

**Benefice Services  
April 2021**

29-31 <sup>st</sup> March	7.00pm	Zoom Services for Holy Week
Maundy Thursday	7.00pm	Zoom Service
Good Friday	12-1pm	An Hour at the Cross <b>St. Denys Kelmarsh</b>
	2-3pm	Zoom An Hour at the Cross
	6.30am	Dawn Eucharist <b>St. Michael's Haselbech</b>
Easter Day	9.30am	Easter Service <b>St. Nicholas' Marston Trussell</b>
	9.30am	Easter Service <b>All Saints' Naseby</b>
	9.30am	Easter Service <b>St. Helen's Sibbertoft</b>
	10.00am	Easter Service <b>All Saints' Clipston + Zoom</b>
	6.00pm	Easter Service <b>St. Mary the Virgin Welford</b>
	10.00am	Zoom Service
11 <sup>th</sup> April	6.00pm	Holy Communion <b>All Saints' Clipston</b>
18 <sup>th</sup> April	10.00am	Zoom Service
	6.00pm	Evening Service <b>St Mary the Virgin Welford</b>
25 <sup>th</sup> April	10.00am	Zoom Service
	6.00pm	Evening Service <b>All Saints' Clipston</b>

We plan to keep to a pattern of 10am Zoom and 6pm Evening services in church until we reach Step 4 of the Government's road map (no earlier than 21<sup>st</sup> June), with appropriate additions for Festivals

**PRIVATE PRAYER IN WELFORD**

From Tuesday 6th April Saint Mary's Church will be open every Tuesday from 10.30am till noon for private prayer

**WELFORD CONGREGATIONAL CHAPEL**

**Services at 10.45am**

Sunday 4th. April	Rev Tony Avery
Sunday 11th April	Pastor Barrie Woodward
Sunday 18th April	Paul Baxter
Sunday 25th April	Rev Michael Heighton
Sunday 2nd May	Rev Tony Avery

April 2021

All Saints, Naseby      All Saints, Clipston      St Michael's Haselbech

St Denys Kelmarsh

**STAY HOME  
PROTECT the NHS  
SAVE LIVES**

**The Magazine**

*Remain Vigilant!*

Welford Congregational Chapel

St Helen's Sibbertoft      St Mary The Virgin, Welford      St Nicholas' Marston Trussell

**News & Views**

Haselbech, Kelmarsh, Marston Trussell,  
Naseby, Welford, Sibbertoft & Clipston

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## CHAPEL COMMENT

During this pandemic when we can feel fed-up, frustrated, bored or alone, I'm reminded of the words of a minister who once said, 'When all else fails, you can always turn to God. As believers why don't we turn to God first? The following words of an Easter anthem written by Revd G.R Woodward give us hope for the future.

*'This joyful Eastertide away with sin and sorrow.  
My love the crucified hath sprung to life this morrow.  
Had Christ who once was slain n'er burst his three-day prison  
Our faith had been in vain.  
But now, Christ is arisen,  
Arisen, arisen, arisen.*

Pastor Barrie

Any items for the May edition should be sent on or before 15th April.  
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## World Day of Prayer

It is hoped that the service normally held on the first Friday in March can take place in the Congregational Church at a later date to be arranged.

The WDP National Committee has advised that we may hold the service on an alternative date, when circumstances have improved.

The theme for 2021 is “Build on a Strong Foundation” – Vanuatu.

Vanuatu is a cluster of islands just over 1100 miles to the east of Australia in the southwestern Pacific Ocean.

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Further information can be found on the World Day of Prayer website [www.wwdp.org.uk](http://www.wwdp.org.uk)



*Dear Friends,*

Alleluia, Christ is risen!  
He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

He is indeed, and the Easter promise of new life, new hope and a new future will have added poignancy for many this year as we mourn the loss of family or friends over past months. However, it does look as though, after a long and harrowing journey through the Covid pandemic, we can now perceive a brighter, lighter and more joyful path ahead.

