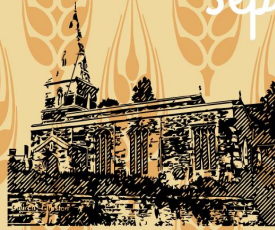


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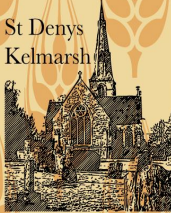
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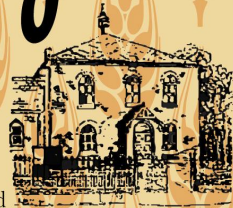


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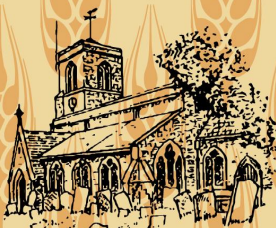
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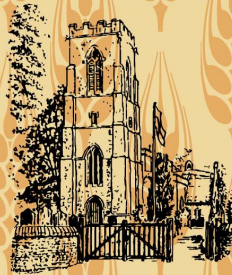
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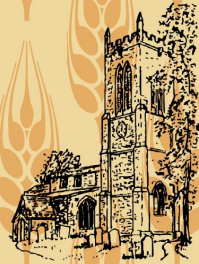
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Dear Friends

In the midst of so much uncertainty and world-wide suffering, the Tokyo Olympics finally took place, albeit with a good deal of understandable opposition and concern. For those fortunate enough to be able to share in the excitement, it was good to have the chance to celebrate with Olympians from every sort of background as they competed for medals. For some, just being there was enough and was the summit of their sporting careers—for others Gold was the goal, and this the moment to crown their efforts with glory and public acclamation: anything less would be a disappointment.

But it's not only about the individual medal winner. Again and again, medal winner had a story to tell about those who had enabled them to achieve success, with many speaking of family support, and of other figures in their childhood who had helped and inspired them, as well as the professionals of nutritionists, physios, coaches, psychologists etc. - who had worked with them and brought them to this peak. Clearly, there is a very real and appropriate focus on one person, but that one person's achievements are built on the herculean efforts of many: we often forget that what look like individual sports are in fact very much team affairs, just as much as team sports.

And what is true for sports, is just as true for everyday life. "*No man is an island, entire of itself*" as John Donne put it. True for the Church, too: we proclaim in The Creed that we believe in an apostolic Church (from Greek *apostolos*: messenger, person sent forth). So the whole church is *sent by God*, just as the first apostles were. Like them, we are sent to share in his mission in and to the world, individually yet together as his body, the church. Before the pandemic, we had made very real and encouraging progress in developing the Vision for the Benefice (see below), and were starting to think about how that might be lived out at parish level via PCC Action Plans. I hope that these will begin to take shape as we move through the latter part of this year and into 2022. Beyond the constraints that Covid-19 still places upon us, and recognising that this winter may be a difficult one, we can and must look to the future: as Christians, our focus is on Christ, and he has invited us to share in the work of bringing in his Kingdom.

In our parishes, we have individuals in particular roles and with particular responsibilities, but the church cannot function without the whole congregation playing their part, too. As we look to the future in a changing world, we need to renew and retain our focus on the next stage of our journey as a Benefice ó a journey into God's future that we make not alone, but together with one another and with Christ. It's not a journey for some, but a journey for all, and each of us has a role, a particular responsibility, both in our preparations and on the journey itself. We may feel that our role and responsibility is difficult to discern, that we cannot imagine what we could possibly do, but God has something in mind and, if we go to him in prayer, we will discover that something. It might seem insignificant, might well be surprising, but whatever it is, that something will be vital if we want to share in the victory that Christ has already won.

Change, as I have said in the past, is not easy and can certainly be painful, but I leave you with these words from the book, *For All That Has Been, Thanks* by Rowan Williams and Joan Chittister:

Division of opinion, too often the fault line of human relationships, is, when we embrace it openly, what invigorates thinking and stirs new thought. It is the ground of new beginnings, the beginning of new insight, the foundation of new respect for the other..... Creativity, it is too often forgotten, comes out of differences. It is the ability to function outside the lines, beyond the dots, despite the boxes and mental chains by which we have forever been constrained, that fits us to be the architects of the future. Instead, we want everyone to think alike when what we really need are people who are thinking newly – about theology, about God, about faith, about morality, about science, about life. "You won't find this year's birds in last year's nests," the proverb teaches, but we so easily miss the meaning of it entirely. Life is meant for moving on....."

