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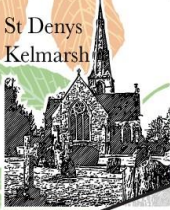
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St Denys
Kelmarsh

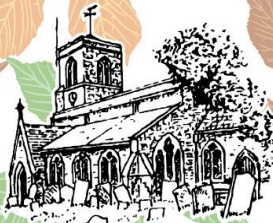
Autumn is a gentle reminder

The Magazine

That changes can be beautiful.
-Heather Stillufsen



Welford
Congregational Chapel



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Welford, Sibbertoft & Clipston

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Dear Friends,

The Psalms: A Mirror of the Human Soul

The Psalms in the Old Testament are the ancient hymns of the Jewish people—songs that continue to be read and sung in our churches today. Within them lies the full spectrum of human emotion, capturing the entire range of life's experiences.

They move from moments of triumph and joy to times of deep despair and darkness—and everything in between. There is something profoundly human in the Psalms, something that speaks to us in every season of life. Whether we're mourning the loss of a loved one, grieving the destruction of creation, or feeling the sting of betrayal, the Psalms give us language for our pain. And when we're celebrating—welcoming a new life, achieving something meaningful, or beginning a fresh start—they give voice to our joy as well.

One of the things I love most about the Psalms is how they teach us who we are. My favourite, Psalm 139, reminds us that each of us is known and loved by God. It tells us that we are *fearfully and wonderfully made*.

"I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well." – Psalm 139:14

As I write this, the world feels heavy. We are living in the shadow of the Charlie Kirk assassination, the polarising visit of a certain president, and a growing humanitarian crisis in Gaza. By the time you read this, these events may have faded from the headlines, replaced by new concerns in our fragmented and divided world.

But Psalm 139 calls us to remember something deeper and more enduring: that each person carries a metaphorical label from our Creator—one that reads, "Fearfully and wonderfully made." There are no exceptions. Yes, even you, reading this now.

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People make wrong choices. People walk destructive paths. But that doesn't erase the truth of our origin: we are made in the image of God, created to reflect something of His love. We forget this at our peril.

If we could learn to see that truth in one another—if we could look for the divine imprint in every person—perhaps the world might begin to heal.

When Jesus said, "Love your enemies," I believe He was also saying: *Look for the part of them that is fearfully and wonderfully made.*

Blessings ,
Rev'd Tom

One for the photo album



Lesley Tomalin pictured with Rural Dean, Alison Twigg, Husband, Bob, Bishop John and Reverend Tom, after her Licensing on 28th August

Harvest Afternoon Tea

Come and celebrate the harvest with a delicious selection of cakes, sandwiches and other sweet and savoury treats!

When? October 5th, 2025

What time? 4.30 pm

Where? In Welford church

Adults £5 per ticket. Children free!

Please contact Ann Barraclough 01858 575269 or
annbarraclough@hotmail.com

Good Neighbours

Coffee Morning – Tuesday October 7th

Welford Village Hall

10.00-12.00

Where do the months go! All welcome for coffee/tea and biscuits,
now £1.50.

Books, cards and jigsaws for sale with all proceeds going to
Rainbows Hospice. We have lots of books and jigsaws from the
Church Fete, especially Christmas ones!

All welcome.

Jane, Sue and the team

2026 Calendars for sale

Beautiful A4 calendar featuring memories from this summer's flower festival. Colour photos taken in the church, showcasing the spectacular singing and all 29 displays. Would make a perfect Christmas gift.

£8.99 per calendar

Order from:

Val Morson—01858 575333

Victoria Johnson—tory22johnson@gmail.com



John and Sue Nicholas

John and Sue will be leaving Welford this month, having lived in the village for almost 50 years,

With an urban background in the suburbs of Leicester, they quickly adopted the village life and the warmth and vitality of the very special place that is Welford.

With a young family there was much to do raising their children and all the other demands of building a home in which there was love and care and encouragement.

Like a few others, they recognized the joy and fulfilment that involvement in the life of the village can bring, so in the years that followed they managed to make an enormous contribution in many many areas, including the Annual Carnival, the Launch and development of the Bugle, the School Football team, the St, Thomas's Trust, the Sportsfield Association, Quizzes, the Luncheon Club., Cold Ashby Golf, Welford Rounders, the Family Court, Prison Visiting and many more.

