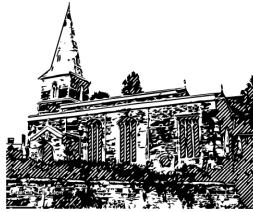


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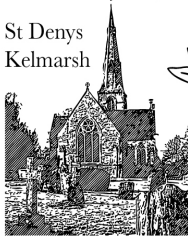
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St Michael's Haselbeck



St Denys  
Kelmarsh



*With lisp of leaves and ripple of rain*

# The Magazine

*Blossom by blossom the  
spring begins!*



Welford  
Congregational Chapel



St Helen's Sibbertoft



St Mary The Virgin, Welford



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## **Change, all change!**

Dear friends

Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ is risen. He is risen indeed, Alleluia! I hope that by the time you read this you will have already enjoyed a great Easter time of blessings. The penitentiary time of Lent is now concluded= the stories of Holy week have been recounted and the darkness and the pain of the suffering of our Lord Jesus Christ on behalf of his people has been replaced by the hope and joy of the resurrection in Christ Jesus which is ours to enjoy if we turn to Christ and say we are sorry for the things we have done wrong and for ignoring God in our lives. The disciples were fearful of the changes that they knew would come when they saw Jesus lying dead in the tomb where He was laid, and they were fearful for their own safety to the extent that they spent much time together in a locked room, but they could have had little notion of the changes His resurrection would have on themselves and millions of others who followed behind them down the ages.

Last Sunday the four Lay Ministers were invited by the Diocese of Peterborough to witness the service of installation of the 39th Bishop of Peterborough, the Right Reverend Debbie Sellin. There is little doubt that the service was a wonderful blend of tradition and contemporary liturgy and an equally impressive juxtaposition of traditional organ music as well as Stormsy (a modern Rapper) songs wonderfully sung by a young people's choir. The designers of the service had managed to put together not only a wide and varied service but they also used a broad array of people, old / young, sacred/secular/civil personnel. Bishop Debbie spoke for about fifteen minutes in which she told us a little about her life as a Priest, but she focussed on the Hope, borne out of the resurrection of our Lord and Saviour and the Hope of the Gospels. She indicated that her early months as our Bishop will be used to get to know all parts of this large Diocese whilst spreading the Good News to all those she comes into contact with. She was most inspiring and emphasised that meeting people and building relationships is of paramount importance in those who embark upon evangelism

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ô put simply the telling of the Jesus story, His life, death and resurrection. We can look forward with Hope to Diocesan life under Bishop Sellin. As well as having an excellent example of how to blend the ôancientö and the ômodernö so we can all worship the same God in joy in the same service. Not long after you receive this magazine we hope we will be in a position to inform our seven communities whom God has called to be the next Priest of the Naseby Group. It is appropriately a long and complicated process to allow time for the 14 representatives of the seven parishes (2 from each) not only to agree what qualities of Priest we think will benefit our parishes and create a profile for prospective applicants, but also to give time through prayer and listening to God ,to discern His will.

So please be patient, wait a little longer and we hope to have good news shortly and hold in your mind one of my favourite quotations  
Remember ôChange is inevitable, except from a vending machine.ö  
So go with the flow, but remember God is the same today as yesterday our great unchanging friend. Hereø to endurance and consistency, and may God shower us and our communities with blessingsô including a Priest to lead, and walk with us.

Kairen (LLM readerô Naseby Group)

## **MICHAEL MORSON**

**Val, Victoria and Claire would like to say thank you to everyone who sent cards and flowers, it was very much appreciated and a great help to us all.**



## THE QUEEN ELEANOR CHOIR

This very talented choir is coming to Welford to perform in St. Mary's church on the 8th of June from 7.30 pm.

Tickets will be available from John Nicholas priced at £10.00 to include a glass of wine or soft drink at the interval.

This is really a show not to be missed, the choir have sung at the Royal Albert Hall and in Paris and Barcelona and are a class act.

Contact John on 01858 575422 or email [john.nick@btopenworld.com](mailto:john.nick@btopenworld.com) to reserve your tickets.



## Welford WI March Meeting.

The President, Denise Bott, welcomed 26 members and 1 guest and after the singing of Jerusalem a cheque for £1,100 was presented to Mr. Bob Finch, the Chairman of the Welford Educational Trust, the chosen charity for 2023.

