

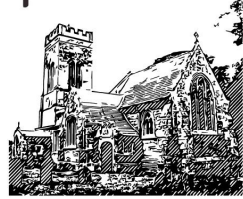
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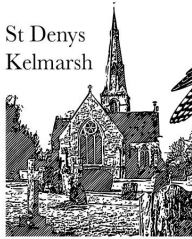
All Saints, Naseby



All Saints, Clipston



St Michael's Haselbech



St Denys
Kelmarsch



Cuckoo
Cuckoo

*The Cuckoo comes in April,
he sings his song in May.*

The Magazine

*He changes his tune in the middle
of June, and then he flies away.*



Welford
Congregational Chapel



St Helen's Sibbertoft



St Mary The Virgin, Welford



St Nicholas' Marston Trussell

News & Views

Haselbech, Kelmarsch, Marston Trussell,
Naseby, Welford, Sibbertoft & Clipston

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Dear Friends,

As we witness the escalating conflict across the Middle East, the airwaves are increasingly filled with the sharp, dehumanizing rhetoric of political brinkmanship. From the halls of Washington to the corridors of power in Tehran, the language of modern warfare often reduces complex human lives to mere strategic targets. We hear calls to "obliterate" and "crush," utilising a Hollywood-esque caricature of strength that prizes "blowing our enemies to bits" over the difficult work of diplomacy.

Disturbingly, some American politicians have even evoked misplaced ideas of accelerating Armageddon and the Second Coming of Christ to frame this violence. This is a dangerous misuse of faith, taking isolated pieces of scripture and interpreting them in ways that justify a specific political agenda, rather than seeking the peace of the Kingdom of God. Such rhetoric treats global catastrophe as a strategic goal.

As a Christian, my role model and my example in this is **Jesus Christ**, who himself was unjustly killed in the most barbaric of ways on a cross. As he hung there gasping for breath, His last words were a prayer which proclaimed forgiveness for those who killed him: "*Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.*" His teaching to love our enemies and to pray for them is perhaps among the most challenging and difficult things he taught. It is not something which comes naturally to any of us. It is far too easy to fall into the trap of seeking vengeance. But actually, loving our enemies can only be achieved with God. It can only be achieved through prayer. In genuine prayer, we cannot pray for someone and hate them at the same time.

As we approach **Easter**, may we all remember that Jesus came to bring peace and hope to our world. My prayer is that out of the anxiety and worry we may carry observing world events, each of us may come to explore and know the peace and hope that is available to us through the risen Jesus this Easter. May we remember that true strength is not found in the fire and destruction of an airstrike, but in the resolve to strive toward **peace and reconciliation**.

(Please note this was written on 15th March.)

Blessings
Revd Tom

THE NASEBY GROUP OF CHURCHES

WELCOME ALL THIS

HOLY WEEK...

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MAR

PALM SUNDAY

10:00 All Age Service with Holy Communion,
Haselbech Church

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HOLY WEEK MONDAY

19:00 Journey to the Cross, Taize Service,
Sibbertoft Church

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MAUNDY THURSDAY

17:00 A Meal to Remember: Simple soup meal
ending with Communion, Orbell Room,
Clipston Church *

18:30 Reflection by Candle Light, Clipston
Church

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GOOD FRIDAY

15:00 Good Friday for All: All Age Service,
Clipston Church

15:00 An Hour at the Cross, Welford Church

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EASTER SUNDAY

08:00 Early Morning Communion, Haselbech
10:00 All Age Service with Communion, Naseby
10:00 All Age Service with Communion, Sibbertoft
10:00 Holy Communion (Ext), Marston Trussell
10:00 All Age Easter Service, Clipston
10:00 All Age Communion (Ext), Welford



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EXT = Communion by Extension

* Booking is not essential but it would help with catering,
if you could let Rev'd Tom Know if you are joining for food.
Cost: free, but donations towards food gratefully received.



Sibbertoft Sunday Teas
Will open for its 33rd season. Commencing on
Easter Sunday 5th April through to the end of Octo-
ber.
2.30-5pm in The Reading Room Berkeley Street.

