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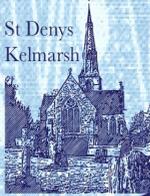
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All Saints, Clipston



St Michael's Haselbech



St Denys
Kelmarsh

No Winter lasts forever ...

The Magazine

No Spring skips it's turn.
Hal Borland



Welford
Congregational Chapel



St Helen's Sibbertoft



St Mary The Virgin, Welford



St Nicholas Marston Trussell

News & Views

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Naseby, Welford, Sibbertoft & Clipston

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Dear Friends,

Injustice is a topic getting much attention in the media just now. The Post Office Horizon Scandal has been described as the UK's widest miscarriage of justice. We are outraged by the way people like us (ie. sub-postmasters) have become victims of machinations of large institutions (ie. the Post Office and Fujitsu) as they have sought to protect their interests.

This is but one example. There are several enquiries currently running, notably the COVID enquiry, and these expose injustices. Journalists investigate one situation after another, exposing outrageous abuses. We feel strongly that justice should be done and seen to be done and that those wronged should see those who wronged them held to account.

I remember watching a BBC TV series on the Secret Life of Kids some years ago. The cameras followed the development of young children in groups, observed by educational psychologists and specialists who drew out their behaviours as they learned to socialise. One episode showed how even pre-verbal infants were keenly sensitive to any unfairness shown by the adults caring for them. If the carer showed bias or favouritism in playing simple games with the group, the toddlers would avoid that adult thereafter. A sense of justice is deeply rooted in us.

Unsurprisingly, justice and injustice feature much in the Bible. One of the best-known stories concerns King Solomon. As the top judge of the day he has to rule on a dispute between two women, both of whom claim the same baby as their own.

Famously, he threatens to divide the baby. The real mother, seeing the life of her baby in jeopardy, proposes the infant is given to her rival. Solomon rejects the claim of the rival and the real mother has her child. He is applauded for his wisdom. Seeking the truth is often the key to resolving a dispute but often very hard to draw out.

Whether it's what is right or just for an individual or for the nation, the topic comes up again and again in the Bible.

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Via Moses, God gives a basic system of laws: the Ten Commandments, setting out the foundation for systems of law including our own. After that, Moses spent a lot of his time resolving countless disputes and contentions arising among the Israelite people as they wandered in the desert for 40 years.

Laws set a basis for doing justice but over time tend to grow ever more complex. Micah, one of the prophets of old whose words are recorded in the Bible, reflected on what God expects of us and with refreshing simplicity concluded that it is: to act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God (Micah 6:8). I can't help thinking that our national and global rulers as well as institutional executives would do well to take this wise advice.

Jesus often railed against injustice and abuses of power. He saw how powerful individuals and institutions acted unjustly and with impunity towards the poor and powerless. He cut through petty regulations and encouraged people to live with integrity and deal with others on a basis of love.

Lent begins this month and so does our journey of reflection upon the events leading up to Easter. Justice and Injustice is one of the topics in the upcoming Lent Group series, starting in Welford on the afternoon of Wednesday 21st February. Why not come along and join the discussion? (See details in the following pages).

By crucifixion Jesus himself became victim of an outrageous injustice. He spoke out against the self-serving rulers and their institutions, both secular and religious. To get him silenced the authorities contrived charges and manipulated the judicial process. He experienced what it is like to be on the receiving end.

Today the risen Jesus stands in solidarity with those who find themselves victims of injustice.

I'll leave you to ponder where you think Jesus stands on the injustices which make our blood boil today.

Gordon Temple
Lay Minister (Reader)



Service of Ashing, Healing and Wholeness

On Ash Wednesday (14 th February) at 2:30pm Revd Clare will be leading a Service of Ashing at St Mary's, Welford. The service will also include prayer for healing and wholeness.



Lent Group

This year's Lent Group will be meeting weekly on Wednesdays at 2:30pm at 14 The Leys, Welford (Gordon & Pat's home)

starting on 21st February and concluding on 20th March.

With cup of tea or coffee in hand this will be a time of relaxed discussion of Lent themes (see below) linked with the Bible readings set for the services on the previous Sunday.