With my love and prayers,

Miranda

Vision Statement

Faith: through prayer and worship we will allow ourselves to be transformed by the power of the Spirit, increasing in faith and commitment to the Gospel, which is the good news of Jesus Christ

Hope: empowered by the Spirit, we will share the Gospel with our community and the wider world. Just as God is a welcoming and inclusive God, we will be a welcoming and inclusive community, celebrating diversity as a sign of God's infinite love and creativity.

Love: through word and action we will live the Gospel, serving others generously and unselfishly, always seeking to be a blessing to our communities.

In doing these things, we will deepen our relationship with the living God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and will grow in numbers, in discipleship, and in love for one another

BENEFACTIVE ACTION PLAN

FAITH

- Discern ministries & identify training needs
- Annual discipleship course
- Development of house groups
- Benefice away day/weekend

HOPE

- Pray more creatively and pray more often
- Develop our youth & children's work
- Grow links with external events and encourage community use of our buildings
- Share our stories of transformation and renewal

LOVE

- Develop a benefice pastoral care strategy (to be adopted & enacted by each parish)
- Actively care for creation and respond to the challenges of climate change
- Worship & socialise together regularly
- Joyfully share our gifts and talents with one another & the wider world

May we continue to hear God's voice and seek to do His will, that we may indeed be a vibrant, active and diverse community of faith, serving God and one another as we share in the work of building God's Kingdom.

**SUPPORT NORTHAMPTONSHIRE'S BEAUTIFUL
CHURCHES**

RIDE & STRIDE

SPONSORED RIDE AND STRIDE

Northamptonshire Historic Churches Trust

Saturday 11th September 2021

10am to 6pm

Plan your own route from church to church ó over 350 open to visit throughout the county, with a warm welcome and refreshments at many.

All sponsorship money will be divided equally between NHCT and the church or chapel of your choice.

Sponsorship forms and a list of open churches and chapels will be available in Welford Church or from

Welford ó M. Morson 01858575333

Sibbertoft ó T Jackson 01858881091

Marston Trussell ó J Bradshaw 07939169782

Clipston ó S Carpenter 01858525120

Royal British Legion

This year marks the centenary of the RBL ó formed after the first World War to fight for the rights of those who gave so much.

Sadly, it also marks the demise of the Clipston branch which for 52 years has carried out the village Poppy collection, in that time raising around £58,000.

The branch is now too small to carry out wider fundraising activities but this does not mean there will not be a Poppy collection in the village in the future=hopefully the Poppy stall will be on the village green again on Saturday 30th October and there should be a house to house collection. A short Remembrance will take place at the Clipston war memorial, followed a service at the chapel on Sunday 14 November.

A huge thank you to our most willing collectors ó we will still need you! Every Poppy counts, with contributions making a difference to all those that the RBL supports. So let's make this year's collection a good one and go out with a bang!

Rose Anderson



WELFORD
COMMUNITY FAIR
Saturday 11th September

Combining the Church Fete and the Sports Field
Fun Day

On the Playing Field at 12 noon
Sporting Challenges, Races, Caber Tossing, Egg
Throwing, Bouncy Castle, Children's Tombola, BBQ.
Refreshments.

And Fete at the Manor House at 2.00pm
with stalls, Lutterworth Town Band, Startled Magpies,
The Great Welford Bake Off, Teas, Cakes, Pimms and
G&T Tent and lots more!

Evening Event at the Wharf Inn

Not to be missed!

FOREST CHURCH

BBQ – Sunday 5th

September 1pm-4pm

Fun & Games, Campfire & Stories

Welcoming children (7+), families, from across the Benefice

Please contact Fr. Kris for further details: curate@nasebygroup.org

Venue: Midshires Covert close to Harrington

God – Creation – Faith – Friendship



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Contact Fr.Kris for further details: curate@nasebygroup.org

On Sunday 5th September between 1pm-4pm, Forest Church will be having a BBQ and we would like to invite you along. This will be an opportunity to come along to our venue at Midshires Covert, close to Harrington, for an informal gathering, there will be time to relax around the campfire, explore the beautiful surroundings, meet with families and children from across the benefice and make new friends. There will be fun and games to get involved with or you may simply choose to soak up the beauty of Gods creation whilst toasting some s'mores!

