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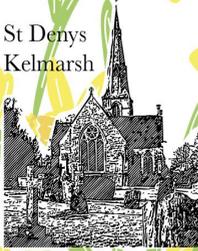


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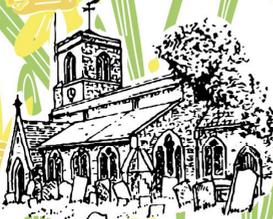
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Dear Friends,

In April, we find ourselves pitched into Passiontide and then the events of Holy Week, beginning on Palm Sunday . the day when we recall Jesus' entry into Jerusalem on a young donkey, with all the attendant joyful excitement, cheering crowds, and waving of palm branches. Yet, how humble and vulnerable a king . what a contrast to earthly power and exploitation, to rumbling tanks and screaming missiles. How potent a challenge to worldly actions and expectations, and what a powerful statement of intent. We move on through that momentous week, as throngs of Jews gather in Jerusalem for the Festival of the Passover. On Maundy Thursday, we are brought face to face with the cost of love, as Judas disappears into the night to betray Jesus, and sets in train an unstoppable sequence of events. Yet it is now that Jesus - aware of all that is going on - gives his disciples a new commandment: that we love one another, as he loves us. And having given that commandment, he lives out its meaning. He begins by washing his disciples' feet and by distributing bread and wine in token of his death and of his eternal, abiding presence. And then he walks out into the night . not to betray as Judas does, but to passionate, faithful, loving obedience - even to death on the cross.

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Against this backdrop and example, how clearly we see the fickleness of our own human nature. How quickly the joyful excitement of Palm Sunday turns to anger and fear, how quickly the cheering turns to jeering, and how quickly the waving palm branches turn to shaking fists.....

What darkness and desolation we encounter on Good Friday, how grey and hopeless is Easter Eve.

What a loveless and violent world we find when we turn our backs on God and deny his presence.

Then the light dawns on Easter Day, and we find the ashes of our despair turn to the unquenchable, burning fire of resurrection. Perfect love has overcome sin and death - those two unfailing consequences of our own, imperfect, love.

Easter is the defining moment of our Christian faith - we are an Easter people. Our lives are renewed and transformed by the resurrection life of Jesus Christ: in him, we are a new creation.

What joy to know that, despite ourselves, and however much we rail against him, hate him, and deny him, God will always be faithful to us, and his love for us will never fail. In the power of the Spirit he invites us to live transformed lives - lives that reflect the eternal light of Christ, and witness to his love.

*"I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another."
John 13:34*

With every Blessing, Miranda

Fr. Kris Seward

For the last two years the Benefice has been blessed with the presence of Kris, during part of his curacy. During this short period, he has endeared himself to the whole of the church community and beyond. His love of God and of people has shone out like a torch. His work with young people and with the schools has been remarkable and his pastoral work has been filled with love and generosity. His services in church have been filled with joy and passion and celebration.

Popular and respected, he has made an enormous contribution. He will be remembered by many people with warmth and love and admiration. He will be greatly missed.

Thank you Kris.

JHJ

St. Nicholas' Marston Trussell

As you may know, Revd Miranda and PCC of Marston Trussell invited the village to a meeting on 12th March, to discuss the future of St. Nicholas. The PCC consists of two members, Jenny Bradshaw and Chris Otway and there is no secretary and no Church Wardens and so the burden falls very heavily on their shoulders. Clearly, this is not a situation that is sustainable, and so we needed to hear how the village felt about St. Nicholas, how they might see its future, and what they might feel they could contribute to this. We were encouraged by the attendance and the positive response, including very helpful input from some who were not able to attend on the day. We are hopeful that a way forward can be found which will enable St. Nicholas to remain an active and visible parish focus, although we are not quite sure what this is going to look like yet. To that end, we are exploring various options each of which will seek to involve as much and as many of the community as possible in the ongoing use and care of the beautiful and historic building at its heart.



The Joy of the Lord is our strength



Sing for Joy April 24th 6pm St Mary's Welford

I don't know about you but music and singing has always given me great joy, and is a source of real strength when I am feeling low. When I am sewing or just relaxing I often sing and 'bop' along to some great tunes including worship songs as well as more calming and reflective songs.

