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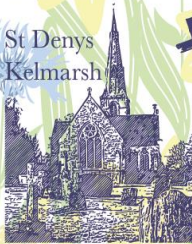
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All Saints, Clipston



St Michael's Haselbech



St Denys
Kelmarsh



The deep roots never doubt...

The Magazine

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Marty Rubin*



Welford
Congregational Chapel



St Helen's Sibbertoft



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St Nicholas' Marston Trussell

News & Views

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

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Dear Friends,

Imagine a typical journey into your favourite market town, where you are meeting a friend for coffee.

You get in your car and you realise that your spouse has failed to fill it up with petrol. Now you are going to be late for your meeting.

As you approach the petrol station, someone cuts you up and you ferociously honk your horn . sharing a few choice words about their driving style.

You go to pay for your petrol, and somebody pushes in front of you.

Meanwhile, at the front of the queue somebody has forgotten their credit card and the queue grinds to a halt. You are now even later and can feel your irritation levels rising. When you finally get to the front of the queue, the cashier is rude and grumpy.

You get back in your car and drive to the car park. Thankfully there are no issues here and the ticket machine is working . for once!

Eventually You turn up to your meeting and realise that after all that, the person you are meeting isn't there. You check your phone to see if they have text you, to let you know they're running late, but they haven't - they must have forgotten!

You decide to treat yourself to a coffee and cake anyway, but the person in front of you takes the last slice of chocolate cake that you really needed to cheer yourself up with.

That was the last straw, you storm out of the coffee shop and remain grumpy for the rest of your day

I'm sure that we can all relate in some ways to these small, little annoyances, which happen from time to time. But what can we do to change our response to these encounters?

There's a proverb in the Bible which I have been reflecting on recently:

~~Good~~ Good sense makes a person slow to anger, and it is their glory to overlook an offence.

In moments of calm, this is sound and good advice, but it only takes a small little offence to knock us off course and ruin our day.

So how do we overlook offence?

Firstly, it is to realise that I myself am not perfect, and sometimes don't get things right. As a Christian, I find it helpful to know that God sees all offence, including my own, and he is able to forgive me and so I need to be quick to forgive others.

Secondly, it is to realise that holding onto offence, doesn't punish the person who has upset us, but it actually acts like poison within us. By being quick to overlook the offences of others, we stop the poison of resentment cascading through us and shaping our interactions with others going forward.

Ultimately overlooking an offence is to pursue mercy over resentment. So may we today be slow to anger, yet quick to forgive.

Every Blessing

Rev'd Tom



LENTEN LUNCH 2025

After missing out last year we are again inviting everyone to join us for a lunch of delicious soups, breads and fruit, plus a tea or coffee at the Community Centre on Ash Wednesday 5th March starting at 12 noon.

Cost is £5 and there will be the usual multi prize raffle, so please let John Nicholas know if you are coming on 575422 or email

john.nick@btopenworld.com to give us some idea of how many to cater for.

It is a lovely way to see friends and any proceeds will go to charity. We hope to see you!!

Welford Movie Night



Saturday March 1st. 7.30pm

Welford Village Hall

Tickets £7—cash or card

HELP with running your Church

We have a need for more people to help with the running of the church, both with its Administration and Physical Tasks.

If you feel you can help please indicate below how and return this form to me or leave it in the box at the back of church.

Best Regards

Gordon Ball, 11 Salford Close (01858 575 331)

Church Warden, St Mary's Welford

Name:

Address:

Contact Phone No:

Email address:

(Please TICK any or All of the below)

I would like to help with Refreshments for services.

I would like to help with church social events.

I would like to help with the church Summer Fete.

I would like to be Sides Person for services.

I would like to Read Bible lessons during services.

I would like to lead Intercessions during services.

I would like to learn how to Lead Services.

I would like to learn how to run the sound system for services.

I would like to learn how to run the TV and video systems for services.

I would like to help clean the church.

I would like to help maintain the Grave yard.

I would like to help with the Church Administration.

