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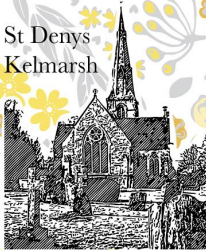
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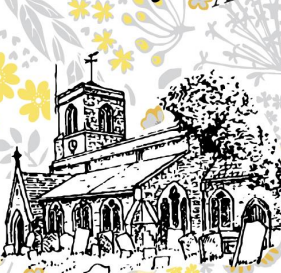
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*It can only be achieved
by understanding*

Albert Einstein



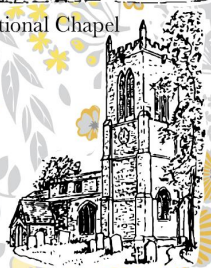
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Reflection

Today as I write this reflection, I am taken by the way nature has awakened over the past few weeks. From the cold starkness of winter, the weeks leading to and just beyond Easter have heralded the re-awakening of nature with its dazzling springtime flowers, vibrant hedgerows and blossoming trees. Birds have burst into activity ready for the mating season and those of us prepared to leave our bedroom windows slightly open or take a very early morning walk, may have felt blessed to hear the enchanting complexity of the dawn chorus.

It is perhaps at such times that we feel closest to nature. Our reflections over Easter may also have drawn us to contemplate the state of world events and even our place in the world and within creation as a whole.

Old Testament scripture teaches us that when God looked at the world He had created He saw that it was good. His plan was that mankind would play a part in this creation, saying:

"I have placed my rainbow in the clouds. It is the sign of my covenant with you and with all the earth" Genesis 9.13.

Throughout the Old Testament we read how the natural world was celebrated as a true and wonderful gift from God.

*"Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice; let the sea roar, and all that fills it; let the field exult, and everything in it. Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy.
Psalms 96.11-12*

What happened to change this? Was there a particular time when mankind began to lose its awe of the natural world and appreciation of its intrinsic value? Some would point to the Industrial Revolution or the broader philosophical aspects of the Enlightenment period in the eighteenth century. Whatever the reason, there came a turning point when the world's sense of wonder diminished, and the natural world took on the role of a commodity or a resource that might be freely exploited.

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Whatever started the process of change, perhaps we all now have to accept the reality that the materialistic culture in which we live makes it, virtually impossible for any of us to live without impacting negatively on the natural world in some way or other.

Jesus built on the Old Testament understanding of the natural world. He could calm a storm with a word, make people's bodies well with a touch, he could walk on water at will, and was adept at multiplying food when the need arose.

He also constantly referred to the natural world in his teaching. He talked about animals and birds in his parables and rebuked the crowds telling them that no clothing, however splendid, could make any of them more beautiful than ~~the~~ ~~lilies~~ in the fields.

As we look at the world around us, we can see how creation has been designed to give us what we need to thrive in an environment which teems with life and beauty. We are not, however, the masters of the arrangement . but as servants within it. As we read in a Psalm of David:

"The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof, the world, and those who dwell therein." Psalm 24.1

May we never take our world for granted and try always to do treat it with the reverence and care it deserves.

Whatever the time of year and wherever we find ourselves, we are called to remain in awe of God's creation on which we rely so completely.

May we do as God calls us to love Him, to love one another and to cherish the living world . in all its beauty, its glory and its magnificence.

Val Carpenter
Reader

New Naseby Benefice Rector

I am delighted to announce that following interview and with the agreement of Bishop Debbie and the Parish Representatives, The Revd Thomas Grant currently Team Curate in the Harborough Anglican Team, Leicester Diocese, has been offered and has accepted the invitation to become Rector in the Naseby Benefice.+

Tom will be Instituted by Bishop Debbie and Inducted by Archdeacon Richard on 29 July 2024 at 7pm at St Mary the Virgin, Welford.+

Please pray for Tom as he completes his ministry in the Leicester Diocese and as he and the family prepare to move, live and work with the parishes in the Naseby Benefice.+

The Venerable Richard Ormston

Archdeacon of Northampton

14th April 2024

The Revd Clare Glover

Clare has accepted the position of Rector in the Fiveways Benefice, this is situated between Daventry and Banbury.