As we seem to be slowly emerging from our cocoons of the pandemic into the glorious light once more, and we are about to celebrate the coming of Spring, I thought we might all enjoy an evening of praise and joy through readings hymns and music. I would like to have your help in choosing some of the music. There will be a box at the back of St. Mary's church and some forms for you to complete to add your selection and a short paragraph on why it is one of your favourite songs. The box will be there until the end of Easter Day, 17/4/22. If you have a reading religious or secular that speaks to you of praising God or the joy of knowing Him, or the strength that you get from Him that you would like to suggest then please get in touch with me. Finally, if you play an instrument and would like to be part of this celebration and spring awakening, please also get in touch. I look forward to welcoming you to this event where refreshments will be served after the programme of music and readings.

Kairen Ball 575331 or Kairen.ball@gmail.com



Easter Saturday, 2-4pm at St Mary's Welford

Escape Room

Have you got around to thinking about what you might do on Easter Saturday afternoon?

Do you like adventure? Puzzles? Brain teasers? Having fun time as a family?

Why not join us in St Mary's Welford, for an afternoon of excitement and anticipation as we take part in an 'Easter Escape room' solving clues, cracking codes etc as the teams race to be the first to complete the challenge.

This event is suitable for children 6+ and adults, and there will be a mixture of activities for younger children.

Please sign up your team either on the notice at the back of church or by contacting Kairen on 575331 or

Kairen.ball@gmail.com

We need to know how many teams we are catering for and the number and age of any children taking part in the activities.

There will be refreshments available. This event is free but if you enjoy yourselves a donation to cover our costs would be appreciated.





Lent reflections

During Lent Gordon Temple and I are hosting and leading on Zoom a series of discussions on **Caring for Creation**. This topic is one that has gained momentum over the last few years thanks to series like The Blue Planet hosted by Sir David Attenborough, as well as nature studies in which we are all encouraged to take part. 'Caring for Creation' was written in 2021 as part of the York Course offerings for Lent and other times of the year by Canon Brian Davis, a retired priest in the Market Harborough area. He was Vicar of St. Mary's, Hinckley for eighteen years – one of the first medieval churches to have an array of solar panels. He is passionate about caring for the environment and facing up to global warming and is Chair of the Eco Church Harborough.

There is an excellent and comprehensive booklet which accompanies the sessions and if you would like to have one please contact Kairen who will be pleased to advise you. Cost is £3-80p There are far more statistics and opinions than we will be able to incorporate in the Sessions, so the booklet could provide further interesting reading in its own right.

The log on for the Zoom sessions will be **697/715/534**

The dates and topics are as follows:

Date—all 7.30pm to 8.45pm

Topic Heading

Wednesday 30th March Coming out of denial and Facing Crisis

Wednesday 6th April

Faith, Hope and Love

We look forward to welcoming you to these discussions on this important topic. There will be opportunities throughout the week at Naseby Benefice to join in discussions during Lent.



Welford WI March 2022

Denise Cattell presided over the meeting of 28 members (1 on Zoom) and two guests. Members were thanked for the donations of cups and mugs to be used as part of the Triumph with a Tenner challenge at the Farmers Market to be held in April.

She reported on the interesting, if unsuccessful, attempts to master macrame at the February craft afternoon. Another go would be made at the craft afternoon Monday 28 March. There is to be a revived opportunity (postponed because of lockdown) to visit The Holy Sepulchre Church in Northampton.

As was not entirely unexpected, the speaker booked for the evening did not appear. Instead, Denise Bott led an entertaining quiz on Northamptonshire villages, which was followed by a lively round of Scattergories. The competition for a limerick about a WI member, organised by Ann Thorington, was won by Val Jackson, with Denise Bott 2nd and Jane Cottrell 3rd. The raffle organised by Val Jackson, was won by Hilary Downing, Denise Cattell, Ann Thorington, Alison Pryce and Monica Cockerill. The speaker next month is Julie Kinnear on Coco Chanel. The competition is A Perfume Bottle

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SIBBERTOFT NEWS



VEGETARIAN AND VEGAN TASTER EVENT

Saturday, 9th April 11.30 a.m. - 3.00 p.m.

in Sibbertoft Reading Room.

Come and try a selection of delicious home-cooked savoury and sweet

vegetarian and vegan dishes

Take away a recipe if your taste buds are tickled.

Take-away food may be available towards the end of the event.