The Team are assembled and ready to greet you. A warm welcome awaits. We serve a wonderful range of home-made cakes (including gluten free) Tea, coffee and cold drinks.

In addition we offer a range of home made Jams, seasonal plants and cut flowers.

We look forward to receiving your support. Why not treat yourself, family , friends or neighbours to a relaxing afternoon in the cosy reading room or sit outside if the weather is kind.

Raising funds for the maintenance and upkeep of Saint Helens church.

April to September. During the last 4 weeks of October funds raised support different charities.

The Naseby Group of churches invites you to

Cafe Church

with friends, food, stories, songs, craft, conversation & more..!

12th April, 10th May,
14th June @ 4pm

Welford School Hall (WSES)
Cost: FREE

There's something for everyone...
Children please bring an adult with you

The Naseby Churches invite you to

THE WELCOME PATCH

DISCOVER NATURE
EXPLORE FAITH
MAKE NEW FRIENDS

4pm start, finishing with food at 5pm

15th Feb @ Methodist Chapel
15th March @ Methodist Chapel (Mother's day special)
19th April @ Naseby Allotment

Contact: tom@nasebygroup.org

ALLOTMENT CHURCH

All Ages Welcome

The Naseby Group of churches invites you to

PIZZA & PRAISE

with friends, food, an engaging theme, live music, songs, craft, conversation & more..!

26th April, 24th May, 28th June @ 4pm

Clipston Village Hall
Cost: FREE

Suitable for All Ages
Children please bring an adult with you



Good Neighbours Tuesday April 7th 2026



The April Good Neighbours coffee morning in the village hall from 10-12 will be our Easter coffee morning. £1.50 for tea/coffee and biscuits (plus a little treat!)

Books (£1), jigsaws (£2) and cards (50p) will be for sale for our new charity soon to be announced. We have too many books to store at the moment, so please do not bring anymore unless you buy some as well! Thank you for your contributions to the £2,800 we recently sent to Rainbows Hospice.

All are welcome.

Jane, Sue & The Team

Musical Afternoon with Happy Together Ukulele Band

Wednesday 22 April 2 - 4 pm
Welford Youth and Community Centre



Tickets £10 to include refreshments
Available from Anna on 07779 462477 or Karen on 07758 394414
Proceeds to Welford Congregational Chapel restoration fund

World Day of Prayer service Friday 6th March 2026

This years' service will give you rest, come (Matthew 11:28-30) was prepared by an ecumenical group of Christian women from Nigeria and shared the stories of four Nigerian women who inspired us to work towards a world without injustice, insecurity, marginalisation, religious persecution, poverty and despair.

Donations of £156.20 were received and sent to WDP to support their work and projects run by Christian charities around the world.
A big thank you to all those who took part in the service or provided cakes, Gordon for playing the organ, Jacqui for serving tea & coffee.

Join us in Welford Congregational Chapel next year on Friday 5 th March 2027 for the service prepared by the WDP International Committee, theme "United in prayer for justice and peace".
www.wwdp.org.uk

Rachael Heard

CHAPEL COMMENT



Dear Friends

As we celebrate Easter, we rejoice in the glorious truth at the heart of our faith: He is risen!

The resurrection of Jesus Christ is a powerful reminder that hope is alive, love has overcome, and new life is possible through Him.

Easter calls us to remember God's great sacrifice and the victory of Christ over sin and death. It is a season of renewal—of faith restored, hearts encouraged, and lives transformed by grace.

May this Easter fill you with peace, joy, and a renewed confidence in God's promises and as we reflect, on the empty tomb, may we walk forward in faith, sharing Christ's love and light with all those around us.

Wishing you all a blessed and joyful Easter. From all at Welford Congregational Chapel

Rev Anthony Avery, Minister

WELFORD WI March Meeting.

32 members and 2 guests attended this meeting despite the strong winds and rain.

There were 9 apologies.