I would like to learn how to be a Deputy Church Warden.

I would like to learn how to be a Deputy Church Treasurer.

I would like to be considered for a role on the Welford PCC .

Other (please state) í í

Also

Church Electoral Roll Renewal

The Welford St Mary's Electoral Roll must be renewed in March/ April 2025. Should you wish to remain on the Church Parish Roll or be added to it please obtain an Application form from the back of church or from me.

Fill this in and sign it, to assist with better communications please (optionally) provide your email address in the area provided and if possible a phone contact number.

Then return it to church or me at: - 11 Salford Close.

SIBBERTOFT NEWS

Advance notice – save the date.
Sibbertoft Saint Helens Church with The Reading Room
will be holding a joint fundraiser.
Christmas Wreath Festival December 13/14th 2025

Plans are in progress for a joint village event to celebrate the festive season involving all ages. The plan is to decorate the church with home made Wreaths and we invite you to be creative.

Theme will be to make a Wreath using all recycled or natural materials (Hedge row fresh or dried). Avoid buying anything to decorate your wreath. Consider using unusual items which you may normally discard in the bin.

Start saving your clean rubbish!

Cartons, packaging, tin cans, old greetings cards, magazine cuttings, bottle tops, where ever your imagination takes you. There will be a prize for both adult and child Wreaths voted for by our visiting public.

Lots more info to follow later in the year.

We hope to run a craft afternoon for children and a wreath making demonstration evening for adults in early Autumn.

Start collecting and get those creative juices running.
Encourage all the your family to get involved.



WI Meeting Thursday 13th February 2025

President Denise Bott welcomed 23 members and 2 members of the WI County Trustee Board. We received 15 apologies. After singing Jerusalem, the January minutes were read and approved.

The next craft afternoon will be on Monday 24th February at 2.00 and is open to everyone. We will continue making pompoms, faces and squares for the yarnbombing display at the Rugby World Cup. All welcome.

The next coffee meet up will be on Friday 28th February at Esquires (the old Barclays Bank) in Market Harborough. We are also having a skittles evening on Wednesday 26th February.

The Spring Lunch will be on Wednesday 2nd April 12.30 for 1.00 at Lutterworth Golf Club.

As it was our social evening, we had a game of piglet (beetle), which was won by Val Morson.

Chris Carr and Jean McLeish gave a very interesting presentation on the work done by the Trustee and Board Members. They hope to increase membership and the profile of the WI across the County.

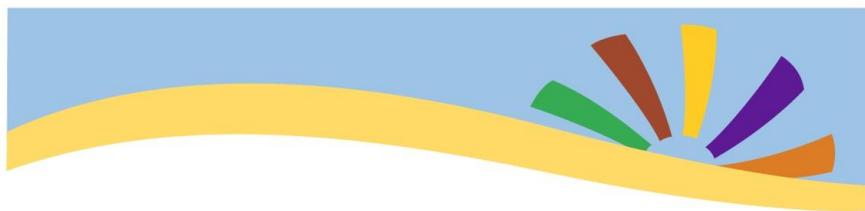
Lovely refreshments were provided by Mary Crowther, Sue Wilson and Jean Baker ably assisted by Monica Cockerill. The raffle organised by Ann Thorington was won by 1st Julie Newman, 2nd Christine O'Reilly and 3rd Julie Bentham.

The competition for a homemade gift organised by Catherine Digby was won by 1st Sue Brotherton, 2nd Denise Bott and 3rd Julie Newman.

The March meeting is our Annual meeting with a chocolate making demonstration presentation.

The competition is A Name for a Future Chocolate Bar.

All welcome



Naseby Group

Prayers

Every Thursday morning in term time

9:15 – 9:45

Naseby Methodist Chapel

All Welcome to join us as we pray for our
parishes, villages and communities



THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND



The Trees for Welford project has taken three years to complete and we want to say a huge 'thankyou' to all those in the village who have contributed to its success. Through the Parish Council, we have been funded by the National Lottery Community Fund 'Together for Our Planet'. The challenge to address was: **can a sustainable community project be established in Welford to increase our tree canopy in the context of climate change?** Our conclusion is: **YES!**

For a summary and key points of our findings, please see the Trees for Welford article in February's Bugle.

