

BENEFICE SERVICES
May 2021

10.00am Every Sunday—Zoom Service
Meeting number 697715534

2nd May	6.00pm	Welford	Evening Service
9th May	6.00pm	Clipston	Holy Communion
13th May	Ascension Day		
	10.00am	Marston Trussell	Holy Communion
16th May	6.00pm	Welford	Holy Communion
23rd May	6.00pm	Clipston	Evening Service
30th May	6.00pm	Welford	Evening Service

23rd May Pentecost Sunday
Hymns and Picnic
12 Noon St. Helens, Sibbertoft

PRIVATE PRAYER IN WELFORD

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 2nd May	Rev Tony Avery
Sunday 9th May	Pastor Barrie Woodward
Sunday 16th May	Paul Baxter
Sunday 23rd May	Bobbie Wakeleigh-Jones
Sunday 30th May	Taken by members

May 2021



All Saints, Naseby



All Saints, Clipston



St Michael's Haselbeck



St Denys
Kelmarsh

*STAY LOCAL
PROTECT the NHS
SAVE LIVES*

The Magazine

Fast Forward Spring!



Welford
Congregational Chapel



St Helen's Sibbertoft



St Mary The Virgin, Welford



St Nicholas' Marston Trussell

News & Views

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

DIOCESE OF PETERBOROUGH

United Benefice of Clipston, Haselbech, Kelmarsh, Marston Trussell, Naseby, Sibbertoft and Welford

Priest in Charge	Rev Canon Miranda Hayes The Rectory, Church Lane Clipston LE16 9RW rector@nasebygroup.org	525342
Curate	Kris Seward, The Vicarage, The Leys, Welford curate@nasebygroup.org	575909
Readers	Kairen Ball, 11 Salford Close, Welford Diane Parton, 26 Welland Rise, Sibbertoft Trevor Lake, Swallow Brook, Naseby Road, Clipston Gordon Temple 14 The Leys, Welford	575331 880972 07785242904 07990887635
Magazine	Julian Howell-Jones, 83 West Street, Welford	575757

St. Mary the Virgin, Welford

Churchwardens	Michael Morson, 3 Wakefield Drive, Welford Julian Howell-Jones 83 West Street, Welford	575333 575757
Treasurer	Julie Newman, 30 Wakefield Drive, Welford	575335
Secretary	Ann Barraclough, 38 West End, Welford	575269
Organist	Alan Barraclough, 38 West End, Welford	575269
Tower Captain	Kelvin Broad, 3 Newlands Road, Welford	575683
Mothers' Union	Anne Wing, 8 Millers Road, Welford	571063

St. Helen, Sibbertoft

Churchwarden	Toby Jackson, Wry Furlong, Welford Rd, Sibbertoft	881091
Treasurer	Lesley Hartshorne, Roserie Cottage, Westhorpe, Sibbertoft	880112
Secretary	Viv Arrowsmith, 5 Beeches Close, Sibbertoft	880988

St. Nicholas, Marston Trussell

Churchwarden		
Treasurer	Christine Otway, 9 Main Street, Marston Trussell LE169TY	289516
Secretary	Diane Parton 26 Welland Rise, Sibbertoft	880972

All Saints, Clipstom

Churchwarden	Steve Carpenter, The Covers, Harborough Rd	525120
Treasurer/Organist	Julie Connell, The Wooden Owl, 10a The Green	525336

St Michael's, Haselbech

Churchwardens	Ellie Bletsoe-Brown The Croft, Haselbech John Poulter 1 Wethill Close, Kettering	01604 686633 07711995772
Treasurer	Michael Hopkins Orton House, Welford Road, Naseby	01604740309

St. Denv's Kelmarsh

Churchwarden	Bob Swinfen Lyndale Rectory Farm, Kelmarsh	01604686676
Treasurer	Gina Hankins Scotland Wood Farm, Kelmarsh	01604686216

All Saints, Naseby

Churchwarden	Margaret Diack 11 Hall Close, Naseby	01604743820
Treasurer	Maurice Cave 84 Church Street, Naseby	01604740388

Welford Congregational Chapel

Pastor	Barrie Woodward The Bakehouse, 17 West Street, Welford	575586
Treasurer /Secretary	Denise Bott Copper Bottom, Northampton Road, Welford	575746



CHAPEL COMMENT

A Simple Prayer

by Iris Hesselden

I do not pray for fame or wealth,

But this Dear Lord, I ask

Sufficient courage for the day

And strength for every task.

I may not have unfailing health

But this I pray You'll give:

A cheerful spirit, loving heart,

As long as I may live.

I do not pray for plans and schemes

Or dreams that won't come true,

But give me, Lord, undying faith

And keep me close to You.