Just come along but if you would like something read in preparation for each get together then

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1. Wilderness & Temptation
2. Following & Faith
3. Justice & Injustice
4. Repentance & Forgiveness
5. Life & Death

SIBBERTOFT NEWS

Saxophone Concert **Saint Helens church December 2023.**

On the evening of 15th December over 80 people were treated to a fabulous concert of top quality music provided by 'The Phoenix Saxophone orchestra' 14 band members filled the church with rich sounds through various styles of music including several festive themed pieces. Who knew that the Saxophone could produce such a wide range of sounds? In addition we were treated to a beautiful sung Solo 'Making Who-pee' by Jane one of the band members.

The response by the audience was a joy to witness I think we can call this a huge success –maybe an event to be repeated?

In addition to the musical entertainment we also drew the winning ticket for the Picture raffle (won by Lesley Hartshorne). Tickets were also sold for a Festive Food Hamper Steve Kimble being the lucky winner drawn at the Carol service on Sunday 17th.

Special thanks go to John and Dawn Hensman who donated both prizes
The village enjoyed a great community weekend. The concert raising £750 after expenses plus £455 from the sale of raffle tickets. Thanks to all those who supported in so many ways.

Saint Helens Church Yard

The church yard maintenance volunteers have been busy over the past few weeks and months. Cutting back over grown hedges, trimming graves, wood staining the gates.

In January 4500 spring and summer bulbs were planted. We were a little late getting them in but hope we will get a good show of colour in a few months time that will build in years to come.

SAINT HELENS PCC WISH TO THANK EVERYONE IN THE VILLAGE WHO HAVE GIVEN THEIR SUPPORT THROUGH OUT 2023.WE HOPE THIS WILL CONTINUE INTO THE YEAR AHEAD. COMBINED WE MAKE A GREAT TEAM.

Sibbertoft Sunday Teas 2024
Teas signing will take place
on Wednesday 28th February 6.30-7.30

NEW RECRUITS NEEDED - PLEASE.

The tea team invites everyone in the village to offer their help and volunteer to sign up for 2/3 Sundays throughout the teas season. Commencing Sunday 7th April through to Sunday 6^h October 1.30-5.30pm. If you haven't previously been involved please consider becoming a team member in 2024. Many of the existing volunteers are now well into their retirement years and we urgently need fresh new blood to lighten our load.

Sibbertoft is very proud of its 30year history keeping this valued community project running 27 weeks of the year! We need to fill 108 places (4 per week). In addition to raising vital funds for the maintenance of Saint Helens Church, Sunday Teas provides a warm welcome for so many people (many who live alone). We have a fantastic loyal following many of our visitors saying Sibbertoft Sunday Teas is the high light of their week. Meeting and making new friends and knowing they will receive a friendly welcome And an opportunity to chat. Plus of course a slice of delicious home-made cake and a good cup of tea/coffee.

New volunteers will be well supported by those more experienced and you will get a chance to meet your neighbours and make new friends.

Setting up tables, serving cake, making drinks, washing up etc. Nothing too onerous but your help will be hugely valued. Pop down and have a chat with us or call one of the Tea team for more information (via what's app sibbertoft social)

EVERYONE'S HELP IS VITAL TO THE CONTINUATION OF THIS VALUED COMMUNITY PROJECT.



1. After Adam, Eve, Cain and Abel, who is the next person named in the bible?
Enoch Jubal Lamech Zillah
2. Which sign of the zodiac comes between Leo and Libra?
Taurus Virgo Aries Capricorn
3. Where was the plane heading to in Elton John's song 'Daniel'?
New York France Spain Rio
4. In which Australian state is Darwin?
Victoria Queensland Western Australia Northern Territories
5. Lisbon stands on the mouth of which river?
Tagus Guadiana Ebro Duero
6. What is an axolotl?
Nerve in the brain Multi-axled Vehicle Type of Salamander
Type of mortice Lock

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Come and Sing Carols 2023

Many thanks to those who flocked to the church on Christmas Eve to support this annual fundraising event in aid of Cynthia Spencer Hospice and The Children's Society. The church was full, the singing as enthusiastic as ever and the choir of 21 was, as always, a privilege to work with.

