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# Dear Friends,

**Change is in the air.** With the seismic political change from the July general election still fresh in our minds, August too brings change . right here in our own parishes!

At Welford on the evening 29<sup>th</sup> July Reverend Tom is launched into ministry with our seven church group by Archdeacon Richard and our new Diocesan leader Bishop Debbie. On Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> August he will lead his first service with us at 10:30am in All Saints Church, Clipston.

We may have received the recent change of government with celebration or deep foreboding. Yet, while change is often unwelcome, it can open the way to good things . to fresh hope and new opportunities. That the how I see the coming of a new vicar to our churches. Ion convinced that God has led him here and that his arrival creates opportunities . opportunities that I hope and pray will lead to a brighter future for church life in our benefice.

Now youqd be forgiven for thinking the church is resistant to change. The old joke asks How many Church Wardens does it take to change a light bulb?qThe response: £hange?!q

In a rapidly-changing world that full of uncertainty, our stone-built medieval buildings and our services with their familiar phrases, with the hymns we learnt at school, are a meaningful source of comfort -. a reassuring bastion of stability.

But this familiarity and settledness is a million miles from how the church started! Jesus challenged and disrupted the religious patterns of his day, frequently finding himself in contention with the religious leaders!

Most importantly, Jesus brought change to peoplesqlives. He confronted injustice. He challenged privilege and entitlement. He fed the hungry and healed the sick. He spent time with poor and disadvantaged people. He brought them hope and a future. As he said: *'I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.'* 

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The message of Jesus was totally relevant to the issues that concerned the people of his day. If he had been standing for election, he would surely have delivered a  $\pm$ upermajorityq. though not without entrenched opposition from vested interests. But it wasn**q** political power he sought. Jesusqaim was to bring love to the hearts of ordinary people  $\tilde{o}$  radical love that changed their lives and through them impacted the community around them.

God $\mathfrak{g}$  work is still about change  $\tilde{o}$  change for the better in the lives of people like you and me. With change in the air, we can dream about the future.

In the Old Testament there are words that encourage us to look ahead: 'I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.'

We rightly honour and respect our history. We take genuine and reassuring comfort in the familiarity of what we have inherited. On that secure foundation we look for change õ *more love, more justice, more hope* for the people our benefice churches are here to bless. As the old hymn says, 'We'll praise Him for all that is past, and trust Him for all that's to come.'

With God¢ help and with our support and encouragement, may Revd Tom have the joy of leading us in bringing blessing into the lives of people living in our seven parishes, leading to much-needed renewal and growth.

Gordon Temple

### A date for your diary... St Mary's Church Fete Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2024

2.00 – 4.30pm

The Manor House by kind invitation of John and Christine OgReilly

If you would like to run a stall then please contact Bob Finch on 07733326700 or else robert.finch@ke6n.ac.uk

### 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. Contry+is open to anyone who wishes to take part. You can use whatever medium you prefer e.g. paints, needle and thread, clay, mu-

sic, 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. Maryos 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



President Denise Bott welcomed 25 members. After singing Jerusalem, the June minutes were read and approved.

The afternoon tea was a great success. Thanks to all who donated and helped on the day, especially Sue B and Denise C. Many thanks to Joseph Morris, Springfields and the Wharf for their generous donations of raffle prizes.

The coffee morning at the Buddhist Centre was a great success. Various outings were sent round

Judith Rout gave a very enjoyable talk about her 200mile cycle ride incorporating all the surviving Eleanor Crosses, including the Charing Cross one which is not even a original. It is just a Victorian marketing ploy. The original was in Trafalgar Square. She was buried in 3 sites including Blackfriars and Westminster Abbey.

Delicious refreshments were provided by Julie Bentham, Michelle Wilson and Catherine Digby. The raffle organised by Julie Newman was won by 1st Linda Goodwin, 2nd Sue W and 3rd Nicki White . The competition for a reflective item, organized by Pauline Matthew was won by Pauline M, 2nd Denise B and 3rd Jane B.

There is no meeting in August. We are having a meal out at The Brampton Halt. The speaker for September is Steven Bruce of Antiques Road Show The competition is a collectable of the future

### **Good Neighbours** Coffee Morning ó Tuesday August 6th

Jane, Sue & The Team welcome you all for coffee/tea and biscuits in the village hall from 10.00-12.00, only  $\pounds 1$ .

A friendly welcome and a good chat are provided, alongside books for £1, cards 50p and jigsaws for £2. All proceeds to REMAP.

We look forward to seeing you

# SIBBERTOFT NEWS





### **Remembrance 2024**

I hope to do something different for Remembrance time this year. It would be great to be able to decorate inside Welford church with poppies and I would appreciate help with knitting, crocheting or making paper poppies. The ones used for decorating the Pocket Park previous years have been washed and ready to be used again. Many thanks, Jan Edensor (575904)

### Betty B's Big Birthday

I would like to sincerely thank everyone who sent me a lovely card, happy birthday wishes, flowers, plants and chocolates for my 90th birthday. Sarah took me to the East Coast for 3 days - we visited Sheringham, East and West Runton, Cromer, Wells-next-the-Sea and Blakeney Point. This was exhilarating, wonderful, happy, healthy and exhausting - she made me walk miles so it was my exercise as well as relaxing, enjoying the sights and sounds of the sea.

