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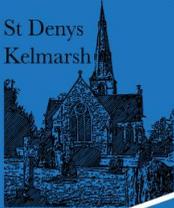
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Kelmarsh

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The Magazine

...to any battle
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Dear Friends



In November, there is no escaping the fact that days are getting shorter and shorter and nights longer and longer . winter approaches, and we turn up the heating and/or put on more layers of clothing. Here, in the Northern Hemisphere, the world is a darker place.

Throughout recent times, though, the darkness of the world has taken on a more permanent presence . the violence, oppression and unrest we see around us shows little seasonal variation and, this year, we have the added challenge of a world-wide pandemic. So how do we, as Christians, respond to the fear, disease and conflict that exists? What can we, as individuals, do? How can we possibly make a difference?

Well, the answer to the last question is the easiest: we make a difference whether we like it or not. As I've said before, none of us takes leave of this world without having made a difference of some kind. No one's life passes unnoticed. No, I don't mean just by God, although that is the case. No, I mean that everyone's life has an impact on others . it is impossible to separate us entirely, one from another.

So, if we know that we do make a difference, the challenge to each of us is what sort of difference that will be, and in our response to that challenge we find the answers to all our questions.

Will we step out into the darkness in faith, or draw back in fear? Will we see in the utter darkness and desolation of Christ's death on the cross, the promise of new light and life - a new dawn? Will we perceive that, just as the darkness of winter conceals the new life of spring, so the darkness of violence, disease and death conceals the new light and life of the world? Can we hope that new light and life, even now, can take shape within us?

There is something subversive about Spring, about the way in which its new life is hidden in Winter's deathly grip, waiting for the moment to leap forth - the very ground unaware of what is to come. Faith is sometimes a bit like that, buried within us, seemingly forgotten, yet waiting to unfurl with new life. Is your faith waiting in the darkness of winter? If it is, then pray for Spring, and welcome the new light and life it brings.

For then we will welcome the stranger, feed the hungry, house the homeless, love the enemy - we, too, will be heralds of a new world where Christ is King, and all creation sings a new song of justice and peace.

Miranda

SIBBERTOFT NEWS



Sibbertoft 'Nan on the run fundraising 20/21' Start date 29/3/20 Challenge to run the equivalent of 25 marathons (650 miles in one year).

October update.

Autumn has arrived the weather has changed, temperature dropped and the leaves on the trees are turning to the most glorious array of warm gold, red and bronze tones. Sadly the expected increase in Covid infection rates has hit us and as I write this piece numbers are similar to those we were experiencing back in the spring! The medics and scientists have a better knowledge of how to deal with the symptoms which hopefully means those who fall ill are less likely to become very poorly. I am pleased to report that following the advise of my physio my knees are now much better and stronger and I am back to running the miles and can confirm that in mid October I have completed 17 marathons (446miles). Just another 8 to go!

Visit give.net search nan on the run20/21 or cash/cheque payable to Saint Helens Church Sibbertoft is good. All funds raised will be divided between the reading room kitchen refurbishment project and Saint Helens church maintenance fund.



Christmas Pop up Shop November 28th 11am-3pm. Reading Room , Berkeley Street.

We are pressing on with our plans despite the challenging news re Covid. All sensible compliance to stay safe and keep protected will be deployed. Mask wearing, hand sanitising, social distancing and visitor numbers inside to be carefully controlled.

We are all feeling the need for a community event to look forward to. So as Christmas approaches our plan is to have 3 stalls only inside Tombola, Christmas themed Crafts/ stationary/ cards etc. Sweet and savoury home made Cakes and Goodies.

In addition exciting news a Sibbertoft Calendar is being created and will be available to order - more information to follow soon.

Many people are busy producing all sorts of quality items which can be purchased to treat yourself or give as beautiful presents to your friends and family. Outside Christmas wreath orders will be available for collection. Enjoy a glass of warming mulled wine and chat to friends under the gazebo.

Please come and support us from across the benefice all are welcome but don't all arrive at once!

**We are encouraging the wearing of Santa hats!
Pop up shop fund raising has now exceeded £5400.**

Thank you Sibbertoft and others for your continued support L&C.

MARSTON TRUSSELL NEWS

WANTED !

Churchwardens and Secretary

The above positions are STILL vacant and need to be filled for our church to progress.

Anyone who would be interested in finding out what is required/ considering these positions please contact

Rev. Canon, Miranda Hayes, or any Marston Trussell church member for details.

REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

Saint Nicholas Church

Sunday 8th November

10.45am

We will Remember Them

SIBBERTOFT REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY ARRANGEMENTS

Given current Covid restrictions, the Sibbertoft Remembrance Sunday ceremony service will be in a different format this year. We would ask people not to crowd around the war memorial, as in previous years. However, in order for those who wish to pay their respects to do so from their gardens or front doors, a poppy-decorated cross, accompanied by two wreath-layers, will be carried from the church at 2.45 p.m. , down Welland Rise and back up Berkley Street to the war memorial for 3.00 p.m. approx., where the Vicar will say a few words and the wreaths will be laid.

Those from other streets who wish to participate are invited to line the pavements, suitably distanced, in Welland Rise or Berkley Street.

The cross will then be carried into church, where there will be a short service of Remembrance, with silence, Last Post etc., for anyone who wishes to join in, starting at 3.15 p.m. approx. If you are planning to join us in church, I would appreciate an email to that effect, to give us an idea of numbers (tobyjackson@aol.com).

The British Legion is not conducting house-to-house collections this year and will be desperately short of funds, so we encourage people to donate online: <https://www.britishlegion.org.uk/get-involved/ways-to-give/donate> (donations online, via text or print off a donation form) You can also download a poppy to print for display or to colour in. There will also be two collection baskets accompanying the cross for anyone who wishes to make a cash donation to the Legion.



St. Thomas' Charity

As usual we will be delivering small monetary gifts just before Christmas to all senior Welfordians who have lived within the parish boundary for more than three years from the money gained from renting out church land that was donated to the charity many years ago.

If you are over 65 years old and have lived in Welford for more than three years and have not received this gift in the past please let our secretary Sue Nicholas (575422) know your name and address and we will include you for a gift when we meet in early December.

If you did receive it last year you can safely assume you will get a similar gift this year.

John Nicholas



Good Neighbours

Following the successful coffee morning in October, we are planning to run the next one on Tuesday November 3rd from 10-12 in the Covid secure village hall at Welford. Cost £1 for coffee/tea and cookies.

Please bring the right money and your own mug. It will be table service again and we ask you to wear a mask until seated and your order taken. Please only sit in the four seats set out at each table and keep 2 metres distance if you stop to say hello to someone on the way to your seat!

There will be some books for sale this time at £1 each and we ask you to bring the right money if you think you might like one, and only one person at a time at the book table please.

We look forward to seeing some of you again.

We will be making a collection for The Royal British Legion for their Poppy Appeal. If you would like to support this, please bring your contribution. There will also be a collection tin in the Village Hall entrance for those who do not wish to attend the meeting

Jane & Sue

A Secret Community Project for Christmas

I am hoping to run a secret Christmas project for an area of our Benefice community that it has not been easy to minister to during the strange times of 2020. I am calling on the help of people in our Parishes who can follow simple instructions and using a sewing machine, and using the materials supplied make something simple!! It would particularly suit Patchworkers or sewers. As long as you can sew in straight lines and sew accurate ¼ inch seams. Your help will be very much appreciated.

If you are a hand sewer there are two little tasks required to complete the item and we would be grateful for your help to complete, allowing the machinists to focus on the machine bits.

If you can't sew but would like to make a donation to fund the fabric and the gift to be included your help would be very welcome as well.

We keep hearing the phrase 'no one left behind'. Let's make sure that this 'secret' community (all will be revealed after Christmas, it is a secret after all!) do not feel forgotten by their wider communities.

Please contact me if you wish to help in any way Kairen 01858 575331 or Kairen.ball@gmail.com and all help will be very much appreciated.



All Souls' Day

This is commemorated on November 2nd, so on **Tuesday November 3rd** the last 30 minutes of the Private Prayer opening at **St. Mary the Virgin, Welford** will be a focussed time to remember those we have lost and see no more. The names of those being remembered will be read during this time so if you would like the name of a loved one to be read then please let me have their name(s) even if you can't attend the service at **11.30am** on 3/11

Everyone will be welcome to attend whether from any of the Benefice Parishes or none.

(Kairen 01858 575331 or Kairen.ball@gmail.com)



Remembrance Sunday

The service at St Maryø Welford will be held outside the Church commencing at **10.45am** on **Sunday 8th November**. There will be stewards directing you where to stand and to ensure that we conform to the then Covid restrictions and guidelines.

On the evening there was to be a service at St Maryø at 6pm, but in the light of the fact that there will not be a 10am Benefice Zoom service the Ministry Team is intending to hold a

Remembrance Zoom service at 6pm for those who feel unable or unwilling to attend the physical service in the morning.