Our speaker, Martin Grant, from a charity called Remap, gave an enthralling talk about the voluntary work a group of skilled engineers and craftsmen do making the lives of people with disabilities better by solving various practical problems. The accompanying films of the results were really astonishing. He was thanked by Christine O'Reilly.

After delicious refreshments provided and served by Ann Fletcher, Sally Harris and Viv Journeaux, the meeting proceeded with the reading of the February minutes. The coffee meeting and craft afternoon for March were discussed and a skittles evening is to take place on the 20<sup>th</sup> March. The menu went round for the Spring Lunch at The Pytchley on the 11<sup>th</sup> April. We have agreed to provide cakes and drinks for the Kidsfest on the 8<sup>th</sup> June, and book a table for Christmas decorations, pickles and jams at the County Craft Fair on the 5<sup>th</sup> October. Various county outings and the new county raffle were mentioned. A tick list to choose our charity for 2024 went round and various fund-raising events discussed.

The AGM then took place with the reading of last year's minutes followed by the reports from the Treasurer, Viv Journeaux, Secretary, Jane Cottrell and the President, Denise Bott. The new Committee was then read out including a returning member, Catherine Digby. Two stalwarts, Ann Thorington and Julie Newman, were standing down after many years of service and they were presented with gifts and thanked for their dedicated commitment. They will be very much missed. Alison Pryce nominated Denise Bott for President. She accepted and was duly elected.

The competition table for a Decorated Egg and organised by Sue Wilson was won by Jane Cottrell with 2<sup>nd</sup> Alison Pryce and 3<sup>rd</sup> Ann Thorington. The raffle, organised by Ann Thorington was won by Julie Newman, Jean Baker and Alison Pryce. The meeting closed at 9.25.

## World Day of Prayer service Friday 1st Marh 2024

The service ðĪ beg you, bear one another in loveö based on Ephesians 4: 1-7 held in Welford Congregational Chapel was prepared by the Christian women of Palestine before the current conflict, their hope was to encourage and inspire other women around the world to bear with one another in troubled times. We listened to stories of resilience, truth telling and flourishing told by three different generations of women. The symbol of an olive tree was used to represent the three generations through its trunk, branches and leaves. Donations of £124.26 were received and sent to WDP to support their work and projects run by Christian charities around the world. Huge thanks to everyone for coming, Mary for playing the organ, the readers who took part in the service, Lynn for looking after refreshments. Join us next year on Friday 7th March 2025 for the service prepared by the Cook Islands ðĪ made you wonderfulö. [www.wwdp.org.uk](http://www.wwdp.org.uk)  
Rachael Heard



1. Which of these foods won't go bad?  
Dark Chocolate Peanut Butter Tinned tuna Honey
2. What is the most visited attraction in the world?  
Eiffel Tower Statue of Liberty Great Wall Colosseum
3. What is the heaviest organ in the human body?  
Brain Liver Pancreas Heart
4. Which of these countries does not use the Euro?  
Poland Denmark Sweden All of them
5. Which of these US cities enjoys the most sunshine?  
Phoenix Miami San Francisco Austin
6. What element has the chemical symbol Au?  
Silver Magnesium Salt Gold
7. What is the highest grossing Broadway show of all time?  
Lion King Wicked Phantom of the Opera Hamilton
8. On average, how many seeds are there on the outside of a strawberry?  
100 200 300 400
9. What is the name of the coffee shop in the sitcom *Friends*?  
Central Park Java Park Central Park Coffee Dino's
10. öCirque de Soleilö originated in which country?  
France USA Canada Sweden

# **SIBBERTOFT NEWS**

## **Sibbertoft Sunday Teas**

**Will open on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April to October 27<sup>th</sup>  
2.30-5pm in The Reading Room Berkeley Street.**

**The Team are assembled and ready to greet you.  
Home made Jams, seasonal Plants and cut flowers  
will be available as they come ready.**

**Raising funds for the maintenance and upkeep of Saint Helens  
Church.**

**We look forward to receiving your support through out the**

## **Save the Date**

**Sibbertoft's Sumer Fayre 2024 will be on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September from  
2pm – 7pm in the Gardens of Sibbertoft Manor. Join us for lots of family  
fun, Luton Brass Band, food, competitions for all ages, games, art-  
san stalls and much, much more.**



