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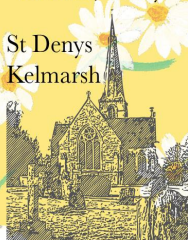


All Saints, Clipston



St Michael's Haselbeck

St Denys
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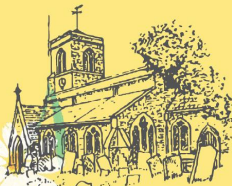
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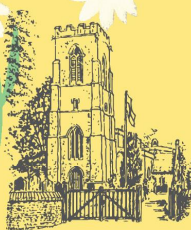
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...Maya Angelou*



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Dear Friends,

After the cold days and the dark evenings of winter I love this time of year. The days are getting longer and occasionally a warmer afternoon hints that spring may be just around the corner. Across the benefice early flowers are just beginning to come into bloom. As I write this the churchyard at Naseby is carpeted white and gold with snowdrops and aconites and by the time this magazine is published in March daffodils will be fully in bloom. Seeing the carpets of snowdrops I am always amazed at how many tiny variations there are between individual snowdrops and how much more beautiful a great clump of snowdrops is than one flower blooming on its own. I think that communities and churches can be a bit like that too. Each one of us is a unique individual in the same way that no two snowdrops seem to be exactly alike and our communities and churches are far more vibrant and beautiful when we are all able to flourish together.

Easter is particularly early this year so throughout March we will be marking Lent which started in the middle of February. Lent is a season which reminds us that we are mortal, reminds us that we are part of this beautiful, fragile, world and also reminds us that each one of us is unique, precious and loved by God. Lent is a season which reminds us that we, like this world, may be fragile or broken and Lent reminds us that sometimes our thoughts and actions have caused the brokenness that we can see in ourselves, in other people and in the world around us.

Many people will keep Lent as a fast. Some will give up something they enjoy for the season, so that when they take it up again after the joy of Easter that special treat will seem even sweeter or more enjoyable. Some people will use the money that they have saved by giving up that special treat by donating it to charity, or use the time they have saved by giving up a hobby or pastime to volunteer to help others in some way. Lent is a time for quiet reflection, an opportunity to spend time sitting in the presence of God, a time to look honestly at ourselves in God's presence and to think about how our lives may need to change before this world and ourselves can be restored and made new by the resurrection power of Easter.

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My prayers are with you all as we travel together through the season of Lent and draw closer to God and I look forward to seeing you at Easter to celebrate the resurrection

Rev. Clare





Good Neighbours Coffee Morning



The March coffee morning will be on Tuesday March 5th from 10.00 -12.00 in Welford village hall. There was another excellent turn out last month.

£1 for coffee/tea and biscuits.

Books, cards and jigsaws will be on sale with proceeds to our new charity (yet to be decided!)

There will be a warm welcome to one and all.

Jane, Sue & The Team

Lent Group

This year's Lent Group will be meeting weekly on Wednesdays at 2:30pm at 14 The Leys,

Welford (Gordon & Pat's home) starting on 21 st February and concluding on 20 th March.

With cup of tea or coffee in hand this will be a time of relaxed discussion of Lent themes

(see below) linked with the Bible readings set for the services on the previous Sunday. Just

come along but if you would like something read in preparation for each get together then

contact Gordon (gordon@gordontemple.com or on 07990 887635)

1. Wilderness & Temptation
2. Following & Faith
3. Justice & Injustice
4. Repentance & Forgiveness
5. Life & Death

Easter Garden Competition



Task: Choose a base which is no more than 30 x 30 cms or 30 x 40cms (own choice of material but it needs to be reasonably stable) and design and build a 3D garden for Easter. We would like you to build an Easter garden (scene) any parts of the Easter story can be included . from Palm Sunday to Easter Day. Maybe you want to represent the story of Palm Sunday and the crowd waving palm branches, or the overturning of the money lenders in the temple, or the betrayal of Jesus or the washing of the disciples feet, the Last Supper, or Good Friday or finally the resurrection of Jesus or simply your view of the Easter garden. The parts of the Easter story can be found in can be found in Matthew's Gospel chapter 21 v 1-17, ch 26 -ch 28 - v10 Mark ch 11 v 1-10, ch 14-16 Luke ch 19 v 29-48, ch 22 . 24 John ch 12 v 12-19, ch 13, ch 18- ch 20.

Your entries should be brought to St Mary's church by Friday 22nd of March and left on the table in the children's corner or if you are a pupil at WSSSES I will collect them on 25th or 26th from the School office. Or arrange delivery with Kairen. Each entry should have a completed entry form with it and these can be obtained from WSSSES or the back of church, or from the website or via email to me. The competition is for children, adults and families, any organisation groups, anyone in fact!

