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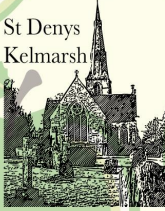
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St Michael's Haselbeck



St Denys  
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*"When the power of love  
overcomes the love of power"*

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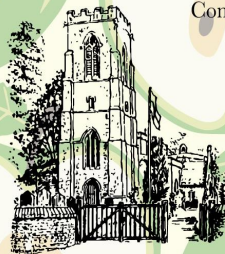
*"The world will know peace"*  
-Jimi Hendrix



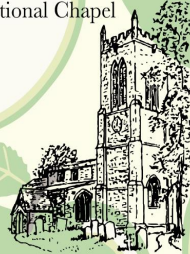
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Dear Friends,

As we have begun to tackle the jungle that is the rectory garden, after having received little love for the past couple of years - it is fascinating at what is unearthed. The massive hedge to the front of the property, once we had given it a good trim, revealed a solitary iris plant (we think), trying to grow underneath it.

I love that so many of the parables and teachings of Jesus reflect the natural world. The reading I chose for my installation speaks about God being like a Gardener, who prunes us, so that we can be more fruitful. And much like the pruning of the hedge made way for



the Iris to flourish - sometimes when bits are pruned away from us, when we refocus our attention, it can allow other things to flourish, not just in ourselves, but in other people also.

And speaking of things which grow alongside each other, one of the things which agriculturalists and soil experts are beginning to learn is that modern farming methods of planting monoculture crops, simply are not as sustainable as when things are planted alongside each other. Often when plants are planted together, they help each other to grow, to resist pests and often reduce, or eliminate the need for pesticides altogether. Most notably even Jeremy Clarkson on the TV Series *Clarkson's Farm* on Amazon Prime, (if you have been watching it), has been trying out polyculture crop methods, with varying success, to help *save the soil.*

*Continued overleaf*

For the church, how we do church has often reflected this monoculture way of doing things. This is the legacy of the Roman Empire absorbing Christianity and it is the legacy to which we in part inherit. But when ecosystems are diverse and have different plants and crops growing alongside each other, these can work together to create a far healthier crop. It is the same for church.

Church has for centuries looked very much the same, and yet the culture of the world around us has changed significantly. Where once going to church was the ~~done thing~~, now many will not even darken the doors of the church or have competing priorities on a Sunday morning. And so, the mission of the church is to think - how do we proclaim the gospel afresh to a new generation? To do this we need a diversity, a polyculture crop, (the church of England has called this mixed ecology), in how we worship together, and this means making church more accessible, particularly to those who are younger. It may also mean taking church to where people are, or feel more comfortable being.

Having a more diverse church should not be a threat to how we like to worship and engage with God, after all pruning does not remove the hedge, but having a more diverse form of worship, as in agriculture, will create a far healthier church.

And so, in the coming weeks, months, and years, we will be thinking what it means for us to *go to* people, and to be church with people who are not currently part of our gatherings.

Every Blessing,

Tom

# HARVEST COMMUNITY COMPETITION



In order to be able to decorate the Church for Harvest time we want to open up a very wide briefed %competition+to reflect on the meaning of harvest. %Entry+is open to anyone who wishes to take part.

You can use whatever medium you prefer e.g. paints, needle and thread, clay, music, video, audio, pen, fabric, wool, wood, metal, flowers etc. No medium is off limits (well almost none!). The item can be anything you want, and within reason whatever size you feel it needs to be (but you will need to deliver it to church!).

St. Mary's Harvest festival date is likely to be Sunday 20th October. So now is the time to get your thinking/design hats on with making time dependent on the longevity of your creation.

There is an entry form on which we will need your name, a contact number, whether you are an adult/child (and for the latter only your age, a title if your work has one and how it represents harvest to you, these will be available from early September on the table at the back of church and from the school or you can use the one below.



Kairen Ball 575331



## Harvest Community Competition

Your name

Contact number

Adult/ Child entry (please circle, and complete age if a child entry)

Age

Title of work

How does your work represent harvest for you



SUPPORT NORTHAMPTONSHIRE'S BEAUTIFUL CHURCHES

# RIDE+STRIDES

**NORTHAMPTONSHIRE HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST**

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2024  
between 10am and 6pm**

**a day in the open air ... plan your own route**  
350+ stunning churches and chapels to visit - many of them open and welcoming



All sponsorship money received will be divided equally between the NHCT and the church or chapel chosen by you  
**Sponsorship forms and a list of open churches and chapels are available in Welford Church or from Gordon Ball, 11 Salford Close, Welford**



## **Stepping Stones Pre-School, Clipston**

We are a friendly rural charity based in Clipston, providing early years learning to children between the ages of two and five years old from around the local area. The Pre-School is located in the same beautiful Grade 2 listed building as Clipston Primary School, and we are open five days a week from 8.40 to 3.10 term-time only. (Northamptonshire school term dates)

We also run Forest School for our preschoolers on Thursdays

Please look at our website ([www.steppingstonesclipston.co.uk](http://www.steppingstonesclipston.co.uk)) and/or contact us by Email ([info@steppingstonesclipston.co.uk](mailto:info@steppingstonesclipston.co.uk)) or telephone 01858525113 to make enquiries.

We are accepting places for September 2024 and would be delighted to meet you and your children when our doors open again on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September.

## SIBBERTOFT NEWS

A colorful poster for the Sibbertoft Summer Fayre. The title 'SIBBERTOFT SUMMER FAYRE' is written in a stylized font, with 'SUMMER' on a yellow banner. Below the title, the date and time 'Saturday 7th Sept 2pm to 7pm' are listed. The location 'SIBBERTOFT MANOR GARDENS, LE16 9UA' is also provided. A red banner indicates 'FREE ENTRY FOR UNDER 12'S 12 AND OVER: £2.50'. A central list of activities includes live music, BBQ, tea and cake tent, raffle, artisan stalls, children's entertainment, competitions, and face painting. The poster features illustrations of a tent, a stall, and a dog. At the bottom, it mentions 'Free parking', 'Dog friendly', and contact information for St. Helens Church.