## **Good Neighbours Tuesday April 2nd 2024**

**The April Good Neighbours in the village hall from 10-12 will be our Easter gathering. Only £1 for tea/coffee and biscuits (plus a little treat!)**

**Books (£1), jigsaws (£2) and cards (50p) will be for sale for our new charity - yet to be decided. All are welcome.**

**Jane, Sue & The Team**



# CHAPEL COMMENT



## **The Gardener**

By Nigel Beeton

Spring's a time for planting in the warming earth,  
Seeds and saplings growing at this time of birth.  
Carefully we tend them, pulling out each weed,  
Watering and weeding every plant and seed.  
Yet we are just helpers – nothing done alone,  
For without our Father, nothing will be grown;  
He is the Creator, He alone can bring  
Growth into our gardens each succeeding spring.  
Let us praise our Maker who makes life appear,  
Praise Him in the springtime and throughout the year:  
Praise Him for all nature – ev'ry tree and flower;  
Gaze upon the garden, praise Him every hour!  
God the gracious gardener cares for more than plants  
As to us His children, every breath He grants.  
He that for salvation gave His only Son,  
Do not fail to praise Him for all that he has done.



*with warm croissants*

**Relaxed      Informal      Inspired**

**St Marys Church Welford Sunday 17th March at 10.30am**

*Enjoy tea or coffee*

## **T@2 in April and May**

Please note there will be NO T@2 in April or May. The first Monday's both fall on dates when WSSSES is on holiday. We hope to resume in June and July. Best wishes from the T@2 team.

### **PSALMS AND READINGS – April**

#### **Sunday 7th April—2nd Sunday of Easter**

Psalm 150

First Exodus 14, 10 to end

Second Acts 4, 32 to 35

Gospel John 20, 19 to end

#### **Sunday 14th April—3rd Sunday of Easter**

Psalm 15

First Zephaniah 3, 14 to end

Second Acts 3, 12 to 19

Gospel Luke 24, 36 to 48

#### **Sunday 21st April—4th Sunday of Easter**

Psalm 23

First Genesis 7, 1 to 5

Second Acts 4, 5 to 11

Gospel John 10, 11 to 18

#### **Sunday 28th April—5th Sunday of Easter**

Psalm 84

First Genesis 22, 1 to 18

Second Acts 8, 26 to end

Gospel John 15, 1 to 8

## SIBBERTOFT

	<b>Lesson Reader</b>	<b>Intercessions</b>	<b>Sidesman</b>
14/4	OT Cynthia Bailey NT Viv Arrowsmith	Toby Jackson	Viv Arrowsmith
28/4	OT Peter Kraftl NT Miles Lloyd	Caroline Jackson	Miles Lloyd

Eucharistic Assistant 28/4 Viv Arrowsmith

## WELFORD

	<b>Lesson Reader</b>	<b>Intercessions</b>	<b>Sidesman</b>
14/4	OT G Newman NT J Newman	S Lees	G Newman
21/4	OT P Lane NT A Barraclough	S Bevin	C Horner
28/4	OT C Horner NT J Horner	J Nicholas	C Horner

Eucharistic Assistant 21/4 K Broad

## WELFORD CONGREGATIONAL CHAPEL Services at 10.45am

	<b>Preacher</b>	<b>Flowers</b>
7/4	Rev Tony Avery	Mrs D Bott
14/4	Richard Durrant	Mrs P Teear
21/4	Steve Morrow	Mrs A Bott
28/4	David Biddle	Miss R Heard
5/5	Rev Tony Avery	Mrs J Bale

## APRIL 2024 SERVICES

7th	10.30am	Benefice Holy Communion	Clipston
14th	9.30am	Morning Worship	Sibberton
	10.00am	Café Church	Clipston
	6.00pm	Evensong	Welford
21st	10.00am	Holy Communion	Naseby
	10.30am	Café Church	Welford
	6.00pm	Holy Communion	Welford
28th	9.30am	Holy Communion	Kelmarsh
	9.30am	Holy Communion	Sibberton
	10.00am	All Age Worship	Clipston
	6.00pm	Evening Worship	Marston Trussell
	6.00pm	Evensong	Welford

5th May 10.30am Benefice Holy Communion Welford

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

**The Magazine.**

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