If you would like to attend and for further details please contact Fr.Kris via email: curate@nasebygroup.org



World Day of Prayer Service 2021

With the easing of restrictions and now being able to sing in church the postponed service will take place on **Friday 1st October at 2pm** in Welford Congregational Chapel.

Join us for this special service "Build on a Strong Foundation" prepared by the women of Vanuatu. Vanuatu is a cluster of islands just over 1100 miles to the east of Australia in the southwestern Pacific Ocean.

For more details please contact Rachael Heard
01858 575280 or

email rheard@live.co.uk

Further information can be found on the World Day of Prayer website www.wwdp.org.uk

Bell Ringing Practice has now recommenced in Welford every Monday from 7.30pm to 9.00pm.

If you would like to learn to ring,

contact Gordon Ball 01858 575331



Sibbertoft Sunday Teas 2021

We are pleased to announce Sundays Teas will start again in our newly refurbished Reading Room from September 5th to October 31st 2.30 – 5pm.

Now featuring disabled toilet and access facilities.

We aim to ensure our visitors and volunteers feel safe and comfortable to visit.

With many new residents in the village we hope some of you will feel able to support the ‘Tea Team’ by visiting and bringing your friends and family to experience Sibbertoft Sunday Teas now in its 28th Year!

The invitation is of course extended to all in the Naseby benefice and beyond.

Plants, seasonal cut flowers, Home made Jam and Marmalade available to purchase.

Contact Lesley or Cynthia on what's app groups or 880112/880392

Yoga for Health

**Sibbertoft Reading Room (Beautifully refurbished)
on Monday Evenings
from 6th September 2021**

Beginners : 5 - 6pm

Pregnancy Yoga and Active Birth : 6.15 - 7.15pm

Intermediate : 7.30 - 8.30pm

ALL welcome

for more information : Jose Kirby : 07801 880908

‘Nan on the Run’ Finale

Reading Room re-opening.

The weather was kind and government restrictions did not stop us from going ahead with our plans on 15th August.

The event was well attended by friends, family and village residents who enjoyed afternoon tea and cake served by members of the Teas team. The Reading Room looking fresh new and fit for the 21st century. New wiring, heating, disabled toilet and access facilities. Wi-Fi

Fully refitted kitchen, flooring and bright new decorations.

Displays of works completed and the ‘Nan on the run’ project will remain on public view for the next few months. Together with our wonderful hand crafted ‘Wall Hanging’ created by members of the village and friends during the last lock down.

Thanks to all who supported in so many ways and for your generous donations to ‘Nan on the run’ and plant stall the event raised £686.00.

give.net search Nan on the Run 2020/21 page will remain open until the end of the year if you would like to donate. (LH)

Sussie Clements

Dear Toby A brief note to let you know that my dear wife Sussie collapsed and died in my arms on Tuesday morning. She had become very weak and I believe that her heart just gave out. A blessing for her, she is at peace and pain free, for us there is the grief of coming to terms with life without her physical presence. However, her legacy lives on in the many lives she touched and people she helped. Please let folk in Sibbertoft know - thank you.

Best wishes Pip C

MARSTON TRUSSELL NEWS

We are gearing up in Marston Trussell for the Ride and Stride event on September 11th so any willing riders or striders are asked to contact Jenny Bradshaw for sponsor forms on 07989169782.

Chris Otway will be doing her sponsored knit for the same cause on Thursday September 9th from 10:30 till 4:30 and is busy collecting sponsors. She will be sitting outside St Nicholas Church on that day clicking her needles (inside if raining) so please stop by to cheer her on. She will be knitting squares for the Framework Knitters Company who collect knitted squares to be formed into blankets for distribution to a variety of charities including 'Action for Homeless', 'Glass Door' and 'Small Acts of Kindness'.

Our hoped-for Marquee event at the Marston Trussell Hall (courtesy of Mr and Mrs Howard) has been postponed until June 26th 2022 so a forward date for your diary!

