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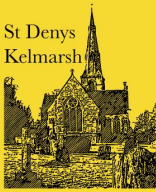
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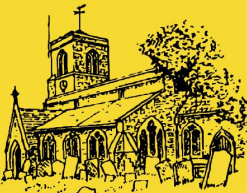


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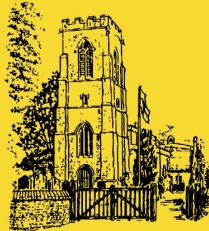
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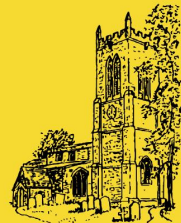
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Dear Friends,

How blessed we are to be surrounded by beautiful countryside and, at this time of year, we cannot help but be aware of the new life that is springing up around us!

It is wonderful to witness this, yet inevitably this year, the signs of spring are shot through with the concerns and challenges of the pandemic. For some of us, these will have been devastating and life changing—for almost all of us they will have been difficult in an infinite variety of ways.

The rhythm of the seasons, though, can remind us that we are caught up in something much bigger than ourselves, that we are part of an outpouring of God's love, from which all creation springs.

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It is a source of comfort and joy to know that we are loved, and Good Friday and Easter Day remind us that we are, and also that unconditional self-giving love undergirds and generates every good thing that was, is, and is to come.

Perhaps even more importantly, though, through the mystery of the cross, love transforms untold suffering and death into new life and new hope. For God is not God just of the good times, standing apart from the darkness of pain, despair and grief but, on the contrary, is the God who travels with us through everything we experience, offering healing, hope and joy.

So may your Lenten journey be one of fresh discoveries as you learn more about God's love for you—and, as you travel towards Easter, remember that It is God's story we inhabit, God's future we step into - a future and a story that, by God's grace, is ours, too.

¹⁶ “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.” John 3:16

With my love and prayers,

Miranda

Lady Day



For the Christian Church, Lady Day marks the Feast of the Annunciation when Mary learned that she had immaculately conceived Jesus. Beginning in 1155, 25th March was celebrated as the start of the new year in England. To the Tudors it was known as ðLady Day exactly nine months before Christmas Day.

Lady day then became the first of four quarterly dates in the English calendar ó Lady Day 25th March, Midsummer Day 24th June, Michaelmas Day 29th September and Christmas Day 25th December.

On these quarterly dates school terms would begin, servants would be hired and rents would become due. Although much has changed, many rents remain quarterly and fall due on quarterly days and many schools and universities still observe Michaelmas Term. The ðold Lady Day was on April 6th which remains the start of the Income Tax year.

In many European countries the Feast of the Annunciation is a day for weather predictions. Tradition holds that all seeds sown on this day are guaranteed to germinate. An Italian proverb says that a frost on Lady Day will do no harm. There is another saying that rain on Lady Day will mean rain on all the other feast days dedicated to the Virgin Mary throughout the year.



WELFORD W.I.

The first virtual meeting of Welford WI was held, via Zoom, Thursday 11 February at the normal meeting time of 7.30 pm. Denise Cattell presided and 20 members joined in from the comfort of their homes. Denise brought all up to date with events over the past 11 months since last a meeting was held. She and Jane Cottrell, Secretary, were warmly thanked for all their hard work keeping members informed and engaged during that time. Christine O'Reilly gave a short demonstration on making a simple Danish heart using paper and scissors, with members, with various success, following her lead. Another virtual meeting is planned for 11 March when we will be joined by Sam Passi who will give his talk entitled "Tax, Care and the New Guy".

AT February 2021

NASEBY W.I.

After a gap in our programme due to Lockdown, we held our first Zoom Presentation on Thursday February 11th. We had a grand turnout of 21 Members, to hear our excellent Speaker, Julie Murphy, who is also one of our Members.

Julie's talk was entitled "Murder and Art in Campden Town." It was about a notorious murder that had taken place (in the bedroom Julie that slept in,) at 29 St. Pauls Road. Campden Town, in 1907.

Poor Emily Dimmock was the victim and the murder was never really solved. It came to light when the residents started to get requests for Scotland Yard's Black Museum, to get access to the house. Julie was intrigued and started to research the story herself.

A man called Robert Wood was charged with the murder, and he was represented at the Trial by a good Barrister of the day. Subsequently a series of famous paintings were produced by a Walter Sickett depicting the murder scene. Patricia Cornwall, an author, claimed in 2002 that Walter Sickett had been "Jack the Ripper". Julie's research led her to her own conclusions.

It was a fascinating talk, beautifully presented with slides of the art works.

Following the success of this meeting, we hope to arrange more Zoom presentations, and will shortly be producing a new Programme. Onwards and upwards!

Liz Capell 18-02-21.