Thank you to all those who donated to the magnificent collection of over £620 collected on the night. Further donations have meant that cheques for £450 have been sent to each of the charities. What a generous village we live in!

Alan and Ann Barraclough



CHAPEL COMMENT

Contemplate this Buddhist prayer of peace and reflect on its meaning today=

May I become at all times, both now and forever
A protector for those without protection,
A guide for those who have lost their way,
A ship for those with oceans to cross,
A bridge for those with rivers to cross,
A sanctuary for those in danger,
A lamp for those without light,
A place of refuge for those who lack shelter.....
And a servant to all in need.

Friday 1st March 2024 – World Day of Prayer Palestine

This year's service prepared by an ecumenical group of Christian women from Palestine is entitled "I beg you, bear one another in love."

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

If you would like to know more about the service, please come along to the Chapel schoolroom on Friday 16th February 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



Christmas Diorama competition

We received a good number of Dioramas depicting some or all of the sections of the birth of the Christ Child in the manger . the birth, the visit from the angels, the shepherds and the magi. No two were exactly the same and there is obviously a lot of talent in using the creative arts in this village.

We received dioramas from the Pangano family, the G.L.O.W (God lights our way from WSSSES), Monty George (Yr 2), Molly Barraclough (Yr 7), Lily-Anne Brooks-Payne (Yr 7), Freya Tyrell (Yr 7), Chloe Holland and Eloise Smith (Yr 9). There were entries from a family, from a school club, from the Guides, of which some were individual entries and some were teams. The Dioramas decorated the inside of the Church windows during Christmas time. Well done to everyone who took part.

Advance notice of the next competition

The next competition will be an Easter garden diorama. This time it doesn't have to be in a shoe box it can be displayed on a piece of card and must be no bigger than 30cm x 30cms.

You can depict any part of the Passion, Crucifixion, death, burial and resurrection or try to represent all the story.

You will find the information in John ch 13 and John ch 18-20.

Put your thinking caps on, more details in March magazine.

There will be entry forms to complete for each entry.

Enjoy getting creative

Kairen



Secret Santa

I would like to thank everyone who volunteered to help me sew the bright red felt mitts which held the Secret Santa gifts for the Residents of Sibbertoft Manor. To Ann, Sue, Harriet, Denise and Josie, they did a wonderful job and the mitts looked lovely all filled with 5 small gifts before I delivered them to Sibbertoft Manor in the week before Christmas Day. The thank you\$ would not be complete without thanking the folks who generously gave money which helped the purchase of the gifts and materials. Each mitt had a packet of tissues, some heart shaped chocolates, a small notebook and pencil and a lip balm. The Staff were wowed by them when they were delivered, but as yet I have not yet spoken to the residents this year. All the support we received was very much appreciated.

Thank you.

Kairen



Good Neighbours – February 2024

Our February Good Neighbours Coffee Morning will be on Tuesday February 6th from 10.00-12.00 in the Village Hall. Cost £1 for coffee/tea and biscuits. Unlimited refills!

Come along for a chat, meet your friends old and new and buy a book or jigsaw. Last two months to support the WI's charity for this year – Welford Educational Trust.

All are welcome.

Jane, Sue & The Team



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Monday 12th February

at St Mary's Church between 2pm -3.15pm.

Everyone is welcome.

There is no charge, but a donation would be gratefully received.

Kairen



Welford WI January 2024 meeting

President Denise Bott, welcomed 22 members and wished them all A Happy New Year. After the singing of Jerusalem the December minutes were read and signed and Denise thanked all who had contributed to the success of the Party. It was agreed that our nominated charity **would** receive £1,100, leaving a small amount to go forward to next year's choice. A card went round for suggestions for this, to be voted for in February. Lists also went round for 2024/2025 duties and Committee.

Julie Newman then read out short details of the four suggested resolutions to be voted on with buttons in a bowl, one of which will go forward to the National AGM. The winner was Dental Health Matters with 9 votes. Christine O'Reilly has booked the Pytchley for a lunchtime meal on Thursday 11th April, and the next coffee meeting will be in February (date and venue **tbd**). There are still 6 tickets spare for Singing in the Rain on **17th** July. County outings include a walking tour in London, Middleton Hall and the National Flower Show. A skittles evening has been arranged on Thursday 25th January at Sue Walton's house in Sulby.