Enjoy this challenge and having your contribution displayed over Easter in St. Mary's Church, Welford Church.

Kairen 575331 or
kairen.ball@nasebygroup.org or
www.nasebygroup.org
(For the entry forms)





Welford Movie Night Update

We've now had Saturday evening Movie Nights running on the first Saturday of the month, since we returned in December 2022

All films have been well received and our numbers have been building up – our last night at the beginning of January was “A Haunting in Venice” and there were 39 people in the Village Hall to watch it.

Here is our schedule for the rest of Spring 2024:-

- Saturday 3rd February – The Great Escaper
- Saturday 2nd March – My Sailor My Love
- Saturday 6th April – To be decided
- Saturday 4th May – To be decided

Saturday 1st June – To be decided

Put these dates in your diary (!) and then keep your eye on the Village Noticeboards or the “This is Welford” Facebook page for details of future films to be shown etc. Doors open at 7:00pm, and the show starts at 7:30pm in the Village Hall. Tickets are £7 on the door, payment by cash or card, please.

After these dates, we then have a break for the Summer before getting back together for our Autumn schedule which starts on Saturday 5th October.

If you want to join the Welford Movie Night mailing list and book tickets or have a vote for which films we show in the future, please email me your contact details, and I'll be in touch.

Thanks very much in anticipation of an avalanche of responses!!

Take care and regards

Chris Brown, Treasurer
Welford Village Hall
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TRIVIA

1. What age did the oldest elephant live to?
46yrs 66yrs 86yrs 106yrs
2. How did Spiderman get his powers?
Bitten by a radio active spider Born with them
Military experiment that went wrong Acquired after a dream
3. Which of these is not on the Chinese calendar?
Bear Dog Dragon Rabbit
4. How many holes are there on a standard ten pin bowling ball?
2 3 5 6
5. What are the main colours on the Spannish flag?
Black and Yellow Blue and White
Green and Red Red and Yellow
6. Who killed Credo?
Hannibal Lecter Hans Solo
Harold Shipman Count Dracula
7. How many points is the letter X worth in Scrabble?
5 7 8 10
8. How old was Juliette in Romeo and Juliet ?
13 15 16 18
9. In total, how many novels in total were written by the Bronte Sisters ?
4 5 6 7
10. What did the Vikings use as money?
Rune Stones Jewellery Seal skins Wool

1. 86yrs 2. Bitten by radioactive spider 3. Bear 4. There are 3 5. Red and Yellow 6. Hans Solo 7. It is worth 7.
8. She was 13 9. they wrote 7 10. Jewellery



No Café Church in March.

Back again Next Month

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Monday 4th March

at St Mary's Church between 2pm -3.15pm.

Everyone is welcome.

There is no charge, but a donation would be gratefully received.

Kairen



IMPORTANT NEWS FROM WADS

On May 29th., 30th., and 31st. we are presenting the play "We Happy Few" written by Imogen Stubbs. It is based on a true story of a group of women, from various backgrounds, who came together to take excerpts from classic plays around the country, during WW2. It is very funny, but also has moments of sadness. It is 10 years since we last presented a straight play. We hope you will support us. It will be a great evening's entertainment.

Mailing list tickets go on sale on 26th February.

If you want to be added to our mailing list, let Chris know on

chrisbrown55@hotmail.co.uk or 575494



CHAPEL COMMENT

The Easter Message of Hope

Someone once wrote: Totally without hope one cannot live. To live without hope is to cease to live. And I believe there is a great deal of truth in those words.

In the difficult and often confusing world in which we live today, hope, for many people, is something that seems to be short supply. In fact, I would even go so far as to say that in a world of pain, grief and sorrow, of complex family relationships, of problems at work - alongside many other hardships of life causing sadness, loneliness and depression - hope, for many people, has died a death!

But hope, I believe, is one of the key Christian attributes and one of the most important gifts we can give to the world today.

Nothing brings hope back to life like Easter. For the Easter message gives us hope in a bewildering world and hope to face the uncertainties of the future. This special day never arrives without its refreshing reminder that there is life beyond this one: True life. Eternal life. Glorious life. Those who live on the 'outside' of hope need an injection of hope (a hope transfusion perhaps!) and Easter certainly gives it.