A special Thank you to 1st Welford Girl Guides who made and delivered some lovely chocolate chip cookies - I took these with us and we enjoyed them each day with our cup of tea.

Thank you again Betty Barlow

### Thank you

The school (WSSES) would like to thank Alan Cottrill for refurbishing, mending and revarnishing the Story chair which is now back in the Prayer Garden at school.

They would also like to thank St Mary PCC for buying the flowering feature tree for the centre of the garden as well as Gordon Ball for planting it

We are still looking for someone to help us to source some suitable logs to use as seats in the garden and some raised planters for the children to grow plants in. Also we need to raise some money to purchase a water feature as well as in time a covered seating area. Please let us know if you can help with any of these features which the children have identified that they would like in the prayer garden.



- 11th Na onal Play in the Sand Day
- 12th World Elephant Day
- 17th Na onal Vanilla Custard Day
- 20th Na onal Bacon Lovers Day
- 27th World Rock Paper Scissors Day





Dear Friends

What the world needs now, is more Love, Kindness and compassion. How can we all help? Well the following may give you a clue.

In one sense, every good thing in our lives, all our feelings of joy or promptings to be kind, come from the Holy Spirit. Without the Holy Spirit's activity in the world, there wouldn't be any positive good in any of us. But being influenced by the Spirit in a general way is not the same as being filled by and changed by the Spirit.

When the Holy Spirit is actively living in us, then we will be kind, even when it doesn't come naturally, and joyful, even when the going is tough. When we are able to offer God praise and worship in situations which wouldn't naturally produce these reactions, then we can be assured that the Spirit is filling us and producing his supernatural fruit in our lives.

As Christians, we can be moody - too easily controlled by our natural feelings. But when the Holy Spirit helps us to act spiritually, rather than react physically or emotionally, then others will be able to see the reality of Jesus through us.

Our prayer should be. Lord, please so control my life that the fruit of your spirit may be more and more clearly seen

A smile a day helps? One for all the Farmers

#### Sheepish Recovery

A devout old shepherd lost his Favourite Bible while he was out looking for a wayward lamb. Three weeks later, a sheep walked up to him carrying the Bible in its mouth. The shepherd couldnot believe his eyes. He took the precious book out of the sheepos mouth, raised his eyes heavenward and exclaimed, %tops a miracle!+ %Not really,+said the sheep. %Cour name is written inside the cover.+

With all blessings Rev Tony



### with warm croissants Relaxed Informal Inspired St Marys Church Welford Sunday 18th August at 10.30am Enjoy tea or coffee

### T @ 2

There will be no T @ 2 in August, but we hope if you are away on holiday you are having a lovely time, and the sun is shining.

#### PSALMS AND READINGS – August 2024 Sunday 4th—10th after Trinity

Psalm 42.1 to 7 First 2 Samuel 11, 26 to 12,13 Second Ephesians 4, 1 to 16 Gospel John 6, 24 to 35 Sunday 11th—11th after Trinity Psalm 61 First 2 Samuel 18, 5 to 9 Second Ephesians 4, 25 to 5, 2 Gospel John 6, 35 and 41 to 51 Sunday 18th—12th after Trinity Psalm 67 First 1 Kings 2, 10 to 12 and 3, 3 to 14 Second Ephesians 5, 15 to 20 Gospel John 6, 51 to 58 Sunday 25th—13h after Trinity Psalm 84 First 1 Kings, 22 to 30 Second Ephesians 5, 15 to 20 Gospel John 6, 6, 56 to 69

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#### Lesson Reader

Intercessions Rev. Tom

Sidesman Viv Arrowsmith

11/8 OT Sue Clarke NT Jose Kirby

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Eucharistic Assistant 11/8 Sue Clarke

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	Lesson Reader	Intercessions	Sidesman		
11/8	OT G Newman	J Nicholas	G Newman		
	NT J Newman				
18/8	OT P Lane	S Bevin	M Broad		
	NT A Barraclough				
25/8	OT C Horner	S Lees	C Horner		
	NT J Horner				
Eucharistic Assistant 18/8 K Broad					

### WELFORD CONGREGATIONAL CHAPEL Services at 10.45am

### Preacher

- Richard Durrant 4/8
- 11/8 David Bibble
- 18/8 Brian Defee
- 25/8 Bill Johnson
- 1/9 Rev Tony Avery

#### Flowers

Miss R Heard Mrs W McCullagh Mrs J Bale Mrs M Curtis Mrs S Lees

## **AUGUST 2024 CHURCH SERVICES**

- 4th 10.30am Benefice Holy Communion Clipston *Revd Tom's first service*
- 11th 9.30am Holy Communion 10.00am Café Church 6.00pm Evensong

Sibbertoft Clipston Welford

18th 10.00am Holy Communion 10.30am Café Church 6.00pm Holy Communion Naseby Welford Welford

25th 9.30am Holy Communion 9.30am Morning Worship 10.00am All-age Worship 6.00pm Evensong

Kelmarsh Sibbertoft Clipston Welford

1st September

10.30am Benefice Holy Communion Naseby

### For latest Service updates see the website Calendar: www.nasebygroup.org/calendar

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