Our speaker, Caroline Bendix, then gave an informative and very entertaining talk about the history of bookbinding with many beautiful slides and fascinating facts. She was enthusiastically thanked by Alison Pryce.

Delicious refreshments were provided and served by Debbie Green, Gloria Hart and Sue Walton. The competition for an old book organised by Catherine Digby was won by Alison Pryce, 2nd Jane Cottrell and 3rd Julie Newman. The raffle organised by Ann Thorington for Christine O'Reilly, was won by Julie Bentham, Sue Wilson and Pauline Matthew. The meeting closed at 9.25.

The speaker for February is Susie Lickman -Care of Houseplants and the competition is A Plant Pot. Everybody welcome.



with warm croissants

Relaxed Informal Inspired

St Marys Church Welford

Sunday 18th February at 10.30am

Enjoy tea or coffee

PSALMS AND READINGS – February

Sunday 4th 2nd Sunday before Lent

Psalm 42, 1 to 7

First Proverbs 8.1, 22 to 31

Second Colossians 1, 15 to 20

Gospel John 1, 1 to 14

Sunday 11th February—Sunday next before Lent

Psalm 121

First 2 Kings 2, 1 to 12

Second 2 Corinthians 4, 3 to 6

Gospel Mark 9, 2 to 9

Sunday 18th February—1st of Lent

Psalm 61

First Genesis 9, 8 to 17

Second 1 Peter 3, 18 to end

Gospel Mark 1, 9 to 15

Sunday 25th February—2nd of Lent

Psalm 46, 1 to 7

First Genesis 17, 1 to 7 and 15 to 16

Second Romans 4, 13 to end

Gospel Mark 8, 31 to end

SIBBERTOFT

	Lesson Reader	Intercessions	Sidesman
14/1	OT Cynthia Bailey NT Viv Arrowsmith	Toby Jackson	
28/1	OT Peter Krafti NT Alex Robinson	Caroline Robinson	Miles Lloyd
	Eucharistic Assistant 28/1 Viv Arrowsmith		

WELFORD

	Lesson Reader	Intercessions	Sidesman
11/2	OT P Lane NT S Lees	S Bevin	C Horner
18/2	OT G Newman NT J Newman	S Lees	G Newman
25/2	OT C Horner NT J Horner	J Nicholas	C Horner
	Eucharistic Assistant 18/2 K Broad		

WELFORD CONGREGATIONAL CHAPEL

Services at 10.45am

	Preacher	Flowers
4/2	Rev Tony Avery	Mrs W McCullagh
11/2	David Biddle	Mrs M Curtis
18/2	Rev Tony Avery	Mrs S Lees
25/2	Bill Johnson	Mrs P Lane
3/3	Rev Tony Avery	Mrs D Avery

Answers.

1. Enoch 2. Virgo 3. Spain 4. Northern Territories 5. Tagus 6. Type of Salamander

FEBRUARY 2024 SERVICES

4 th	10:30am	Benefice Holy Communion	Naseby
11 th	9:30am	Holy Communion	Naseby
	9:30am	Morning Worship	Sibbertoft
	10:00am	Café Church	Clipston
	11:00am	Holy Communion	Marston Trussell
	6:00pm	Evensong	Welford
14 th	2:30pm	Ashing & Healing Service	Welford
18 th	9:30am	Holy Communion	Kelmarsh
	10:30am	Café Church	Welford
	6:00pm	Holy Communion	Welford
21 st	11:00am	Sibbertoft Manor Service <i>at St Helen's - all welcome</i>	Sibbertoft
25 th	9:30am	Holy Communion	Sibbertoft
	10:00am	All Age Service	Clipston
	11:00am	Holy Communion	Haselbech
	6:00pm	Evensong	Welford
3 rd Mar	10:30am	Benefice Holy Communion	Sibbertoft

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

MORNING PRAYER

Revd Clare invites you to join her in saying Morning Prayer on Thursday mornings:

... in St Marys, Welford on 1st, 15th and 29th at 10:00am

... in All Saints, Clipston on 8th and 22nd at 9:30am

The Magazine.

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

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

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