessions</b>	<b>Sidesman</b>
26/1	OT Jose Kirby NT Caroline Jackson	Viv Arrowsmith	Viv Arrowsmith

## WELFORD

	<b>Lesson Reader</b>	<b>Intercessions</b>	<b>Sidesman</b>
12/1	OT C Horner NT J Horner	J Nicholas	C Horner
19/1	OT G Newman NT J Newman	S Lees	M Broad
26/1	OT P Lane NT A Barraclough	G Temple	G Newman
2/2	OT S Bevin NT S Lees	G Temple	C Horner

Eucharistic Assistant 19/1 Broad 2/2 K Ball

## WELFORD CONGREGATIONAL CHAPEL Services at 10.45am

	<b>Preacher</b>	<b>Flowers</b>
5/1	Rev Tony Avery	Mrs W McCullagh
12/1	Richard Durrant	Mrs M Curtis
19/1	Rev Tony Avery	Mrs S Lees
26/1	Bill Johnson	Mrs P Lane
2/2	Rev Tony Avery	Mrs D Avery

## JANUARY 2025 CHURCH SERVICES

5 <sup>th</sup>	10:30am	Benefice Morning Worship	Haselbech
12 <sup>th</sup>	10:00am	Café Church	Clipston
	10:30am	Holy Communion	Marston Trussell
	6:00pm	Evensong	Welford
19 <sup>th</sup>	09:30am	Holy Communion	Kelmarsh
	10:30am	Café Church	Welford
	6:00pm	Holy Communion	Welford
26 <sup>th</sup>	10:00am	Holy Communion <i>at Naseby Methodist Chapel</i>	Naseby
	9:30am	Morning Worship	Sibbertoft
	6:00pm	Evensong	Welford
2 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	10:30am	Benefice Holy Communion	Welford

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

### The Magazine.

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