**SIBBERTOFT  
SUMMER  
FAYRE**

Saturday 7th Sept  
2pm to 7pm

SIBBERTOFT MANOR GARDENS,  
LE16 9UA

FREE ENTRY FOR UNDER 12'S  
12 AND OVER: £2.50

JOIN US FOR LOTS OF FUN!

- live music including Lutterworth Brass Band
- BBQ and bar
- tea and cake tent
- raffle and tombola
- artisan stalls
- children's entertainment
- competitions
- face painting and more!

Email: [sthelens.sibbertoft@hotmail.com](mailto:sthelens.sibbertoft@hotmail.com)  
All proceeds go to St. Helens Church  
Competition details on our Facebook page

Free parking

Dog friendly

## Yoga

### For health

Monday Evenings: All abilities

Reading Room Live : 7.00—8.00pm

On line 5.50 to 6.30pm

Individual Sessions by appointment.

### **Move from where you are**

For more information contact Jose Kirby

07801880908

[josekirby292@gmail.com](mailto:josekirby292@gmail.com)

Good Neighbours  
September Coffee Morning  
Tuesday September 3rd



Tea/coffee/biscuits £1 - 10.00-12.00  
Books, jigsaws, cards for Remap  
Welford Village Hall  
All Welcome



- 1st National Hummingbird Day
- 3rd National Welsh Rarebit Day
- 7th National Salami Day
- 8th Star Trek Day
- 16th National Play-Doh Day



# CHAPEL COMMENT



## **The Path**

By Marie Duncalf

At times it is steep and a struggle to climb,  
It's hard to keep up and you feel left behind.  
Or the road's full of potholes, the passage unsafe,  
You hold in your breath with each step you dare take.  
Wear your backpacks of faith, put your trust in the Guide,  
He will map out your route and stay close by your side.  
There are times when the pathway is so overgrown,  
Your view is obscured as you tread the unknown.  
A fork in the road? Then remember to pray,  
Ask him for directions and follow His way.  
Put your hand in the Lord's and don't ever let go,  
Follow his footsteps and spiritually grow.  
The path that you follow may sometimes be smooth,  
A journey so easy with little to prove.  
So, look over your shoulder and see who you find,  
It may be their stumbling and falling behind.  
As you travel along, looking out for the lost,  
Show them His compass and all that it cost.  
It points to salvation a cross for our sin,  
A life lived in fullness whilst walking with Him.



*with warm croissants*

**Relaxed            Informal            Inspired**

**St Marys Church Welford Sunday 15th September at 10.30am**

*Enjoy tea or coffee*

**PSALMS AND READINGS – September 2024**

**Sunday 1st—14th after Trinity**

Psalm 119, 33 to 40

First Song of Solomon 2, 8 to 13

Second James 1, 17 to end

Gospel Mark 7, 1 to 8, 14 to 15 and 21 to 23

**Sunday 8th—15th after Trinity**

Psalm 122

First Proverbs 22, 1, 2, 8, 9, and 22 to 23

Second James 2, 1 to 10 and 14 to 17

Gospel Mark 7, 24 to end

**Sunday 15th—16th after Trinity**

Psalm 8

First Proverbs 1, 20 to 23

Second James 3, 1 to 12

Gospel Mark 8, 27 to end

**Sunday 22nd—17th after Trinity**

Psalm 15

First Proverbs 31, 10 to end

Second James 3, 13 to 4, 3 and 7

Gospel Mark 9, 30 to 37

**Sunday 29th—18th after Trinity**

Psalm 65, 9 to 14

First Genesis 28, 10 to 17

Second Revelation 12, 7 to 12

Gospel John 1, 47 to end

**SIBBERTOFT**

	<b>Lesson Reader</b>	<b>Intercessions</b>	<b>Sidesman</b>
22/9	OT Cynthia Bailey NT Viv Arrowsmith	Carolyne Robinson	Caroline Jackson

**WELFORD**

	<b>Lesson Reader</b>	<b>Intercessions</b>	<b>Sidesman</b>
8/9	OT P Lane NT A Barraclough	S Bevin	C Horner
15/9	OT C Horner NT J Horner	J Nicholas	M Broad
22/9	OT G Newman NT J Newman	S Lees	G Newman

Eucharistic Assistant 15/9 K Broad

**WELFORD CONGREGATIONAL CHAPEL**  
**Services at 10.45am**

	<b>Preacher</b>	<b>Flowers</b>
1/9	Rev Tony Avery	Mrs S Lees
8/9	Paul Baxter	Mrs D Avery
15/9	Rev Tony Avery Harvest Festival	Mrs S Finney
23/9	Taken by ourselves	Mrs P Lane
1/10	Rev Tony Avery	Mrs J Herbert

## SEPTEMBER 2024 CHURCH SERVICES

1st	10.30am	Benefice Holy Communion	Naseby
8th	10.00am	Holy Communion	Marston
	6.00pm	Evensong	Trussell Welford
15th	10.00am	Holy Communion	Haselbech
	10.30am	Café Church	Welford
	6.00pm	Holy Communion	Welford
22nd	10.00am	Holy Communion	Clipston
	6.00pm	Harvest Festival Service	Sibbertoft
	6.00pm	Evensong	Welford
29th	10.30am	Benefice Holy Communion	Welford
6th Oct	10.30am	Benefice Holy Communion	Sibbertoft

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

### The Magazine.

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

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