

News & Views

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Dear Friends



As churches begin to open, we are once again able to worship within them, after many weeks of exile and virtual worship.

Our buildings speak of generations of faithful Christians who have worshipped down the centuries, reflecting the changing patterns of life and liturgy. Violence and sickness will certainly have swirled about them, but never before have they witnessed the sort of upheaval and disruption that we have experienced over recent months.

So we must celebrate our return, and give thanks for the opportunities our buildings give us to come together, to give thanks, and to be sent out to do the Lordøs work in the coming days. But that general opportunity to meet, to sing, perhaps to sit in our accustomed pew, is not yet here ó there is a long road to travel before we reach that point=and, when we do, will we fall comfortably back nto old routines, old habits?

I hope not=I hope that we will recognise this unsettling period as an opportunity to listen more closely to what God is saying, to perceive more clearly where he is leading us, where he wants us to go as a community of faith, and the route we need to take. No doubt many of you will have been be praying about this.

We did quite a lot of work on our journey with God, put together a new service pattern which was to be introduced after Easter and, most importantly, sought to re-focus the life of our parishes on mission and sharing in building the Kingdom. And that was hugely important and helpful in meeting the immediate challenges of lockdown.

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But what of the upcoming õnew normalö which is spoken about so much? It seems to me that this is going to be a very fluid and changing one - w e remain in a strange land, and it will continue to be so.

We dong know yet if there will be further serious outbreaks over the winter, or local ones before then. But what we dong know, God does, and he has a plan!

Prayerfully and faithfully, we need to continue discerning it ó we have come a long way in the last 18 months or so as we followed Godøs calling, and have come together as a Benefice wonderfully well ó this is something to really celebrate, and has perhaps been most powerfully demonstrated by our virtual worship on a Sunday, where our congregation includes church members from every one of the seven parishes.

I dongt want to lose this unity, but nor do I want to lose our individual parish identities: local knowledge, local mission, local pastoral care are all absolutely vital and, again, our parishes have been active and effective in serving their communities at this time of crisis.

Clearly, then, these two, the local and the gathered, work well together: one does not undermine or negate the other but, rather, enhances and enables.

So what does that mean for the future of our Benefice? It is an important and timely question, and one that we all need to pray about ó where we see loss and uncertainty, God sees new life and hope. Oner of my favourite blessings which is often used at Easter, says this well:

May Christ, who out of defeat brings new hope and a new future, fill you with his new life;

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SIBBERTOFT NEWS



Sibbertoft 'Nan on the run fundraising 20/21' Start date29/3/20 Challenge to run the equivalent of 25 marathons (650 miles in one year). July update.

Still pounding the miles at the time of writing (early July) as planning to go on holiday to Suffolk in a few days time I have completed 9 marathons and hopefully will have reached the significant milestone of 10 two fifths done by the time you read this update. I have received some generous lump sum donations hitting almost 75% of my on line target of £5000! this can only mean one thing raise the target! As most other forms of fund raising are still on hold and likely to be so for the remainder of this year then the bar is raised to £10,000. I am aiming to complete the challenge by mid December 3 months earlier than my original goal. If you would like to support my efforts I would be thrilled to receive your donation. Visit give.net search nan on the run20/21 or cash / cheque payable to Saint Helens Church is good. All funds raised will be divided between the reading room



Weekend Pop up Shops

We are now well into the summer season and pop up shops are proving just as popular and our visitor base and offers to help is quietly expanding. The benefits to the village go well beyond fund raising and although we are not able to reach out to all our loyal Sunday Teas visitors we are definitely reaching out to our own wider community in the village and beyond. Walkers, cyclists enjoy stopping off to buy treats and goodies. The village support is fantastic. Cynthia and myself appreciate the support of neighbours and friends with additional baking and use of luxury garage facilities (Cindy and Russell Cade) when the weather has been more like autumn than summer.

Our total to date 5/7/20 £3300

We realise that July and August may be calmer months as people try to book summer breaks if the lock down remains lifted. We plan to carry on through to late September while stocks of plants, fresh produce, cut flowers and delicious home baked goodies are required.

Huge thanks to everyone. What a positive legacy we will have to remember when this horror is over! SIbbertoft came together and supported each other, made new friends and raised funds for two treasured buildings.