Both have been very involved in the life of Welford Church. Both members of the PCC, actively involved in Services where John was frequently a Eucharistic Assistant and Intercessor, hosting the Lenten Lunch, contributing to the Harvest Lunch, involvement in the Remembrance Services and Licensing Services of new Priests. In addition a huge contribution to many fundraising events including the annual Church Fete and very recently Choral evenings and the Flower Festival.

As they move on to the next chapter in their lives, we all offer our sincere thanks for all they have done, and our heartfelt good wishes for the future.

JHJ

Farewell in Christ

As fourteen years of ministry in the Diocese draw to a close, our overwhelming sense is of thankfulness. Elizabeth and I are so grateful to God for the privilege of my being called here to serve as one of your Bishops, the warmth of your welcome and the kindness of your support. We have been upheld by your prayers, humbled by your appreciation and thrilled by your willingness to serve Christ. It has been deeply moving to see God at work in our communities, churches and ministries. Thank you all so much.



Throughout my Christian life, I have been sustained by the bible verse printed on a bookmark that I attached to my bedside cupboard whilst growing up. It had God's words of reassurance to Joshua as he took over leadership from Moses and read *"Be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed, for I, the Lord thy God, will be with thee whithersoever thou goest"* (Joshua 1.9).

I love the beautifully challenging prayer attributed to Sir Francis Drake:
*Disturb us, Lord, when we are too well pleased with ourselves,
When our dreams have come true because we have dreamed too little,
When we arrived safely because we sailed too close to the shore.*

*Disturb us, Lord, when with the abundance of things we possess
We have lost our thirst for the waters of life;
Having fallen in love with life, We have ceased to dream of eternity
And in our efforts to build a new earth,
We have allowed our vision of the new Heaven to dim.*

*Disturb us, Lord, to dare more boldly,
To venture on wider seas where storms will show your mastery;
Where losing sight of land, we shall find the stars.*

*We ask You to push back the horizons of our hopes;
And to push into the future in strength, courage, hope, and love.*

Please continue to pray for us as we will continue to pray for you, as the Diocese grows under Bishop Debbie's inspiring leadership.

A handwritten signature in black ink, preceded by a small cross symbol. The signature is stylized and appears to be 'J. Holbrook'.

The Rt Revd John Holbrook
Bishop of Brixworth

Quiz for



- 1) In October 1926 this book was published and written by A.A.Milne. What was the book?
- 2) In Oct 1915 the man often regarded as the greatest cricketer of all time died, what was his name?
- 3) In 1936 which man was named as the Head of State in Spain?
- 4) In 1936 200 men marched from their home town to Westminster to highlight the poverty caused by the closure of their shipyard. What was the march known as?
- 5) 1956 saw the death of the founder of the modern frozen food industry, what was his name?
- 6) In 1991 the creator of Star Trek died, what was his name?
- 7) The United Nations was formed in 1945, what organization did it replace?
- 8) In 1965 which iconic building, the then tallest in London, was officially opened, a title it kept until 1985?
- 9) In October 1925 who performed the first test of a working television system?
- 10) Who launched WikiLeaks in October 2006? *Answers next page*



HALLOWEEN

The tradition dates back to the ancient Celtic festival of Samhain, 2,000 years ago.

The Celts believed Samhain (pronounced sow-ain) was the day in the year when the gap between our world and the spirit world was blurred, making it easier for the spirits of the dead to return.

To commemorate the day, they would build huge bonfires, wear costumes and tell fortunes.

Over many years, as the Romans conquered much of Europe and Christianity spread into Celtic lands, the traditions of these beliefs and cultures blended. Eventually, the Christian festival of "All Saints' or "All Souls Day", otherwise known as All-Hallows, took over - the night before which is called *All Hallows Eve...* leading to the name, yep you guessed it - Halloween.

Trick or Treat began hundreds of years ago in medieval England, when people would go door to door offering a prayer or a song in exchange for food.