Key points include:

The vast majority of villagers who engaged with the project are in favour of planting trees for the long term benefit.

Our tree cover is already under widespread attack by ash die-back and ivy.

The role trees play in Natural Flood management is particularly significant, given how near we are to the River Avon.

Welford is very short of space for the public. We commissioned professionally designed tree planting plans for The Sportsfield and The Playing Field, and consulted the Welford public. Further action is in the hands of the decision-makers.

Documented anxiety about their future because of climate change is widespread among children and young people in the UK, and evidenced in Welford.

Climate/weather change crucially affects decisions about the best trees to plant for the long term.

Climate change/emergency/crisis is here & the weather is unpredictable, weather events more extreme. Climate scientists have indicated that our climate is expected to be similar to that of southern Spain within 50 years.

We in Welford have to identify a way forward to balance current needs with urgently taking steps to ensure that public spaces are usable in the future.

You can read the full Feasibility Study Report on the village website ([welfordvillage.org.uk/community/Trees for Welford](http://welfordvillage.org.uk/community/Trees%20for%20Welford)), or by using this link <https://tinyurl.com/TreesForWelford>



JOULES

Outlet Sale

Thursday 13th March

Harborough Town Football Club LE16 9HF



6pm - VIP access and sale £8
(Limited availability)

6.30 - 8pm General access £5.75
Tickets on the door £9
(Subject to availability)

payment link : stepping-stones-pre-school-clipston.sumupstore.com

All proceeds go to Stepping Stones
Preschool - Charity number
1023443



We Are Recruiting!



Welford, Sibbertoft
and Sulby School



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LUNCHTIME SUPERVISOR

We are seeking a caring, passionate and professional Lunchtime supervisor to work with and support children during our lunch period, to ensure safety, behaviour and organisation.

- 6.25 hours per week, Monday to Friday
- Permanent Role
- £3,352.45 - £3,405.02 Annual salary (based on NJC Scale C2-C3)
- Vacancy closes at midnight on 31 January 2024

If you are eager to support your local primary school, contact us today!



Flower Festival Invite

Welford Parish Church are hosting a Flower Festival on Saturday 5 July and Sunday 6 July from 11am to 5pm.

There will be refreshments - teas, coffees, juice and cakes - served each day.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO PROMOTE YOUR CLUB OR BUSINESS BY PUTTING UP A DISPLAY IN CHURCH?

Please send your details to John Nicholas on
john.nick@btopenworld.com.

Organisation/Business Name:

Contact Name:

Contact Details:

Good Neighbours

Our March Good Neighbours Coffee Morning is

Tuesday March 4th

10.00 to 12.00

Village Hall

£1 for coffee/tea and biscuits

Enjoy good company!

Jane, Sue & The Team

QUIZ for



1. What is the birth flower of March?
2. Which UK Saint's Day is on March 1st?
3. The lives of the four March sisters feature in which famous novel?
4. The March Hare is a character from which children's book?
5. Which annual health awareness day takes place on the 3rd Wednesday in March?
6. Symbolizing courage, name March's birthstone?
7. On the first Thursday in March every child in full-time education in the UK is given a voucher to spend on what?
8. The Ides of March is a day on the Roman calendar that corresponds to which date?
9. On the 5th of March 1946, what did Churchill warn was falling across Europe?
10. On what date in March is Saint Patrick's Day?
11. In British tradition, which quarter day falls on March 25th?
12. St Piran's Day, held on 5 March every year, is the national day of where?

1. Daffodil 2. St. David 3. Little Women 4. Alice's adventures in Wonderland 5. National No Smoking Day 6. War 7. Books 8. 15th 9. Iron Curtain 10. 17th 11. Lady Day 12. Cornwall

CHAPEL COMMENT



Rejoice With Nature by Iris Hesselden

The Lambs are in the meadow,
The buds are on the tree,
And hope is blossoming around -
It's there for you and me.
The daylight growing longer,
The sunlight growing strong,
And all our winter hopes and dreams
Have carried us along.