Clare will be Instituted by Bishop John and Inducted by Archdeacon Richard on 3 June 2024 at 7:30pm at Holy Cross, Byfield.

Please pray for her work in this new role.



Easter Garden competition

Over Easter St Mary's Church in Welford was splendidly decorated with floral decorations, Easter gardens and our wonderful Easter garden tableau resplendent on top of the tomb outside the Lady Chapel.

We would like to thank all the people who contributed to the church looking so wonderful over Easter and the immediate weeks after.

We had approximately 16 Easter gardens in the competition and it was very difficult to judge for the prizes so Molly Barraclough from the Girl Guides and the Reception class from WSSSES will receive their prizes shortly. I hope everyone who saw the gardens really enjoyed making them as well as taking time to reflect on the amazing, exciting and very hope-filled account of that first Easter Day



TODAY'S THE DAY!

Here's a few dates for your diary in May

2nd May	National Life Insurance Day
11th May	World Bellydance Day
13th May	National Frog Jumping Day
25th May	World Fish Migration Day
26th May	National Blueberry Cheesecake Day

ADVANCE NOTICE OF THE NEXT COMMUNITY COMPETITION



In order to be able to decorate the Church for Harvest time we want to open up a very wide briefed %competition+to

reflect on the meaning of harvest. %Entry+is open to anyone who wishes to take part.

You can use whatever medium you prefer e.g. paints, needle and thread, clay, music, video, audio, pen, fabric, wool, wood, metal, flowers etc. No medium is off limits (well almost none!). The item can be anything you want, and within reason whatever size you feel it needs to be (but you will need to deliver it to church!).



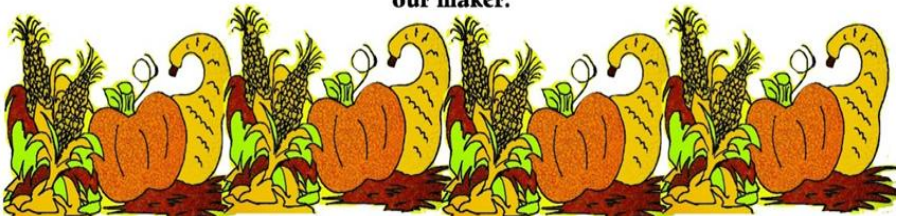
Our Harvest festival date has not yet been confirmed but it is likely to be mid/late September . October. So now is the time to get your thinking/design hats on with making time dependent on the longevity of your creation. There will be an entry card on which we will need your name, a title if your work has one and what it %ays+to you about harvest. Kairen Ball 575331

Psalms 95:1,2,6

O come, let us sing unto the LORD: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto him with psalms.

O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the LORD our maker.





CHRISTIAN AID WEEK

12th ó 18th May 2024

As in the last few years there will not be a house-to-house collection for Christian Aid Week. However there is an envelope with this magazine. If you wish to donate to this charity, please either take the envelope to the Church or to 30 Wakefield Drive. If you wish me to collect your envelope please telephone 01858575335. Thanking you in anticipation Julie Newman.

Peterborough Diocese Pilgrimage Visitor - 16th May

In May Revd Charlie Nobbs (Peterborough Diocese Director for Mission) is walking the Diocese Pilgrimage along the northern boundary of the Diocese from Peterborough to Brackley.

His walk brings him through the parishes of Marston Trussell, Sibbertoft and Welford on 16th May. In the evening there will be an opportunity to welcome Charlie and join a free-ranging discussion with him about pilgrimage, faith, the church or whatever . all points of view welcome!

Charlie is booked for an evening meal at The Wharf Inn at 6:00pm. Join us there. Either book with the Wharf for dinner with us (ask to join Charlie's table) or come along from 7:15pm to join for a drink and a chat.