It has been a really difficult time in so many ways, but in the midst of everything else that is happening in your life and the life of the whole world, I hope you have been able to focus your mind on the events of Holy Week; that you will have truly entered in to the story of Christ's earthly life and death, listened for fresh insight into his teaching, placed ourselves amongst the cheering and baying crowds, stood at the foot of the cross, witnessed his agony and felt the pain of our guilt - for, then his resurrection really is something to shout “Alleluia” about. All that has gone before – injustice, betrayal, hatred, fear - is taken through the cross and carried by Christ into the heart of God.



And that is extraordinary enough – yet there is more, far more. For God transforms all that is dark, destructive and deathly, and gives back to us light, creativity and new life.

If we have allowed ourselves to take the darkness and despair of Holy Week into our hearts, allowed it to coalesce with all that is dark and despairing in our own lives, all that diminishes, constrains and drains us of life then, in the same way, we will have shared in the glorious light of Easter morning; will have felt the elation of that transformation, and the joyful yet horrified shock of a world seen through the eyes of Christ.

Life has changed for us – let us change the world, that it may be a place of justice and peace. By God's grace, and in the power of his Spirit, let us go forth and proclaim the good news of Christ, that we and the whole of creation may be ready for his return.

Alleluia, Christ is risen!  
He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

*Reverend Miranda*



## QUIZ FOR



1. In April 2001, the Netherlands became the first country to legalise what?
2. Who became Emperor of Abyssinia in April 1930?
3. Who assassinated Martin Luther King in April 1968?
4. With what song did Abba win The Eurovision Song Contest in April 1974?
5. In April 1922 Lawrence published 'The Seven Pillars of Wisdom' What film based on his life won best picture at the Academy Awards in 1963?
6. Who was elected Prime Minister in April 1992?
7. In which city was the first Jewish ghetto established in April 1516?
8. What was Elvis Presley's first number one hit in April 1956?
9. Where was the world's worst nuclear disaster in April 1986?
10. Which horse racing classic was first run at Newmarket in April 1809?
11. What music service overtook CDs and vinyl in April 2018?
12. What name is given to the unsuccessful invasion of Cuban exiles in April 1961?
13. Who made the controversial 'Rivers of Blood' speech in April 1968?
14. Which superjumbo made its maiden flight in April 2005?
15. What was signed by the British and Irish governments in April 1998?

1. Same sex marriage 2. Haile Selassie 3. James Earl Ray 4. Waterloo 5. Lawrence of Arabia 6. John Major 7. Venice 8. Heartbreak Hotel 9. Chernobyl 10. 2000 guineas 11. Streaming 12. Bay of Pigs 13. Enoch Powell 14. A380 15. Good Friday/Belfast Agreement



## For the attention of all you ladies!

How fortunate are we to be living in Welford, surrounded by the beautiful Northamptonshire countryside, during the long months of this pandemic?

On my walks round the village, it has been such a pleasure to have met several new faces, alongside `old friends`, and to stop....albeit socially distanced!....for a chat or just to pass the time of day.

When we return to normal, we mustn't loose this connection. To this end....why not give WI a try?

During lockdown, our secretary Jane, has put together a weekly newsletter with contributions from members, which has kept everyone in touch. The committee have provided Afternoon Tea goody bags and an Advent Jam Jar to amuse and challenge in the days leading up to Christmas. Telephone calls have been made to those not able to leave their homes and many other small, but meaningful gestures made to keep spirits up. Lately we have held our monthly meetings on zoom!

When we are able, our meetings in the Village Hall, (second Thursday in the month starting at 7.30pm except for August), provide a speaker or demonstration on a variety of topics, tea, cake and friendship. We also arrange walks, skittles matches, support charities, arrange outings and support those arranged at County level.

Why not give us a try? For more details call our President Denise Cattell 575494 or our Vice President Denise Bott 575746 for a chat.

No obligation to join! Attend one Thursday free of charge, as a taster of just what is on offer from one of the societies in the village.



## Jars of Change –Water Aid Lent Appeal

No doubt by the time you are reading this the Church time of year known as Lent will be almost, if not behind us, and we will have remembered the horrific death of our Lord Jesus Christ, but will by then, likely be rejoicing in the resurrection on Easter Day.