Any items for the June edition should be sent on or before 15th May.
thechurchmagazine@aol.com
83 West Street
01858 575757

QUIZ FOR



- 1.What's the birthstone of May - it represents love and success?
- 2.What are the two zodiac signs for the month of May?
- 3.Which sweetly scented, highly poisonous woodland flowering plant is the birth flower of May?
- 4.Who did Queen guitarist Brian May marry in November 2000?
- 5.The Third of May 1808', is a painting completed in 1814 by which Spanish painter?
- 6.According to a 1732 traditional saying, what should you never cast till May be out?
- 7.What is the more common name for the Mayflower shrub?
- 8.Theresa May was born in which town?
- 9.In the nursery rhyme 'Nuts in May', on what sort of morning are the nuts gathered?
- 10.The Mayflower left England for the Virginia Colony with which other ship in 1620?
- 11.Who made the first non-stop solo flight across the Atlantic in May 1927?
- 12.Napoleon died in May 1821, on which island?
- 13.In May 1803, France sold what territory to the United States?
- 14.Name the leader of alQaeda confirmed killed in May 2011?
- 15.Which airship caught fire over Lakehurst, New Jersey in May 1937?

Dear Friends,

Hopefully, by the time you read this the weather will be warmer, and we will be able to spend more time outside. It has certainly been a colder and snowier April than we were blessed with last year!

Quite apart from the very different weather, we are also entering a very different phase of the pandemic. All being well, with vulnerable groups vaccinated and younger people now having that same opportunity, we can look forward to a gradual reduction in the constraints on our lives in the coming months. That doesn't, of course, mean that we are out of the woods, for new variants may arise, or a third wave break. Nevertheless, it does feel different and much more positive as we travel on through spring and into summer. For our worship there remain significant restrictions, with social distancing limiting numbers in church, and masks needing to be worn. However, while we are still unable to sing in church we are now permitted to do so out of doors while on church land. To make the most of this, at some of our 6pm Sunday evening services we are leaving church before our final hymn so that we can sing outside. We are also planning to have an informal outdoor service and picnic at 12 noon on 23rd May, Pentecost Sunday. It will be in the churchyard at St. Helen's Sibbertoft – do come along if you can!

With my love and prayers,

Miranda

Peter Dyson 1952-2021 Rest in Peace.

Peter John Dyson was born a twin in Fleetwood on 2nd July 1952 and was very proud to have retained his Lancashire accent throughout his life. He moved to Sibbertoft in 1960 and lived with his loving Nan who kept the local post office. He went to Sibbertoft and Guilborough schools.

He married his beloved Mary in 1983 and they had one son, John.

After working at Symington's, Peter devoted many years to Sibbertoft : delivering morning and evening papers in all weathers ; as a Parish Councillor and a faithful member of St Helen's church family. Peter and Mary enjoyed their weekly trip to Market Harborough and had holidays on the east coast.

After Mary died, Peter's health deteriorated and he moved to Beech Close Care Home in Desborough. Here he enjoyed good care, new friendships and activities and strong links with St Giles church family. Peter died peacefully on 3rd April 2021. His ashes will be interred in Sibbertoft churchyard.

A special life of perseverance and faith.

Good Neighbours

If everything goes to plan, we will be holding a Good Neighbours Coffee Morning on **Tuesday May 18th** from 10.00-12.00 in Welford Village Hall. Cost £1 for coffee/tea and biscuits.

As before the lockdown, please **bring the right money** and **your own mug**. It will be table service again and we ask you to wear a mask until seated and your order taken. Please only sit in the four seats set out at each table and keep 2 metres distance if you stop to say hello to someone on the way to your seat!

There will be some books at £1 and jigsaws at £2 for sale and we ask you to bring the right money and only one person at a time at the table please.

We are really looking forward to seeing some of you again.



Beatitudes for the elderly

Blessed are they who understand my faltering steps and shaking hand.

Blessed are they who know my ears today must strain to catch the things they say.

Blessed are they who look away when tea is spilled on the cloth that day.

Blessed are they, with a cheery smile, who stop to chat and talk a while.

Blessed are those who never say, " You've told me that story twice today"

Blessed are they who make it known that I'm loved, respected and not alone.

And **Blessed** are they who ease the days of my journey home in loving ways.

Mrs Clarice Pawsey

ST MARY THE VIRGIN, WELFORD

The annual Vestry Meeting to elect churchwardens followed by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held on Sunday 16th May in church, starting at 7 o'clock. Anyone wishing to attend can obtain the relevant documents (by email or hard copy if preferred) by contacting annbarraclough@hotmail.com or on 01858 575269. As with all meetings in church at present, masks and social distancing are mandatory.