Contact Gordon Temple or Valerie Carpenter for more info.
(see inside front cover listing)

**A date for your diary...
St Mary's Church Fete
Saturday 14th September 2024**

2.00 – 4.30pm

at

The Manor House

by kind invitation of John and Christine O'Reilly

If you would like to run a stall then please contact Bob Finch on
07733326700 or else robert.finch@ke6n.ac.uk



THE QUEEN ELEANOR CHOIR

This very talented choir is coming to Welford to perform in St. Mary's church on the 8th of June from 7.30 pm. Tickets will be available from John Nicholas priced at £10.00 to include a glass of wine or soft drink at the interval. This is really a show not to be missed, the choir have sung at the Royal Albert Hall and in Paris and Barcelona and are a class act. Contact John on 01858 575422 or email john.nick@btopenworld.com to reserve your tickets.



WELFORD WI APRIL MEETING

The President, Denise Bott, welcomed 33 members and after singing Jerusalem, the March minutes were read and approved.

The next coffee meet up will be on Monday 22nd April at Cafe Insomnia, located in the Library on Adam and Eve Street, at the earlier time of 10.30. The craft afternoon on Monday 29th April in the Billiard Room at 2.00 will continue with knitting squares for the Linus project. All are welcome, cost £2.00. Our new charity for 2024 will be Remap, a voluntary organisation solving problems for people with disabilities.

Thanks were given to Christine O'Reilly for organising a very successful lunch for 21 members at The Pytchley, West Haddon. Cards were sent round for help at Kidsfest and various outings. Events for your diary - Saturday 22nd June Cream Teas in the Village Hall. Saturday 2nd November- Jigsaw afternoon. The resolution for the AGM at the Royal Albert Hall, Dental Health Matters, was discussed and voted on. The WI is calling for the Government to increase funding to train and retain NHS dentists.

Our speaker, Steve Rankine, gave an interesting and knowledgeable talk about the Harborough Woodland Group, set up to plant trees in Leicestershire to increase bio diversity and prevent flooding.

Tasty refreshments were provided by Alison Pryce, Sue Lees and Nicky White. Michelle Wilson helped with serving. The raffle, organised by Christine O'Reilly, was won by Pauline Underhill, Jean Baker and Lynne Sharpley. The competition for a jug, organized by Julie Newman, was won by Sue Lees, 2nd Sue Wilson and 3rd Ann Thorington. The annual competition shield was awarded to Jane Cottrell, with Alison Pryce second and Julie Newman third.

The speaker for May is Andrew Tennet - The Life of Virginia Bradford. The competition is a black and white photo. Everybody welcome.

GREAT NEWS FROM WADS

On May 29th , 30th and 31st we are presenting

~~W~~e Happy Few+, written by Imogen Stubbs.

It is a play based on a true story. A group of women came together to take excerpts from classic plays around the country during WW2. These excerpts were as diverse as Macbeth to Winnie the Pooh! It is very funny, but also has moments of sadness. It is 10 years since we performed a straight play. A break from the usual farces.

We hope you will support us. It will be a great evening of entertainment.

Mailing list tickets go on sale on 29th April.

If you want to be added to our mailing list,

let Chris know on chrisbrowny55@hotmail.co.uk or 575494



1. What is the oldest soft drink in the USA?
Coca Cola Pepsi Dr Pepper Canada Dry
2. What country's national animal is a unicorn?
Scotland Denmark Finland New Zealand
3. What is the main ingredient of falafel?
Lentil Chickpea Split peas Broccoli
4. What sport has been played on the moon?
Frisbe Soccer Golf Handball
5. Mycology is the scientific study of what?
Cancer cells Flowers Fungi Blood
6. What animal is the closest living relative of a human?
Gorilla Monkeys Bonobos Chimpanzee
7. Which sea creature has three hearts?
Shark Jellyfish Stingray Octopus
8. What is the smallest country in the world?
Luxemburg Vatican city Palau San Marino

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Good Neighbours

Coffee Morning

May's coffee morning will be on Tuesday May 7th in the village hall from 10-12. Cost £1. Books, jigsaws and cards for sale. All welcome.

Our new charity for the year is REMAP, a voluntary organization providing solutions for people with disabilities. We recently had an excellent talk by one of their volunteers at WI.

Look forward to seeing you.