This will signify the end of our Lent involvement in the Jars of Change appeal to make a contribution to Water Aid in their help to supply clean drinking water , sanitation and health teaching to all the peoples of the world.

We would like to collect all the donations on Easter Day, and there will be a service at each of our 7 parishes in the benefice either on Good Friday or Easter Day, when you can either send your jar (with an indication of the donor and their home Parish) back to me via the named member of the ministry team, or count up your donations and write a cheque to **Water Aid** for the amount you donated and give it to the named person from the ministry team. I will then put a covering letter with the cheques and send them off to Water Aid.

Good Friday	Kelmarsh	Reverend Kris
Easter Day	Naseby	Trevor Lake/Margaret Diack
Easter Day	Marston Trussell	Gordon Temple
Easter Day	Sibbertoft	Kairen Ball/Diane Parton
Easter Day	Clipston	Val Carpenter
Easter Day	Haselbech	Reverend Miranda & Reverend Kris
Easter Day	Welford	Kairen Ball

If you are unable to attend a church at Eastertime please contact me (575331) and we can arrange a mutually convenient time for your donation to be collected. Alternatively, please pass to Reverend Miranda or Reverend Kris, whichever is easier for you.

Thank you for taking part in this appeal.

Kairen Ball Lay Minister

## Saint George

23rd April



We all know Saint George is patron saint of England, but did you know that he is also patron saint of Aragon, Catalonia, Georgia, Lithuania, Palestine, Portugal, Germany and Greece; and of Moscow, Istanbul, Genoa and Venice (second to Saint Mark). He's also patron saint of soldiers, archers, cavalry and chivalry, farmers and field workers, riders and saddlers, and he helps those suffering from leprosy, plague and syphilis. In recent years he has been adopted as patron saint of scouts.

The story of Saint George is so wrapped in myth and legend that it's difficult to extract the historical facts of a real life. Some believe he never existed or that he's a Christianised version of an older pagan myth. In the early centuries of Christianity, followers would write up fabulous accounts of the lives of their heroes. This enhanced George's reputation but left the details of his life very blurred.



## Pop up shops

Similar to last year we plan to open each Saturday at 11am (weather permitting) outside Cynthia's house on Welland Rise and Roserie Cottage, Westhorpe. Seasonal and perennial plants, jams etc. We are of course happy to give gardening/growing advice and take orders for specific items. Cut flowers will be available later in the year. If there is a demand home made cakes will be available the first Saturday in the month. Check Social media for details.

**Donations of labelled plants, eggs, seasonal fruit and vegetables etc always welcomed.**

All funds raised will go to the maintenance and upkeep of Saint Helens Church.

We look forward to your continued support in 2021.

Thanks Lesley & Cynthia.

**Our hope is to reopen Sunday teas at the end of June!**





**Spring 2021 Re-opening  
of the  
'Pop up shops'. Easter  
Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 11am  
-3pm**

**All current covid compliance safety rules to  
apply.**

**Crafts and Cake stall at 25 Welland Rise  
Plants, Jams etc. Greenhouse, Roserie  
Cottage, Westhorpe.**

After a long cold winter of lock down come and meet friends and neighbours and welcome the return of this popular fund raising village event. Many of us have been busy crafting new season gifts and stationary items. Preparing herbaceous perennials, seed sowing vegetables and annuals to fill your ornamental gardens and allotment plots.

**Cake Stall**

**Selling all our usual home baked delicious  
goodies.**

**Lemon/Coffee/Chocolate cake, Easter cup  
cakes, Brownies,**

**Bakewell/Almond apple Slices, Rocky Road,  
Savoury and Sweet scones, Pies and more.**



**Good Neighbours**



Jane & Sue would like to wish all our 'Good Neighbours' a very Happy Easter. Last time we saw you was December. We are very hopeful we will be able to meet up for our 'Coffee Morning' in May. More details will be in May's Parish magazine.