CASH ONLY, PLEASE

Raising funds for St. Helen's Church, Sibbertoft

Postponement: The Argentinian Asado/barbecue planned for 14th May has been postponed. New date to be announced in due course.

Sibbertoft Sunday Teas 2022

Opens for our 29th Season!

April 3rd to October 30th 2.30-5pm

Reading Room Berkeley Street

Once again we look forward to welcoming all our loyal visitors. The volunteer team of over 40 participants are ready to serve you Delicious afternoon teas through out the spring/summer months in beautiful village surroundings.

High quality home-made bakes every week up to 12 different different varieties to choose from - often including gluten free.

Hot and cold drinks.

Home grown seasonal plants and cut flowers.

Wide variety of homemade jams using produce grown on our allotments.

Please come and support this special and unique community project. All funds raised go to the maintenance of Saint Helens church.

Good Neighbours ó April 5th 2022 10-12



The April Good Neighbours in the village hall will be selling **Easter Treats** in aid of the WI -Triumph with a Tenner challenge. There was an excellent turn out last month and you were very generous with the pick a number to win a £10 note challenge. We have nearly sold all 100 numbers, so the result will be announced soon.

No more mask wearing but we will probably continue with table service and you can bring your own mug if you prefer, although the village hall now has some of its own. There will also be books (£1) and jigsaws (£2) for sale and it would be helpful if you could bring the right money.



There will be a warm welcome for one and all. Only £1 for tea/coffee and biscuits (plus a little treat!)

Jane, Sue & The Team

World Day of Prayer 4th March 2022

The service I know the plans I have for you, was prepared by the Christian women of England, Wales & Northern Ireland focusing on freedom, forgiveness, justice and God's peace with the overriding theme of hope, symbolised by the lighting of candles and seeds of hope to be planted for ourselves, our community, country & the world as a reminder of God's constant love.

For I know the plans I have for you says the Lord, plans for welfare, not for evil, to give you a future and a hope. (Jeremiah 29:11)

The moving words and hymns used in the service resonated to the terrible situation in Ukraine, an additional candle was lit, and a special prayer said for its people.

The collection of £96.50 has been sent to WDP to help their work and projects run by Christian charities around the world.

A big thank you to all who took part in the service or helped in any way. Join us in 2023 for the service prepared by Taiwan I have heard about your faith.

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Rachael Heard

QUIZ FOR



1. 'It was a bright cold day in April, and the clocks were striking thirteen.', is a quote from which book?
2. On what date in April is St George's Day?
3. Which major UK sporting event will be held on April 9th 2022?
4. What is April's birthstone?
5. April's birth flower is often listed as *Bellis perennis* - this is the Latin name of which flower?
6. Which invasion made British news headlines on the 2nd of April, 1982?
7. April Windsor, played by Amelia Flanagan, is a character in which soap?
8. What tax was first introduced into Britain on the 1 April, 1973?
9. On what date in April is the Queen's birthday?
10. On 1st April 1957, the BBC broadcast a film showing Swiss farmers picking freshly-grown what?
11. Which famous English writer's birthday remains unknown, but is traditionally observed on the same days as Saint George?
12. Name Elvis Presley's first number one single in April 1956.
13. Who became US President on the death of Franklin D Roosevelt in April 1945?
14. The Titanic sank in April 1912. What was its intended destination?
15. Who wrote 'Oh to be in England now that April's there'?

1984 2. 23rd 3. Grand National 4. Diamond 5. Daisy 6. Argentina invaded the Falklands 7. Emmerdale 8. VAT 9. 21th 10. Spaghetti

11. Shakespeare 12. Heartbreak Hotel 13. Harry Truman 14. New York 15. Robert Browning



CHAPEL

Oh, to be in England
Now that April's there,
And whoever wakes in England
Sees, some morning, unaware,
That the lowest boughs and the brushwood sheaf
Round the elm-tree bole are in tiny leaf,
While the chaffinch sings on the orchard bough
In England· now!

And after April, when May follows,
And the whitethroat builds, and all the swallows!
Hark, where my blossomed pear-tree in the hedge
Leans to the field and scatters on the clover
Blossoms and dewdrops· at the bent spray's edge·
That's the wise thrush· he sings each song twice over,
Lest you should think he never could recapture
The first fine careless rapture!
And though the fields look rough with hoary dew,
All will be gay when noontide wakes anew
The buttercups, the little children's dower
· Far brighter than this gaudy melon-flower!