We have the Celts to thank for the tradition of wearing spooky costumes which were worn to scare away any evil spirits lurking in the shadows of the celebrations.

Pumpkins ? that's an American thing.

Whereas back home they used to carve faces in turnips, they found pumpkins were easier to grow , so the tradition evolved to carving the pumpkins we are familiar with today.



**Sibbertoft Saint Helens Church and
The Reading Room Joint fundraiser
Christmas Wreath Festival December 13/14th**

Plans are well in progress for a joint village event to celebrate the festive season. Adults and children from local villages are invited to make a Christmas wreath using recycled or reused materials. Items may include traditional hedgerow greenery/ dried flowers or materials that would otherwise be thrown away. Adult wreaths will be displayed in the church and children's in the reading room. The visiting public will be invited to vote for their favourite, with the results announced at the Carol Service held on Sunday 14th at 4pm.

Teas will be available in the Reading room, along with mulled wine, tombola and raffle.

This promises to be a special community event and we look forward to receiving your support. We are engaging with all 3 local schools and hope they will be keen to get involved. Nicola Ash (our talented local florist at La Fete Fleurie) has kindly agreed to run a wreath making demonstration in the Reading Room on 2nd October 7pm using traditional fresh and dried materials. All welcome free entry.

**Anyone interested in submitting a wreath please contact
Lesley Hartshorne.**

lesley1702@aol.com or whatsapp 07765256552 Thank you.

**Please note wreaths will remain in the church/Reading room
till the end of December**



INVICTUS GAMES

FOUNDATION

The Invictus Games - **10 years on** - a growing global movement, rehabilitating wounded servicemen and women worldwide through sport

A talk by

Brigadier (Retired) Richard Smith CBE
Deputy CEO Invictus Games Foundation
and resident of Haselbech Village

St Michael's Church, Haselbech NN6 9LG -
Thursday, 23rd October 7pm

Free entry on the evening and
donations are welcome to the
Invictus Games Foundation

Doors open at 6.30 pm

Talk starts at 7 pm

Followed by refreshments until 8 pm

WI Meeting Thursday 11th September 2025

Vice President Christine O'Reilly welcomed 25 members. We received 12 apologies. After singing Jerusalem the July minutes were read and approved.

Michelle Wilson has completed her coast to coast cycle ride in 3 days. Very many congratulations on such a fantastic achievement. Over £1,100 has been raised for the Rainbows Hospice.

Our next coffee meet up was on Friday 26th September at Magnolia Cafe, Crick. There was a bring your own craft afternoon on Monday September 29th in the Billiard Room.

Birthday flowers were donated by Julie Newman.

Delicious refreshments were provided by Monica Cockerill, Julie Newman and Sandra Wright.

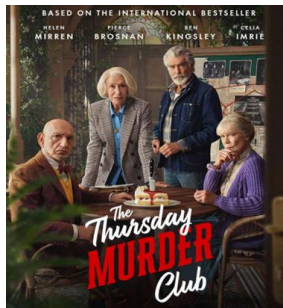
The raffle organised by Jeanne Rae won by Val Morson, Pauline Underhill and Sue Brotherton.

The result of the competition table organised by Pauline Underhill for a Theatre Programme was 1st Jane Cottrell, 2nd Viv Journeaux, 3rd Christine O'Reilly.

The speaker Lisa Read gave a fabulous talk about Laughter Yoga, which was a new experience for most of us. We definitely laughed, learned some new breathing exercises, stretches and how to belly laugh. The vote of thanks was given by Julie Newman.

The next meeting will take place on Thursday 9th October in the Village Hall. The speaker is Sarias Crawshaw - Life as a Wildlife Artist including a pastel demonstration. The competition is something an artist would use. All welcome

WELFORD MOVIE NIGHT Saturday October, 7.30pm. (Doors 6.45)



Welford Village Hall, Tickets £7, Cash or Card

MARSTON TRUISSELL NEWS



Marston Trussell Poppy Fall

With the approach of this years remembrance services the Marston Trussell poppy fall team are tackling the stitching on of the 1000's of poppies that have been knitted and crocheted by our knit and natter group, church friends and family .