No one is sure how the month ended up with its name, but we do know the Romans named it "Aprillis."  
The etymology behind the word "April" comes from the verb "aperire," which means "to open." It's commonly believed that the word refers to the season of trees and flowers beginning to "open" or bloom.  
Those who were born in April have a diamond as their birthstone, which represents innocence. Their birth flower is either a Daisy or a Sweet Pea.  
April is a great month for meteor showers. One of which is the Lyrids meteor shower, which appears from April 16<sup>th</sup> to April 26<sup>th</sup> each year.  
There are quite a few notable historical people born in April, such as Leonardo da Vinci, Shakespeare, and Queen Elizabeth II.  
George Washington was inaugurated as the First President of the United States on April 30<sup>th</sup> 1796  
Back in the time of the ancient Romans, April was sacred to the goddess Venus.  
On April 11<sup>th</sup> 1970, Apollo 13 was launched and ran into difficulties about two days later. It was then that the famous line "Houston, we've had a problem here" was said.  
After a 1,500 year break, the first Olympics of the modern era took place on April 6<sup>th</sup>, 1896.

## ST NICHOLAS CHURCH, MARSTON TRUSSELL

We sincerely hope everyone is keeping safe and well? Please be assured there is always someone willing to help, if they can, in our lovely village. Do not be afraid to ask.

The church as you all know has mostly had virtual services, parishioners have been able to join in but we pray and hope for a return to our normal services together when it is safe to do so. The Parochial Church Council is very small and in need of new members to share the work of God in this parish. We have no churchwardens and the present Secretary wishes to pass on the baton. (It is not a necessary requirement to come to church for this position). Anyone interested please contact Reverend Miranda Hayes, whatever your talents may be. We want you to be part of our church community, whether it be flower arranging, cleaning or helping with events when we are allowed to get fundraising again. Much of which will be needed for programmed work on the church. All information on the Benefice website [nasebygroup.org](http://nasebygroup.org)

You will see there has been a wooden cross positioned near the church door for Lent and Easter period, I hope you have felt free to share a prayer and put your written label on the display. The churchyard has had it's first cut, as I write this, (unlike my hair!) and with the newly planted bulbs and the hedge laying completed it is a special place to visit and we thank those who have worked so hard to shape it as it is. Remember all dogs should be on leads when in the churchyard.

The collection for Hope is being arranged throughout the Benefice as well as for Jubilee Food Bank in Market Harborough. Generous donations have been received and collated at Chris and Kev Otway's, 9 Main Street....we thank them for their efforts and liaison with Carolyne Robinson.

Diary date.....Saturday 11th September 2021 Northamptonshire Historic Churches Trust Ride and Stride....WE HOPE. Further details later. Last year was a record breaker £39,772.83 excluding any Gift Aid. We thank those who took part and signed people in at church last year.

J.M.B.



## **Clipston and District Branch Royal British Legion**

As a result of our membership declining, sadly the Branch is likely to close shortly.

Our records show that in 1969 our Branch raised £76 for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. In 2018, the centenary marking the end of World War One, we raised a record £2,800.

The Clipston and District Branch includes the villages of Arthingworth, East Farndon, Great Oxendon, Kelmarsh, Sibbertoft and Marston Trussell. In order to secure the future of the Branch, we urgently need new members willing to become involved with fund raising, Remembrance Sunday and the annual Poppy collection.

For further information please contact Rupert Ellenborough on 01858 525380

## **Welford WI March 2021**

President Denise Cattell welcomed 19 members to the March meeting of Welford WI. Once again, because of restrictions, the meeting was held via Zoom. Members were invited to take part in the nationwide Elizabeth Bell Challenge that involves making a record of events during the 2021 calendar year. Information was given regarding subscriptions, due 1 April. Various County events were highlighted, including a 'drop-in' coffee morning to be held via Zoom. Members will be invited to again make cakes for the Cynthia Spencer Hospice.

This month there was a speaker, Sam Passi. He gave a lot of important information and advice on the need for making a will, especially in the event of a second marriage, and of also arranging the relevant Power of Attorney. He also strongly advised on checking that the details still apply on any existing Power of Attorney, particularly if it had been set up prior to October 2007. The speaker next month will be Patricia Heed. Her talk is entitled 'Social History of Fashion Women Arise' (the emancipation of the modern woman).

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