Cards were circulated for various outings and craft opportunities both county wise and `in house`, including theatre trips to Kilworth House and the Curve, Behind the Seams, costumes used by professional dancers and celebrities) an Organza embroidery workshop, and a visit to David Austin Roses. 2 teams have been entered for the County Quiz in April and walks organised by the county for the next 3 months were highlighted.

Members had recently enjoyed a Skittles evening, a craft afternoon and a meet up for coffee at the Red Barn near Spratton.

Following the AGM part of the evening, the outgoing President introduced our speaker Kylie Ball of KB Premium Designs. In 2021 she had a change of direction in her working life and decided on candle making. She now operates from a small studio due to increasing demand for her products having initially worked in her kitchen. She uses soy wax which has a longer burn time and explained how to maintain candles for longer use. For a small fee members were able to make their own tea light. She was thanked by Jeanne Rae.

Refreshments were provided by Sally Harris, Val Morson and Victoria Johnson.

The raffle was won by Julie Bentham, Sue Cliffe and Janet Mills. Prizes were given by Ann Thorington.

The competition for a candle holder, organised by Denise Cattell, was won by Catherine Digby, Julie Newman and Sue Brotherton.

April's speaker is Sally Knight on the topic of Writing and Publishing a book. The

competition is an old book.

PSALMS AND READINGS – April

Sunday 5th Easter Day

Psalm 114

First Acts 10,34 to 43

Second Colossians 3,1 to 4

Gospel John 20,1 to 18

Sunday 12th 2nd of Easter

Psalm 46, 1 to 7

First Acts 2,22 to 32

Second 1 Peter 1,3 to 9

Gospel John 20,19 to end

Sunday 19th 3rd of Easter

Psalm 122

First Acts 2,36 to 41

Second 1 Peter 1, 17 to 23

Gospel Luke 24,13 to 35

Sunday 26th 4th of Easter

Psalm 23

First Acts 2,42 to end

Second 1 Peter 2,19 to end

Gospel John 10, 1 to 10

SIBBERTOFT

| Lesson Reader | Intercessions | Sidesman |
|---|----------------------|------------------|
| 5/4v OT Jenny Lloyd NT Lesley Hartshorne | Viv Arrowsmith | Viv Arrowsmith |
| 19/4 OT Viv Arrowsmith | Cynthia Bailey | Caroline Jackson |

Eucharistic Assistant 5/4 Caroline Jackson
19/4 Viv Arrowsmith

WELFORD

| Lesson Reader | Intercessions | Sidesman |
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| 19/4 OT G Newman NT J Newman | S Bevin | G Newman |
| 26/4 OT A Barraclough NT W Lees | J Newman | M Broad |

Eucharistic Assistant 26/4 Kelvin Broad

WELFORD CONGREGATIONAL CHAPEL

Services at 10.45am

| | Preacher | Flowers |
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| 5/4 | Rev Tony Avery | Mrs D Avery |
| 12/4 | Paul Baxter | Mrs P Lane |
| 19/4 | Rev Tony Avery | Mrs S Finney |
| 26/3 | Gordon Temple | Mrs L Stanley |
| 3/5 | Rev Tony Avery | Mrs J Herbert |

April Services in The Naseby Group of Churches

Morning Stream (10:00am)

| Date | Service | Location |
|------------|---|-------------------------|
| 5th April | <i>For Holy Week & Easter Day Services see insert</i> | <i>Various Churches</i> |
| 12th April | All Age Service with Communion | Clipston Church |
| 19th April | Holy Communion | Sibbertoft Church |
| 26th April | Holy Communion | Marston Trussell Church |

Fun@4 Stream (4:00pm)

| Date | Service | Location |
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| 12th April | Café Church | Welford School Hall |
| 19th April | The Welcome Patch | Naseby Methodist Chapel |
| 26th April | Pizza and Praise | Clipston Village Hall |

Evening Stream (6:15pm)

| Date | Service | Location |
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| 19th April | Evensong | Welford Church |
| 26th April | Holy Communion | Welford Church |

For the most up to date list of services please see: nasebygroup.org

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If you would like an entry in the Mayedi on of the magazine please

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