Jane, Sue & The Team

PSALM 103 FOR TODAY

Praise the Lord my soul,
All my inmost being praise his holy name.
Praise the Lord my soul,
And forget not all his benefits.
Who forgives our sins,
Who sent his holy Son, the Lord Jesus Christ
To be our saviour.
Who loves us with everlasting love
Who gives us Christian brothers and sisters
To share our lives with
Who shows us compassion
Praise the Lord my soul
May each of us receive the blessings God sends us.

CHAPEL COMMENT



Lord, in the quietness reach out and hold me.
Draw me gently into your peace.
And in the loving silence at your heart, attune my ears
to hear the sounds I never listen to.

The harmony that lies in you,
the discords in the world you've put me in.
The laughter and the tears in other people's lives.

Make me more sensitive to others' needs.
Sometimes, I hear the words that others speak,
but fail to grasp their meaning.
Help me to hear the worry hidden in a throw-away remark,
the fear wrapped in a joke,
the insecurity behind unbending dogmatism.
Let me identify the cry for help so casually expressed.

Help me to listen more, and think,
and think before I speak,
and then to think again.

From Conversations & Prayers by Eddie Askew.

1. Dr Pepper
2. Scotland
3. Chickpea
4. Golf
5. Fungi
6. Bonobos
7. Octopus
8. Vatican city



with warm croissants

Relaxed Informal Inspired
St Marys Church Welford Sunday 19th May at 10.30am
Enjoy tea or coffee

T@2

There will be no T@2 in May as the first Monday is a Bank holiday. T@2 will resume on Monday 3rd June at 2pm until 3.15pm in St Marys. Do come along and enjoy coffee, tea, biscuits and company.

PSALMS AND READINGS – May 2024

Sunday 5th May—6th Sunday of Easter

Psalm 98
First Acts, 10, 44 to end
Second 1 John 5, 1 to 6
Gospel John 15, 9 to 17

Sunday 12th May—7th Sunday of Easter

Psalm 24, 1 to 7
First Acts 1, 15 to 17 and 21 to end
Second 1 John 5, 9 to 13
Gospel John 17, 6 to 19

Sunday 19th May—Pentecost

Psalm 84, 1 to 7
First Acts 2, 1 to 21
Second Romans 8, 22 to 27
Gospel John 15, 26 and 27 and 16, 4 to 15

Sunday 26th Mat—Trinity Sunday

Psalm 8
First Isaiah 6, 1 to 8
Second Romans 8, 12 to 17
Gospel John 3, 1 to 17

SIBBERTOFT

	Lesson Reader	Intercessions	Sidesman
26/5	OT Sue Clarke NT Jose Kirby	Viv Arrowsmith	Viv Arrowsmith

St. Helen's Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Tuesday 7th May, 6.30pm in church

All Welcome

WELFORD

	Lesson Reader	Intercessions	Sidesman
12/5	OT G Newman NT J Newman	S Lees	G Newman
19/5	OT P Lane NT A Barraclough	S Bevin	C Horner
26/5	OT C Horner NT J Horner	J Nicholas	C Horner

Eucharistic Assistant 19/5 K Broad

WELFORD CONGREGATIONAL CHAPEL

Services at 10.45am

	Preacher	Flowers
5/5	Rev Tony Avery	Mrs J Bale
12/5	Bobbie Wakeleigh-Jones	Mrs W McCullagh
19/5	Rev Tony Avery	Mrs M Curtis
26/5	Trevor Boys	Mrs S Lees
2/6	Rev Tony Avery	Mrs D Avery

MAY 2024 SERVICES

5 th	10:30am	Benefice Holy Communion	Welford
12 th	10:00am	Holy Communion	Marston Trussell
	10:00am	Café Church	Clipston
	6:00pm	Evensong	Welford
19 th	10:30am	Holy Communion	Haselbech
	10:30am	Café Church	Welford
	6:00pm	Holy Communion	Welford
26 th	9:30am	Morning Worship	Sibbertoft
	10:00am	Holy Communion	Clipston
	6:00pm	Evensong	Welford
5 th June	10:30am	Benefice Holy Communion	Haselbech

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

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