The Village Hall has been decorated and the landscaping is now underway and so we hope it will be back in use very soon – more details to follow

Please let either Jenny Bradshaw or Chris Otway know If you have a favourite Harvest Hymn and would like to have it included in our Harvest Praise service on Sunday October 3rd we would love to see as many people as possible at this joyful event where we hope to gather in extra produce for the Hope Foodbank
September Flowers and Bible readings Jenny Bradshaw and David Bates

October Flowers Pat Watson Bible readings Chris Otway



18-26 SEPTEMBER 2021

**A WEEK OF ACTIVITIES THAT FOCUS ON SUSTAINABILITY
AND IMPROVING OUR ENVIRONMENT FOR A
GREENER FUTURE.**

In September communities across the country will join together for the Great Big Green Week. It will be the biggest event for climate and nature ever in the UK, and we want Welford to get involved.

We are putting together a series of events and activities throughout the week with the aim to promote sustainable and eco-friendly living with ideas for everyone.

The final program of events is still being finalized but we hope to include talks on growing your own veg and composting, reducing plastic use, zero-waste ideas, a film screening, a photo exhibition showcasing the beautiful place we live in, litter picking and more. Most importantly, we want to get everyone involved so if you are part of an organization and would like to host an event, or if you are someone who just wants to help out then please do get in touch. Otherwise, please keep a look out for more details over the coming weeks.

Jules Bennett, Hannah Bedard and Bill Wright

welfordvolunteers@gmail.com

Come and Celebrate Great Big Green Week at St Mary's, Welford, at 2 o'clock on Sunday 26th September. This will be a short time for parishioners of all ages to consider together, through age-appropriate activities, our response to climate change.



CHAPEL

Lord of the Harvest, Lord of the field.

Lord of the Harvest, Lord of the field
give thanks to God now in nature revealed.

Give thanks for the sun, the wind and the rain,
thanks for the crops that feed us again.

The corn safely cut is gathered inside.
We thank you O Lord that you can provide.

The trees ripe with fruit stand proud in the sun
We gather them now that summer has gone.

For yours is the wonder, yours is the power.
Yours is the glory of fruit and of flower.

In our plenty help us to see, the needs all around us
whatever they be.

With food for the body, strength for the soul
healing and caring , making them whole.

Lord of the harvest Lord of the field
give thanks now to God in nature revealed.

Psalms and Readings



September 5th – 14th after Trinity

Psalm	121
1 st	Proverbs 22. 1,2,8,9 22 and 23
2 nd	James 2.1 to 10 and 14 to 17
Gospel	Mark 7. 24 to end

September 12th – 15th after Trinity

Psalm	122
1 st	Proverbs 1. 20 to 33
2 nd	James 3. 1 to 12
Gospel	Mark 8. 27 to end

September 19th – 16th after Trinity

Psalm	19, v 33 to 40
1 st	Proverbs 31. 10 to end
2 nd	James 3. 13 to 4.7
Gospel	Mark 9. 30 to 37

September 26th – 17th after Trinity

Psalm	67
1 st	Esther 7. 1 to 6 and 9 and 10
2 nd	James 5. 13 to end
Gospel	Mark 9. 38 to end

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Benefice Services September 2021

5 th	10.00am	Hybrid Service Clipston
	6.00pm	Evensong Marston Trussell
	6.00pm	Evensong Welford
12 th	9.30am	Holy Communion Sibbertoft
	9.30am	Service of the Word Naseby
	11.00am	Harvest Festival Haselbech
	11.00am	All Age Service Clipston
	6.00pm	Holy Communion Welford
19 th	10.00am	Hybrid Service Welford
	6.00pm	Harvest Festival Sibbertoft
26 th	9.30am	Holy Communion Naseby
	11.00am	Holy Communion Marston Trussell
	11.00am	All Age Service Clipston
	4.00pm	Harvest Festival Kelmarsh
	6.00pm	Evensong Welford

WELFORD CHURCH

Saint Maryø Church will be open every day for visiting and prayer
From the beginning of September

WELFORD CONGREGATIONAL CHAPEL

Services at 10.45am

	Preacher	Flowers
Sunday 5th	Rev Tony Avery	Mrs J Pilmore
Sunday 12th	Pastor Barrie Woodward	Mrs D Bott
Sunday 19th	Harvest Festival	
	Pastor Barrie Woodward	Mrs H Plevin
Sunday 26th	Brian Deffee	Mr T Butlin
Sunday 3rd October		Mrs P Tear