I take you already know
Of tough and bough and cough and dough?
Others may stumble but not you
Of hiccough. Thorough, laugh and through.

Well done! And now you wish perhaps
To learn of less familiar traps.
Beware of heard, a dreadful word
That looks like beard and sounds like bird.
And dead ó itø said like bed not bead.
And for goodness sake donø call it deed
Watch out for meat and great and threat
(they rhyme with suite and straight and debt.)

A moth is not the moth in mother
Nor both in bother, broth or brother
And here is no match for there
Nor dear and near for bear and pear
And then thereø dose and rose and lose.
Look them up goose and choose
And cork and work, and card and ward
And font and front, and word and sword
And do not go and thwart the cart
Dome come, Iøve hardly made a start
A dreadful language? Man alive
Iød mastered it when I was five!

SIBBERTOFT NEWS



Sibbertoft 'Nan on the run fundraising 20/21' Start date

29/3/2020

Challenge to run the equivalent of 25 marathons
(650 miles in one year)

Another month passed February bringing bitterly cold biting winter weather.

I mentioned last month that I had put the challenge on hold which has proved to be the correct decision due to the uncertainty of the prevailing Covid lock down situation and also the inclement weather. I hope to resume and finish the last marathon during March with a **Grand Fun run and fund raiser planned for April**. At the time of writing we are all waiting for details of the road map out of lock down to be announced by the government in late February. I live in hope we will be able to put together a safe and compliant event.

Thank you to all who have donated thus far.

Help me to achieve the £10,000 on line target.

Make a new year gift to Sibbertoft Community buildings fund.

Visit [give.net](https://www.give.net) search nan on the run20/21
or cash /cheque payable to Saint Helens Church Sib-
bertoft. All funds raised will be divided between the
reading room kitchen refurbishment project and Saint
Helens church maintenance fund.



Sibbertoft Pop up Shops 2021
Easter Saturday 3rd April.
Raising funds for Saint Helens Church.

We are pleased to announce that after a long cold dark winter we will be re opening with a special spring event.

Venues yet to be confirmed all subject to Covid restrictions and possible use of the Reading room or in Garages and Greenhouses around the village. (Final details will be announced closer to the time). Plants, produce, home made jams/marmalade/cakes and crafts will be available. We look forward to your support and hope to brighten your Easter weekend.

Seed sowing and propagation is underway.
Cynthia, Lesley and the crafting group.

QUIZ FOR



1. What is the birth flower of March?
2. Which UK Saints Day is on March 1st?
3. The March Hare is a character from which book?
4. Which annual health awareness day takes place on the second Wednesday in March?
5. Symbolizing courage, name March's birthstone?
6. March is named after Mars. Mars the Roman god of what?
7. On the first Thursday in March every child in full-time education in the UK is given a voucher to spend on what?
8. The Ides of March is a day on the Roman calendar that corresponds to which date?
9. On the 5th of March 1946, what did Churchill warn was falling across Europe?
10. On what date in March is Saint Patrick's Day?
11. In British tradition, which quarter day falls on March 25th?
12. The March sisters feature in which book?



CHAPEL COMMENT

'I'm at my lowest ebb'

I think many of us will have felt like this or even known someone who has felt like this over the last difficult twelve months. It's a nautical term to do with the ebb and flow of the tide.

When the tide is out, your boat might we'll be prevented from getting into harbour by a substantial sand bank. A frustrating time for any sailor.

But look at it this way. When the tide is out as far as it can go, it's just about to start coming back in again! So, if you are feeling at your lowest ebb, try to hold on a little while longer. Things are just about to get better and you will soon be floating into a safe harbour once more.

The Magazine

**If you have anything you would like included in the April edition
please get copy submitted by March 15th.**

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CHURCH SERVICES

All churches in the benefice are currently closed.

Weekly 'virtual' service for the benefice

Sundays 10.00am

Zoom ID 697715534

WELFORD CONGREGATIONAL CHAPEL

In view of the current situation regarding corona virus, it has been decided to temporarily suspend services in Chapel until further notice. Please check the notice in the chapel schoolroom for any changes .

JOSEPH OF NAZARETH 19TH MARCH



..... We have all become aware of an aggressive and domineering style of leadership that currently holds sway in many nations. We have all become aware of the violent street culture that currently distorts and destroys the lives of too many of the young in our cities. We have all become aware of the hate speech that is currently directed against the vulnerable online. We have all become aware of the #MeToo campaign, and those whose lives have been changed forever by sexual violence.

Saint Joseph shows us a different way of being a man. It's the way of attentiveness to God and the way of compassion for the other. It's the way of self-giving not self-aggrandizing. Brothers in Christ, if I may just this once address myself to you, I believe Saint Joseph has our backs, and that he prays for us. Amen.

Nicholas Papadopoulos, Dean at Salisbury Cathedral