The log in details will be as for our regular Sunday 10am zoom services. Please do join us if you are able for a reflective time and a more private view of the people involved.



Advent and Christmas

This year will be a year like no other that most of us have ever experienced. The wonderful opportunities to see our churches filled with the sound and sights of Advent and Christmas as we journey towards the stable of Bethlehem and its wonderful God given gift of Jesus our Lord and Saviour are unlikely to happen in the normal format we have come to expect and to value as an important part of our Advent and Christmas festivities. So the Ministry team is looking at providing alternative ways of ensuring we can offer different ways, both physically and other ways, to celebrate this year. So keep your eyes on social media (Benefice website, Facebook, word of mouth, emails, pigeons if we must!) for the ways in which you can join in. There will be craft activities which you will need to register for so we can get the materials/instructions to you in advance, nativity trails and many other things. So we do hope that you will join us not in bemoaning what we canø do, but celebrating what we have adapted and can do. What better time of year to experience Faith, Hope and Love. Donø miss out. These festivals are about Jesus, Emmanuel, God with us=With us His chosen people.

QUIZ FOR



1. What are the two zodiac signs for the month of November
2. Which group had a hit with 'November Rain'?
3. Which flower's name derives from the Greek words meaning golden flower? It's also the birth flower for November.
4. In literature, who was born in Wattenscheid, Germany, on November the 11th?
5. Bonfire Night is celebrated on the 5th of November, but in which year was the Gunpowder Plot?
6. On the 28th of November 1919, Nancy Astor becomes Britain's first woman MP. She was elected Member of Parliament for which city?
7. In November 1990 who became the first female President of Ireland.
8. How old will Prince Charles be this November?
9. Who became the only US President to win a third term in November 1940?
10. What was the name of the dog launched into space in November 1957?
11. The national Remembrance ceremony takes place at The Cenotaph. Who designed it?
12. Which world famous board game was launched by Parker Brothers in November 1935?

1. Scorpio and Sagittarius 2. Guns and Roses 3. Chrysanthemum 4. James Bond 5. 1605
6. Plymouth 7. Mary Robinson 8. 72 9. Franklin D Roosevelt 10. Laika 11. Lutyens 12. Monopoly



CHAPEL COMMENT

'When will they ever learn, when will they ever learn?'

November is a month when we remember those who paid the extreme sacrifice in warfare by giving up their lives in the service of others.

**It is a time when we remember those who suffered as a result of man's inhumanity towards each other.
A time for reflection.**

Suffering is a mystery, and only faith can throw light on it.

Pain is not willed by God. Men have rejected His plan; they have thrown man and the universe out of balance, and so suffering was born.

Christ came to straighten out disorder, yet men still disobey His teaching that we should learn to love one another.

'When will they ever learn, when will they ever learn?'

'O hush ye noisy men of strife and hear the angels sing'.

NASEBY GROUP OF PARISHES

Sunday 1st November: ALL SAINTS DAY

10am	Morning Worship (HC)	Zoom
6pm	All Souls Service	Clipston

Sunday 8th November: Third before Advent

6pm	Reflective Evening Service	Zoom
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Sunday 15th November: Second before Advent

10am	Morning Service (HC)	Zoom
6pm	Evening Service (HC)	Clipston

Sunday 22 November: CHRIST THE KING

10am	Morning Service (HC)	Zoom
6pm	Evening Service (HC)	Welford

Sunday 29th November: ADVENT SUNDAY

10am	Morning Service	Zoom
6pm	Evening Service	Clipston

Sunday 6th December: Second Sunday of Advent

10am	Morning Service (HC)	Zoom
6pm	Evening Prayer	Welford

Churches open for Prayer

Welford Tuesdays 9:30am ó 12:00

Welford Tuesday 3rd November at 11:30am short All Souls reflection

Clipston Wednesdays 1:00pmô with short service at 2:00pm

Sibbertoft By appointment via Toby Jackson on Thursdays 2pm to 4pm

WELFORD CONGREGATIONAL CHAPEL

Sunday Worship 10.45am

Preacher

1 st .	Rev. Tony Avery	8 th .	Armistice
15 th	Paul Baxter	22 nd .	Michael Haighton
29 th .	Taken by members		

Following the joint Harvest service held at chapel last month, Barrie and Tony would like to thank the members for their very generous gifts. 5 bags of toiletries and food items were donated to the Hope Centre in Northampton, (and 20 pounds cash) and the collection of 110 pounds was given to Cancer Research. A special mention should go to Rachael for decorating the outside area at chapel. It looked stunning.