

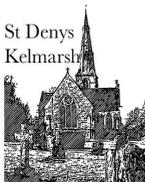
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All Saints, Naseby



St Michael's Haselbech



St Denys  
Kelmarsh

*It's not  
What's under the Christmas tree  
that matters ...*

# The Magazine

*But who is around it  
Charles M. Schulz*



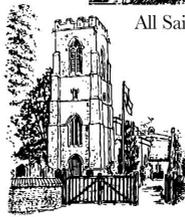
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Marston Trussell, Naseby,  
Welford, Sibbertoft & Clipston

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Dear friends,

A few years ago (back in 2017), the well-known national bakery chain 'Greggs' sparked a furious backlash in their Christmas advertising campaign, when they created a photo of a nativity set with a sausage roll lying in a manger and the three wise men bowed down towards it.

As with all advertising campaigns, sometimes it is the most controversial which stick in our minds.

But it is the question of who is in the manger which is at the heart of Christmas.

The sausage roll is an unexpected twist, yet in Jesus, the unexpected twist is that God himself came to live amongst us.

Emmanuel - ~~U~~God is with usq is essentially the main message of Christmas - That Jesus came to earth and stepped into the darkness of our world to experience what it is to be human and to bring us light and hope within the darkness.

This year there are many opportunities across our 7 beautiful churches to come and worship Jesus, just as the wise men did, in a variety of different ways. We hope that there is something for everyone from the traditional 9 Lessons and Carols, to our more family friendly services of Christingle, Carols and Glow Sticks, or Crib Service. Everyone is very welcome.

May this Christmas we all know afresh the joy and peace of Jesus Christ who entered our world as a baby, placed in a manger, and yet changed history forever...

Every Blessing

Rev'd Tom

Greggs sorry for swapping Jesus for sausage roll in nativity scene



15 November 2017



**Welford in Harmony**  
**Christmas Concert**  
Sunday 15th December  
3.00pm in the Chapel

Join us for a feast of festive songs and stories  
Conducted by Rebecca Schneider

**FREE** entry.

Refreshments available. Donations will be shared between the  
Chapel and our chosen charity,  
Springbridge Driving for the Disabled.

**Christmas Good Neighbours**  
**Coffee morning with mince pies**  
**Tuesday December 3rd**  
**10-12**



**Betty's Christmas Hamper**  
**Green's Country Kitchen**  
**(mincemeat, mince pies, chutney, shortbread etc)**

This year Betty is again supporting prostate cancer with her annual Christmas hamper raffle. Tickets will be on sale at the coffee morning when the draw will take place.

Our usual books (£1), jigsaws (£2) and cards will also be available. We will be serving tea, coffee, biscuits and mince pies all for £1!  
There may even be a little Christmas surprise



We look forward to seeing you. All are welcome.



Jane, Sue & the Team



## **Welford WI meeting Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2024**

President Denise Bott welcomed members and guests to our November meeting and after the singing of Jerusalem, the meeting was handed over to this month's speaker, Natalie Carter from Northamptonshire School of Dance. Natalie guided us through the history of ballet, illustrated by short dance pieces from 6 very talented young ladies. It was a joy to behold, but there was a lovely surprise in store for one Grandma and one Great Grandma in the audience when an extra performance by their family member was included as a bonus for us all ó well done Lucy!

After delicious refreshments provided by Julie Cromack, Maureen James and Val Jackson the business section of the meeting started. Our Charity total for Remap stands at a wonderful £1715 following a very successful jigsaw afternoon raising £222. Reports were given of members enjoying a coffee meet-up, an outing to Lord of the Dance, and the County AGM. The raffle, organised by Viv Journeaux, was won by Jean Baker, Linda Goodwin and Val Morson, and the competition organised by Ann Thorington for 'All that Glitters' was won by Maureen James, Catherine Digby and Pauline Matthew

Dates for your diaries ó

Next coffee meet will be at Green's Country Kitchen on 27<sup>th</sup> November  
Crafters Monday November 25<sup>th</sup> ó making things for Yarn Bombing Women's Rugby World Cup

Our next meeting is the Carol Service in Welford Church on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December to which anyone from Welford or surrounding villages is welcome.

**WELFORD WI**  
**Invite you to our**  
**Carol Service**  
**In St. Mary's church**  
**On Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December**  
**At 7.30pm**

**There will be a collection for our charity REMAP.**

## FROM WELFORD AND SULBY ENDOWED SCHOOL



Have you seen our Ow, Wow and Now boards? These formed part of our spirituality day in January. We looked at the “wows” all around us in the world we live in, such as the beauty of nature, our friends and family. We also discussed the “ow’s” in the world such as war, unkindness and people who don’t have homes and food. The “nows” are what we can do in the moment for ourselves e.g. taking pleasure in reading, taking a quiet moment in our favorite place and talking to people.