The Easter message is well known - there is no need to prolong it, complicate it or try to explain or defend it. The facts speak for themselves:

Jesus said He would be in the heart of the earth for three days and nights (Matthew 12:40) Later, He said He would suffer ... be killed, and be raised up on the third day (Matthew 16:21)

Betrayed by Judas, He was placed under arrest, hurriedly pushed through several trials and declared guilty - first of blasphemy and then of treason (Luke 22:70; 23:24) Finally, all the disciples left Him and fled (Matthew 26:56)

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Alone and forsaken, He endured the torture of scourging, the humiliation of insults and mockery and the agony of that walk to Golgotha (Mark 15:15-22)

The horrors of crucifixion followed, leaving Him suspended for six excruciating hours - the last three of which were spent in eerie darkness that fell over the whole land (Mark 15:33). Then - He died. (Matthew 27:50; Mark 15:37; Luke 23:46; John 19:30)

Two men, Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus, took Him down from the cross, prepared the body for burial and placed it in the garden in a new tomb. (John 19:38-41) Because He had predicted, After three days I am to rise again, the chief priests and the Pharisees had the tomb secured by a large stone, set a seal on the stone, and arranged for a Roman guard to watch over the tomb. (Matthew 27:62-66)

Before dawn on the third day, a miracle occurred. When astonished people visited the tomb that morning, they found the stone rolled away and the body gone. They were asked by angels, Why do you seek the living One among the dead? He is not here, but He has risen just as He said. (Luke 24:5-6; Matthew 28:6)

I cannot fully explain all that happened on that first Easter day in this short message, but the simple fact is that there is something magnificent, therapeutic and reassuring about Easter morning - Hope. And this hope in the resurrected Christ silences the empty message of sceptics and cynics alike. How? Because the evidence of the resurrected Christ can be found in the testimony of many thousands of people who have had their lives transformed by the indwelling presence of Jesus through a personal trust and faith in Him. Our identity, at this time of Easter celebration, is strengthened as we stand together and proclaim: Alleluia! Christ is risen - He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

This hope can be with us every moment of our life. A HOPE transfusion awaits us, it happens every Easter Sunday - make sure you don't miss it this year. guaranteed to change your life!

With every blessing in Jesus' precious name

Rev Anthony W Avery

SIBBERTOFT NEWS

Save the date!

Sibbertoft's Sumer Fayre 2024 will be on Saturday 7th September from 2pm – 7pm in the Gardens of Sibbertoft Manor. Join us for lots of family fun, Lutterworth Brass Band, food, competitions for all ages, games, artisan stalls and much, much more.

CLIPSTON NEWS

Quiz Night

Friday 1st March in the Village Hall.

Assemble from six o'clock and the Cottage Pie Supper will be served soon after. Two table rounds are attempted while the supper is consumed and the five main rounds follow that.

Bring your own drinks and glasses.

The charge is £10 per person.

If anyone is interested in coming they should contact Alan Skinner, 01858 525237 or 07484625246 as soon as possible as attendance is limited to ten teams of up to six players.

Ukulele Concert

The Happy Together Band that features some members from Welford is the band that appeared at Marston Trussell a while back. They are performing in Clipston Church on Friday 22nd March starting at 7.30pm.

The cost is £10 per head and includes some light refreshment.

Interested attendees should contact Alan on 01858 525237 or on my mobile 07484625246.



Welford W.I. February Meeting

On a very rainy and windy evening 30 members and 1 guest braved the elements and were welcomed by President Denise Bott. After the singing of Jerusalem, the January minutes were read and signed. The charity total stands at £1,214.44 and a cheque for £1,100 will be presented to Welford Educational Trust at the March meeting.

A list was passed round for suggestions for the 2024 charity together with the duty and committee lists.

The next craft afternoon is -Carry On Knitting on February 26th. The coffee meeting will take place on the 22 nd February at Blend. There are 21 for the lunch at the Pytchley on April 11 th . Thanks to Sue Walton, an enjoyable skittles evening was had by all. The next one will be at The Black Horse, date t.b.a. County outings were pointed out to Middleton Hall on the 17 th April and Springfields Outlet Shopping on the 30 th April.

Subscriptions at £48.00 are due in March. Contact Viv Journeaux for details of bank transfer or cheque.

The speaker, Susie Lickman, who runs a plant shop, Windowsills in Market Harborough, gave a short summary of how she came to be selling plants and gave us plenty of hints, especially on over-watering!!! She talked about the many plants she had brought for sale and answered questions from the floor. She was thanked by Maureen James.

Delicious refreshments were provided and served by Jean Baker, Mary Crowther and Sue Wilson. The competition for a plant pot organised by Val Jackson for A. Thorington was won by Val Jackson with Lynne Sharpley 2 nd and Sue Wilson 3 rd . The raffle organised by Julie Newman was won by Anne Wing, Jane Baker and Sue Wilson.