WE NEED HELP

The reading room committee are hoping to re commence work on obtaining quotes and potential sources of funding for the kitchen refurbishment. Kath, Anna, Karen and Matty have worked so hard in the last 3 years to get the bulk of the refurbishment done to the main hall and disabled toilet and access facilities. The aim is to get the kitchen refit done by

March 2021 but they really are feeling a little weary and would welcome some new support and help. So many people have talked positively about getting involved in village projects during the past few months. Please turn your thoughts

and words into action and volunteer to help the over stretched team. There are so many people with skills, access to resources and ideas for fundraising that we need to tap into. Come on Sibbertoft do your bit and contact one of the committee members or myself.

Thanks Lesley H 880112 don't disappoint me!

Mary Sumner

Founder of the Mothers' Union



In 1876 Mary Sumner, a clergymanøs wife living in nearby Old Alresford, became concerned about how local mothers related their Christian faith to family life. Wanting to encourage them she founded a small group called the MothersøUnion. She lived to see it become a worldwide organisation, now with millions of members.

MothersøUnion remains the greatest memorial to Mary Sumner, with 4 million members in 83 countries continuing to support marriage and family life through diverse community and development projects.



Good Neighbours

We are consulting with the village hall about holding a coffee morning on Tuesday September 8th.

We will be sending out a short questionnaire to see if anybody would like to come. It would be lovely to see some of you. Watch this space for more details.

MARSTON TRUSSELL NEWS

Our village is steadily returning to a new normal oflowing the COVID Crisis with our first service and APCM due to take place at 10am and 11am respectively on Tuesday 4th August at St Nicholas Church. We are successfully supporting the Hope Food Bank initiative with generous donations collected weekly. We are also still trying to fill 2 vacancies - one for a PCC secretary and one for a Churchwarden. We have been unable to recruit from the village and so we are hoping that perhaps someone from a nearby parish might step in to help? We are a friendly and supportive team and would welcome any help offered. The churchwarden role is currently being shared by PCC members who already have other roles to fulfil. Please remember us in your prayers as we want our church to thrive but without the right support we may struggle in the future.

SAINT MARY THE VIRGIN CHURCH WELFORD

The annual Vestry Meeting to elect the churchwardens followed by The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held on Sunday 16th August 2020 in church, starting at 7.00pm





1. Which Caribbean island gained independence from Britain in August 1962?

2. Which glamorous American film star died from an overdose of sleeping pills in August 1962

3.In August 1896, gold was discovered at Rabbit Creek, on which Alaskan river?

4.Born on August 30th 1797, which author wrote the novel Frankenstein?

5. The film Ci zen Kane was based upon which American tycoon who died I August 1951?

6. Which famous Hollywood dog star died in August 1932?

- 7. JB Priestly died in August 1984. What did the JB stand for?
- 8. Which country uncondi onally surrendered to the Allies in August 1945?

9. Who became Chancellor of West Germany in August 1949?

10. Born in August 1724 which English painter was famous for his pain ngs of horses?

11.Name the Irish Adventurer who tried to steal the Crown Jewels , and died in August 1680?

- 12. In August 1814, which US city was invaded by Bri sh Troops?
- 13. Who made his debut at 17 for Chelsea in August 1957?
- 14. Complete the song line ' I'm as corny as ——— in August.



CHAPEL COMMENT

Remember that you must not return, in kind, the treatment you receive from others. Others may treat you cruelly, take advantage of you. Slander you, over-ride you; frequently, this will be *because* you follow Me. Some mes your sense of injus ce will be even greater, because the person who opposes you is another follower of Mine!

See the tempta on to lose My precious peace; let *Me* deal with any outrage, any desire for verbal or other revenge. You cannot know the circumstances which led to you being hurt, or whether something in you, provoked that hurt. Li up the heart of the person or persons to Me.... And if the sense of injury burns deeply, pray even more resolutely. Let Me bring healing.

The instances in which prayer has prevailed—and a child of Mine has blessed that me when he or she did *not* retaliate, are *countless!*

If you forgive others, you will be forgiven.

Ma hew 6.14

CHURCH DIARY August 2020

Sunday 2nd., 9th., 16th., 23rd., and 3th. August 10.00am Live Streaming Holy Communion

Sunday 2nd., 16th.. And 30th August 6.00pm Welford Church Holy Communion.

Sunday 9th. and 23rd, August 6.00pm Clipston Church Holy Communion.



WELFORD CONGREGATIONAL CHAPEL August 2020 Sunday Worship 10.45am

Preacher

- 2/8 Rev Tony Avery
- 9/8 Rev Tony Avery
- 16/8 Brian Deffee
- 23/8 Bobbie Wakeleigh-Jones
- 30/8 Taken by members

Flower Rota

Mrs. J. Pilmore Mrs. D. Bo Mrs H. Plevin Mr. T. Butlin Mrs. A. Bo