It has been wonderful to see our values tree gain so many leaves in our first half term. These are given out in our Friday celebration on assembly to children in each class who have been showing the values of Love, Community and Being Me during the week.



# SIBBERTOFT NEWS

## Sibbertoft Sunday Teas 2024

The teas team are pleased to report that we have enjoyed another successful Teas Season. A huge thank you goes out to all those volunteers who help to keep this amazing project run year on year. Weekly team leaders, general volunteers, cake bakers, plant growers and jam makers.

Our loyal visitors continue to visit on a regular basis. For many coming to Sibbertoft each Sunday is the highlight of their week. They know they will meet friends, be welcomed by the team and of course enjoy a lovely piece of home made cake and a good cup of tea/coffee.

This year we saw the return of Open Gardens in late June.

Despite a slightly cooler day the event was well attended and we were able to donate 50% of Teas takings to Our 'Peace Park' project.

Total income for the year after expenses £9866.

Plus donation to Peace Park £655.

The last three weeks of October supported other fund raising projects, Reading Room £368, Peace Park £545 and Guide Dogs.

We plan to re open the first Sunday in April 2025 and look forward to everyone's continued support.

**ST. HELEN'S CHURCH, SIBBERTOFT**



We are thrilled to announce that

**The Phoenix Saxophone Orchestra**  
[phoenixsax.org.uk](http://phoenixsax.org.uk)

will be returning to St. Helen's, performing a special winter-themed concert, sprinkled with festive tunes.

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December 7.30-9.30 p.m.

Venue: Saint Helen's church

Tickets:  
Adults £17.00 to include a drink and nibbles  
Children 16 and under £5.00 (accompanied by an adult)

A great way to start the Christmas season and support a special village fund-raiser.

Tickets available from:  
Lesley Hartshorne - [lesley1702@aol.com](mailto:lesley1702@aol.com)





## Advent Lessons and Carols

Join us in St Mary's on December 1st at 6 o'clock to celebrate the first Sunday of Advent with a service of lessons and hymns looking forward to the coming of light into darkness.



**Annual Crib service at Welford, St. Mary's on 24<sup>th</sup> December at 4pm**  
Everyone is very welcome to this service, and if young people would like to dress up as a figure in the Nativity that would be even better. A short service with carols, readings, fun and excitement - preparation for Christmas Day.

## Christmas Day Welford 10.30am

If you come along to this service and you would like to bring one present that you have received, we can share everyone's excitement



## Sibbertoft Manor Carols and Readings

This service will take place in St Helens, Sibbertoft on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 11am for the residents of Sibbertoft Manor Care home, and it would be lovely for anyone who wishes to share this service with them to come and join us. A wonderful way to lead into the Christmas season.

If you are a singer and would like to sing in an impromptu choir group especially for this service please do contact Ann Barraclough on [annbarraclough@hotmail.com](mailto:annbarraclough@hotmail.com) or on 575269 or myself, Kairen Ball on 575331 to leave your name and contact details and we will be in touch. The last date for signing up for the choir is Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December, so we can get the music to you and the rehearsal time/ date etc. Looking forward to hearing the 2024 Naseby Christmas Choral Society!

## A BIG THANK YOU

The Parish Magazine reaches almost 800 houses each month, but only does so because a team of deliverers and a dedicated assembler work hard to ensure this happens.

We want to say THANK YOU to you all for your help so reliably and willingly given throughout the year.

As my mother-in-law would say you are storing treasure in heaven.

J & CH

# CHAPEL COMMENT



## A CHRISTMAS STORY

"Joy to the World," the carolers sang out as  
last minute shoppers scurried about,  
desperately seeking that one special gift  
that would give Christmas morning a magical lift.

As an old man stood standing listening to the song, midst all the  
madness of the bustling throng,  
in a shaky hoarse voice he began to join in singing the  
words of the famous old hymn.

One by one people stopped with their madness to join  
with the old man for a moment of gladness.  
By the time the carolers finished with singing the song, the  
whole throng was united as they all sang along.

As if by magic from out of the sky church bells  
rang out from a chapel near by.  
And when it was over the people greeted each other with  
messages of good will they shared with one another.

You see that magical lift the shoppers sought for so long, was  
not in the buying or scurrying along.  
That magical gift so desperately sought was the Spirit of Christmas -

## A PRAYER FOR CHRISTMAS EVE

O God,  
you were pleased to announce the coming of your Son, our Lord  
Jesus Christ,

with choirs of angels who proclaimed with their song,  
"Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth."  
Grant that we may so pass our time here to your glory, that  
at your Son's second coming we may rejoice before him.