The meeting closed at 9.15 p.m.

The March Meeting is the Annual General Meeting and the speaker is Martin Grant, a

REMAP volunteer. The competition is a decorated egg. All are welcome.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Mon	25 th	7pm	Compline	Clipston
Tues	26 th	7pm	Taizé Service	Clipston
Wed	27 th	7pm	Stations of the Cross	Clipston
Thu	28 th	7pm	Maundy Thursday Service	Sibbertoft
Fri	29 th	2pm	Good Friday Meditation	Clipston
Fri	29 th	7pm	Good Friday Devotional	Welford

PSALMS AND READINGS – March

Sunday 3rd March—3rd of Lent

Psalm 8

First Exodus 20, 1 to 17

Second 1 Corinthians 1, 18 to 25

Gospel John 2, 13 to 22

Sunday 10th March— 4th of lent

Psalm 122

First Numbers 21, 4 to 9

Second Ephesians 2, 1 to 10

Gospel John 3, 14 to 21

Sunday 17th March 5th of Lent

Psalm 61

First Jeremiah 31, 31 to 34

Second Hebrews 5, 5 to 10

Gospel John 12, 20 to 33

Sunday 24th March—Palm Sunday

Psalm 24

First Isaiah 50, 4 to 9a

Second Philippians 2, 5 to 11

Gospel Mark 14 1 to end

Sunday 30st March—Easter Day

Psalm 114

First Job 14, 1 to 14

Second 1 Peter 4, 1 to 8

Gospel Matthew 27, 57 to end

SIBBERTOFT

	Lesson Reader	Intercessions	Sidesman
3/3	OT Lesley Hartshorne NT Jo Elliot	Caroline Jackson	Miles Lloyd/ Lesley Hartshorne
10/3	OT Peter Kirby NT Jo Elliot	Kairen Ball	Lesley Hartshorne
28/3	OT Jo Elliot NT Viv Arrowsmith	Lesley Hartshorne	Viv Arrowsmith
31/3	OT Peter Kraftl	Caroline Robinson	Miles Lloyd

Eucharistic Assistant 3/3 Sue Clarke and 31/3 Viv Arrowsmith

WELFORD

	Lesson Reader	Intercessions	Sidesman
17/3	OT G Newman NT J Newman	S Lees	G Newman
24/3		S Bevin	C Horner
31/3	OT C Horner NT J Horner	J Nicholas	C Horner

WELFORD CONGREGATIONAL CHAPEL

Services at 10.45am

	Preacher	Flowers
3/3	Rev Tony Avery	Mrs D Avery
10/3	Brian Deffee	Mrs S Finney
17/3	Rev Tony Avery	Mrs L Stanley
24/3	David Biddle	Mrs J Herbert
31/3	Rev Tony Avery	Mrs J Pilmore
7/4	Rev Tony Avery	Mrs D Bott

MARCH 2024 SERVICES

3 rd	10:30am	Benefice Holy Communion	Sibbertoft
10 th	9:30am	Holy Communion	Naseby
	9:30am	Mothering Sunday Service	Sibbertoft
	10:00am	Mothering Sunday Service	Clipston
	10:30am	Mothering Sunday Service	Welford
	11:00am	Holy Communion	Marston Trussell
17 th	9:30am	Holy Communion	Kelmarsh
	11:00am	Holy Communion	Clipston
	6:00pm	Evensong	Welford
20 th	11:00am	Sibbertoft Manor Service <i>at St Helen's – all welcome</i>	Sibbertoft
24 th	Palm Sunday		
	10:30am	Benefice Special Service	Welford
31 st	Easter Day		
	6:00am	Dawn Holy Communion	Clipston
	9:30am	Easter Holy Communion	Haselbech
	9:30am	Easter Holy Communion	Naseby
	9:30am	Easter Holy Communion	Sibbertoft
	11:00am	Easter Holy Communion	Clipston
	11:00am	Easter Holy Communion	Marston Trussell
	6:00pm	Easter Holy Communion	Welford

Holy Week Services listed inside

For latest service updates see the website calendar:

www.nasebygroup.org/calendar

MORNING PRAYER

Rev'd Clare invites you to join her in saying Morning Prayer on Thursday mornings:

ō in St Marys, Welford on 14th at 10:00am

ō in All Saints, Clipston on 7th and 21st at 9:30am

The Magazine.

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

Send copy by 15th March to jules1044@gmail.com

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