Robert Browning



Psalms and Readings April 2022

Sunday 3rd Fifth Sunday of Lent

Psalm 61

1st Isaiah 43, 16 to 21

2nd Phillipians 3, 4b to 14

Gospel John 12, 1 to 8

Sunday 10th Palm Sunday

Psalm 24

1st Isaiah 50, 4 to 9a

2nd Philippians 2, 5 to 11

Gospel Luke 22, 14 to end

Sunday 17th Easter Day

Psalm 114

1st Isaiah 65, 17 to end

2nd 1 Corinthians 15, 19 to 26

Gospel John 20, 1 to 18

Sunday 24th 2nd Sunday of Easter

Psalm 150

1st Acts 5, 27 to 32

2nd Revelation 1, 4 to 8

Gospel John 20, 19 to end

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	Lesson Reader	Intercessions	Eucharis<small>ti</small>c Assistant
10/4	OT Toby Jackson NT Jo Elliot	Rev Miranda	Viv Arrowsmith
14/4	OT Jose Kirby NT Cynthia Bailey	Toby Jackson	Sue Clarke
17/4	OT Toby Jackson NT Peter Kra <small>ve</small> i	Sue Clarke	Viv Arrowsmith
24/4	OT Viv Arrowsmith NT Lesley Hartshorne	TBC	

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	Lesson Reader	Intercessions	Sidesman
3/4	OT C Horner NT J Horner	S Bevin	G Newman
10/4	OT G Newman NT J Newman	J Nicholas	J H-Jones
17/4	OT S Bevin NT S Lees	J Nicholas	M Morson
27/3	OT M Morson NT A Barraclough	S Lees	C Horner

WELFORD CONGREGATIONAL CHAPEL

Services at 10.45am

	Preacher	Flowers
3/4	Rev Tony Avery	Mrs S Lees
10/4	Rev Tony Avery	Mrs P Lane
17/4	Pastor Barrie Woodward	Mrs S Finney
24/4	Paul Baxter	Mrs L Stanley
1/5	Rev Tony Avery	Mrs D Avery

Mothers Union Communion

Will take place on Wednesday 6th April at 10.00am

CONGREGATION LED SERVICES

3 rd April	5 th Sunday of Lent	Julie Newman	575335
1 st May	3 rd Sunday of Easter	Susie Bevin	575226

Revised Benefice Services April 2022 (UPDATED)

3 rd	10.00am 6.00pm 6.00pm	Benefice Holy Communion Clipston (also on Zoom) Evensong Marston Trussell Evensong Welford
6 th	10.00am 11.30am	MU Holy Communion Service Welford CANCELLED Sibbertoft Manor Holy Communion CANCELLED
7 th	6.00pm	Reflective Service Sibbertoft CANCELLED
10 th	9.30am 10.00am 10.00am 6.00pm	Holy Communion Sibbertoft CANCELLED All Age Worship Clipston CANCELLED Holy Communion Naseby with the Archdeacon of Oakham Holy Communion Welford CANCELLED
11/12/13 th	7pm	Holy Week Devotions Clipston
13 th	11.00am	Morning worship Sibbertoft (Sibbertoft Manor, all welcome)
14 th	7.30pm	Maundy Thursday Service Sibbertoft
15 th	Good Friday 2.00-3.00pm 6.00pm 7.00pm	An Hour at the Cross Kelmarsh CANCELLED Devotional Service Welford Stations of the Cross Clipston
17 th	Easter Day 6.00am 9.30am 9.30am 9.30am 11.00am 11.00am 6.00pm	Dawn Service Haselbech (followed by breakfast) Festive Holy Communion Sibbertoft Festive Holy Communion Naseby Easter Celebration Marston Trussell Easter Celebration Welford Festive Holy Communion Clipston Festive Holy Communion Welford
24 th	9.30am 9.30am 10.00am 6.00pm	Holy Communion Kelmarsh Morning Worship Sibbertoft All Age Service Clipston Sing for Joy Welford

MAY

1 st	10.00am 6.00pm 6.00pm	Morning Worship Clipston (also on Zoom) Evensong Marston Trussell Evensong Welford
11 th May (NOT 4 th)	10.00am 11.30am	MU Holy Communion tbc Sibbertoft Manor Holy Communion tbc