As we step forward through the year,
The darkness left behind,
New optimism touches souls
And comforts heart and mind.
So as the weeks go slipping by
And time just steals away,
Enjoy the beauty nature gives,
Rejoicing every day.

Diary Date

Friday 7th March 2025 – World Day of Prayer – Cook Islands

This year's service prepared by an ecumenical group of Christian women from the Cook Islands is based on the words of Psalm 139 entitled 'made you wonderful'.

A service for everyone in Welford Congregational Chapel at 2pm.

For more details, please contact Rachael Heard on 07808 656831 or email rheard@live.co.uk

World Day of Prayer website www.wwdp.org.uk



With warm croissants

Relaxed Informal Inspired

All Saints Church Clipston Sunday 9th March at 10.30am

St Marys Church Welford Sunday 16th March at 10.30am

Enjoy tea or coffee

PSALMS AND READINGS – March

Sunday 2nd March—Sunday before Lent

Psalm 121

First Exodus 34, 29 to end

Second 2 Corinthians, 3, 12 to 4, 2

Gospel Luke 9, 28 to 34

Sunday 9th March—1st of Lent

Psalm 61

First Deuteronomy 26, 1 to 11

Second Romans, 10, 8b to 13

Gospel Luke 4, 1 to 13

Sunday 16th March—2nd of Lent

Psalm 41, 1 to 7

First Genesis 15, 1 to 12 and 17 and 18

Second Philippians 3, 17 to 4, 1

Gospel Luke 13, 31 to end

Sunday 23rd March—3rd of Lent

Psalm 8

First Isaiah 55, 1 to 9

Second 1 Corinthians 10, 1 to 13

Gospel Luke 13, 1 to 9

Sunday 30th March—4th of Lent

Psalm 122

First Joshua 5, 9 to 12

Second 2 Corinthians 5, 16 to end

Gospel Luke 15, 1 to 3 and 11b to end

SIBBERTOFT

	Lesson Reader	Intercessions	Sidesman
23/3	OT Peter Kirby NT Lesley Hartshorn	Viv Arrowsmith	V Arrowsmith

WELFORD

	Lesson Reader	Intercessions	Sidesman
9/3	OT P Lane NT S Lees	S Bevin	G Newman
16/3	OT C Horner NT J Horner	J Nicholas	M Broad
23/4	OT G Newman NT J Newman	S Lees	C Horner
30/4	TBA		

Eucharistic Assistant 16/3 K Broad

WELFORD CONGREGATIONAL CHAPEL **Services at 10.45am**

	Preacher	Flowers
2/3	Rev Tony Avery	Mrs J Pilmore
9/3	David and Pat Biddle	Mrs D Bott
16/3	Rev Tony Avery	Mrs P Teear
23/3	Taken by ourselves	Mrs A Bott
30/3	David and Judith North	Miss R Heard
6/4	Rev Tony Avery	Mrs J Bale

MARCH 2025 CHURCH SERVICES

2 nd	10:30am	Benefice Holy Communion	Naseby
9 th	10:00am	Café Church	Clipston
	10:30am	Holy Communion	Marston Trussell
	6:00pm	Evensong	Welford
16 th	10:00am	Holy Communion	Naseby
	10:30am	Café Church	Welford
	6:00pm	Holy Communion	Welford
23 rd	9:30am	Morning Worship	Sibbertoft
	10:00am	Holy Communion	Clipston
	6:00pm	Evensong	Welford
30 th	10:30am	Mothers' Day Holy Communion	Welford
6 th April	10:30am	Benefice Holy Communion	Marston Trussell

*For latest service updates see the website calendar:
www.nasebygroup.org/calendar*

The Magazine.

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

Send copy by 15th March to jules1044@gmail.com

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