We hope to erect the poppy fall by the end of October so that there will be plenty of time for people to visit and appreciate all our hard work whilst reflecting on the great losses of previous wars.

We would love to see you on the 5th November when we will be turning on the floodlights to illuminate the poppy fall. We will also be holding a bonfire night party on the 5th November without fireworks but with lots of hotdogs, soup, hot chocolate and sparklers at Marston Trussell village hall where you will all have the opportunity to enter the "guess how many poppies on our poppy fall" competition. All are welcome to come along from 6.30 to 8.30 to celebrate this great creation.

CHAPEL COMMENT



Song of the Harvest

Decked out in its finest, the country church
stands
Amongst the fields of livestock and acres of land
Where crops have been grown for generations
before.
Now all good folk gather for harvest once more.
The display on the table shows nature's great
bounty
Of fruits, grains and vegetables grown in this
county.
Chestnuts in prickly pompoms reside,
The harvest loaf placed in the centre with pride,
Donations of packets and tins brought to share
So now join our voices to joyfully sing
Of all the great blessings that harvest-time brings.
Laura Tapper

PSALMS AND READINGS – October

Sunday 5th—16th after Trinity

Psalm 65, 9 to 14

First Lamentations 1, 1 to 6

Second 2 Timothy 1, 1 to 6

Gospel Luke 17. 5 to 10

Sunday 12th—17th after Trinity

Psalm 67

First Jeremiah 29, 4 to 7

Second 2 Timothy 2, 8 to 15

Gospel Luke 17, 11 to 19

Sunday 19th—18th after Trinity

Psalm 119, 33 to 40

First Jeremiah 31, 27 to 34

Second 2 Timothy 3, 14 to 45

Gospel Luke 18, 1 to 8

Sunday 26th—Last after Trinity

Psalm 65, 9 to 14

First Joel 2, 23 to end

Second 2 Timothy 4, 6 to 8 and 16 to 18

Gospel Luke 18, 9 to 14

SIBBERTOFT
Harvest Festival 4.00pm in St Helen's. All Welcome

	Lesson Reader	Intercessions	Sidesman
5/10	OT Jenny Lloyd NT Jo Elliot	Cynthia Bailey	Viv Arrowsmith
19/10	OT Toby Jackson NT Lesley Hartshorne Eucharistic Assistant	Rev Tom	Viv Arrowsmith 19/10 Caroline Jackson

	Lesson Reader	Intercessions	Sidesman
5/10	OT W Lees NT A Barraclough	J Nicholas	G Newman
19/10	OT C Horner NT J Horner	TBA	C Horner
26/10	OT J Newman NT G Newmam	S Lees	M Broad
	Eucharistic Assistant 26/10 Kelvin Broad		

WELFORD CONGREGATIONAL CHAPEL
Services at 10.45am

	Preacher	Flowers
5/10	Rev Tony Avery	Mrs M Bott
12/10	Paul Baxter	Miss R Heard
19/10	Rev Tony Avery	Mrs J Bale
26/10	David & Pat Biddle	Mrs W McCulloch
2/11	Rev Tony Avery	Mrs M Curtis

The Naseby Group Sunday Services OCTOBER 2025

10:00am The Morning Worship Stream

Date	Service	Location
5th	Harvest Worship +HC	All Saints, Clipston
12th	Morning Worship +HC	All Saints, Naseby
19th	Morning Worship +HC	St Helens, Sibbertoft
26th	Harvest Worship	Marston Trussell

4:00pm The Fun@4 Stream

Date	Service	Location
12th	Café Church pilot <i>Food-Faith-Community</i>	Welford School (WSSES)

Harvest Specials

Date	Event	Location
5th	4pm - Harvest Worship	St Helens, Sibbertoft
12th	4:30pm - Harvest Tea	Haselbech House
19th	4pm - Harvest Worship	St Denys, Kelmars

6:15pm The Evening Worship Stream

Date	Service	Location
5th	Harvest Worship (with Harvest Tea before - 5pm in church)	St Marys, Welford
19th	Evening Worship	St Mary's Welford
26th	Evening Worship +HC	St Mary's Welford

+HC = service includes Holy Communion

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

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