Amen

Your friends from Welford Chapel wish you all a very happy and peaceful

CHRISTMAS

With all blessings

Rev Tony

which could never be bought.

## COME AND SING CAROLS



Start Christmas proper the traditional Welford way by joining us on Christmas Eve at 8 o'clock in St Mary's Church for a light-hearted hour of carol singing. All money raised will be divided between the Children's Society and The Cynthia Spencer Hospice. If you are unable to attend but would still like to support these two worthy causes, please contact me, [annbarraclough@hotmail.com](mailto:annbarraclough@hotmail.com)



*With warm croissants*

**Relaxed      Informal      Inspired**

**All Saints Church Clipston Sunday 8th December at 10.30am**

**St Marys Church Welford Sunday 15th December at 10.30am**

*Enjoy tea or coffee*

### **PSALMS AND READINGS – December**

#### **Sunday 1st—1st of Advent**

Psalm Benedictus

First Jeremiah 33, 14 to 16

Second 1 Thessalonians 3, 9 to end

Gospel Luke 21, 25 to 36

#### **Sunday 8th—2nd of Advent**

Psalm 121-

First Malachi 3, 1 to 4

Second Philippians 1, 3 to 11

Gospel Luke 3, 1 to 6

#### **Sunday 15th—3rd of Advent**

Psalm 67

First Zephaniah 3, 14 to end

Second Philippians 4, 4 to 7

Gospel Luke 3, 7 to 18

#### **Sunday 22nd—4th of Advent**

Psalm -

First Micah 5, 2 to 5

Second Hebrews 10, 5 to 10

Gospel Luke 1, 39 to 45

#### **Wednesday 25th—Christmas Day**

First Isaiah 52, 7 to 10

Second Hebrews 1, 1 to 4 (5 to 12)

## **SIBBERTOFT DATE FOR THE DIARY**

15th December 4.00pm **Carol Service**  
(Followed by mulled wine and mince pies)

### **SIBBERTOFT**

	<b>Lesson Reader</b>	<b>Intercessions</b>	<b>Sidesman</b>
8/12	OT Viv Arrowsmith NT Peter Kraftl	Rev Tom	Viv Arrowsmith
25/12	OT Viv Arrowsmith NT Lesley Hartshorne	Cynthia Bailey	Lesley Hartshorne

Eucharistic Assistant 8/12 Sue Clarke 25/12 Viv Arrowsmith

### **WELFORD**

	<b>Lesson Reader</b>	<b>Intercessions</b>	<b>Sidesman</b>
8/12	OT C Horner NT J Horner	J Nicholas	C Horner
15/12	Nine Lessons and Carols		
22/1	OT G Newman NT J Newman	G Temple	M Broad
24/12	Midnight Communion OT P Lane NT G Newman	S Lees	G Newman

Eucharistic Assistant 22/12 K Broad 24/12 K Ball and J. Nicholas

### **WELFORD CONGREGATIONAL CHAPEL**

**Services at 10.45am**

#### **Preacher**

1/12	Rev Tony Avery
8/12	Steve Morrow
15/12	Bobbie Wakeleigh-Jones
22/12	Rev Tony Avery Carol Service
24/12	Rev Tony Avery- Christmas Eve Service
29/12	Taken by congregation

## DECEMBER 2024 CHURCH SERVICES

1 <sup>st</sup>	10:30am	Benefice Holy Communion	Clipston
	6:00pm	Advent Carols	Welford
8 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am	Holy Communion	Sibbertoft
	10:00am	Advent Café Church	Clipston
	6:00pm	Evensong	Welford
15 <sup>th</sup>	10:00am	Holy Communion	Naseby
	10:30am	Advent Café Church	Welford
	4:00pm	Nine Lessons & Carols	Sibbertoft
	6:00pm	Nine Lessons & Carols	Welford
22 <sup>nd</sup>	9:30pm	Advent Holy Communion	Kelmarsh
	4:00pm	Carols & Glowsticks	Naseby
	6:00pm	Advent Holy Communion	Welford
24 <sup>th</sup>	4:00pm	Christingle	Clipston
	4:00pm	Crib Service	Welford
	5:00pm	Carols & Glowsticks	Haselbeck
	6:00pm	Nine Lessons & Carols	Marston Trussell
	8:00pm	Come & Sing Carols	Welford
	11:30pm	Benefice Midnight Communion	Welford
25 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am	Christmas Holy Communion	Naseby
	9:30am	Christmas Holy Communion	Sibbertoft
	10:30am	Christmas Holy Communion	Clipston
	10:30am	Christmas Special Service	Welford
29 <sup>th</sup>	10:30am	Benefice Holy Communion	Clipston

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