Welford WI April 2021

The April meeting of Welford WI was again held via Zoom and was presided over by Denise Cattell. 20 members joined via the screen with one further member taking part via her telephone. Christine O'Reilly gave a report on the information, gained at her Zoom attendance of a County meeting, on this year's National Resolution to raise awareness, particularly amongst the medical profession, of the underappreciated and subtle symptoms of ovarian cancer. Denise announced the winners of last year's competition trophy and shared photographs of Jane Cottrell being presented with the Winner's Shield, and of Denise Bott and Maureen James, who came 2nd and 3rd respectively. Denise gave details of various zoom talks available through the County Federation and of trips planned for later in the year once lockdown has been lifted (all details in the County newsletter)

The speaker, Patricia Heed, after some initial technical hitches, gave an interesting account of the suffrage movement and of the fashions of the time. She gave examples of how fashion had influenced both the suffragists and the suffragettes and how they, particularly the suffragettes, had in turn influenced fashion.

The May meeting will again be held via Zoom and the speaker will be Paul Howard on 'My Career in News'.

AT April 2021

Church Fête

SATURDAY 10TH JULY

2.00 - 4.30PM

THE MANOR HOUSE, WEST STREET

BY KIND INVITATION OF JOHN & CHRISTINE O'REILLY

ADMISSION: ADULTS - £1 | CHILDREN - FREE

There will be the usual array of stalls and games, including a raffle and tombola, as well as performances by Lutterworth Town Band. Tea, coffee and delicious cakes will be available from the fabulous refreshments tent and there will also be a separate stall serving Pimm's.

If anyone is interested in running a stall/activity, please contact Bob Finch:

07733 326700 | 01858 575179 | Rfinch205@btinternet.com



Sibbertoft Pop up Shops 2021 **Raising funds for Saint Helens Church.**

The weather was dry but a little cold for the opening of our **Pop up shops Easter 2021**.

The village came out in great numbers and supported all those who had worked hard to provide a wonderful array of Easter/Spring themed crafts and a generous selection of delicious home baked Cakes and savoury treats, plus the usual Jams and Preserves. Hardy plants were available to start off the new spring season garden activities and stocks sold well. Thanks to everyone who supported in any way it was a great start to 2021s fund raising - total **£1135!**

As new stock becomes available **Pop up shops** will continue through out the next couple of months at 44 Welland Rise and or Roserie Cottage Westhorpe on various Saturday morning (weather permitting).

We will have a range of hardy perennials, new season Vegetables/ornamentals plus cut flowers late May/June.



PENTECOST PRAISE AND PICNIC

‘Angel voices’ may have been ‘ever singing round Thy throne of light’ but our ‘choicest psalmody’ has been silenced for far too long (see Mission Praise 33). What a joy it was to be able to sing together ‘Thine be the glory’ in the open air on Easter Day! - a reminder of just how much the pandemic has cost us in terms of lifting our voices in communal praise.

If you too have longed to sing the old familiar hymns (or even learn new ones!), come along to the open-air Naseby Benefice ‘Pentecost Praise’ at St Helen’s, Sibbertoft on May 23rd at noon and bring your own picnic, to be enjoyed in a suitably socially-distanced manner. This is your opportunity to choose the hymns you have longed to sing over the past 12 months. The keyboard player would be delighted if you could let us know your requests in advance, either by email, annbarracough@hotmail.com or phone Alan and Ann Barraclough on 01858 575269.



HOPE FOOD CLUB

This month marks a year since we, as a community, have been delivering weekly food donations to The Hope Food Club in Northampton which helps support many of the most vulnerable in our locality.

During this time we have provided more than 7,000 items: including over 4,000 tinned products and 11,000 cups of tea!

I hope I can give you a little insight into how it works and what happens to your very generous donations.

Monday collected donations are delivered to The Hope Warehouse on Tuesday morning. At the warehouse the items are sorted and checked to ensure that they are in date.

Tuesday and Thursday are packing days when food boxes are prepared for distribution at the Wednesday and Friday shops (distribution centres) from where the food boxes are collected. The picking list changes on a weekly basis to provide the basic tinned and dried goods. Each customer receives the same basic goods.

In addition everyone receives a bag of fresh goods each week. A bulk of this is received Fareshare, who redistribute good quality surplus food from across the food industry, and this inevitably varies from week to week. In addition to the basic and fresh items there is a selection of fresh breads and home baking, eggs, a choice of vegetarian products and a weekly specials tray depending on what is available in the warehouse – this could be sauces one week, mouth wash the next. Additional items such as hygiene products, basic household items and pet food when available, can be selected according to the customers' needs.

Customer's circumstances are varied from addiction and homelessness to families who are unable to make ends meet. To each one these donations make a huge difference. There is a chatty, cheery community atmosphere at the shops and a warm welcome awaits all the customers.

Your contributions have made a big difference to so many and your continued support is hugely valued.



Sunday Teas

We still very much hope to reopen Sunday teas in July/August once restrictions are lifted. We are desperate to welcome our loyal public back and return to some degree of normality.

The Reading room kitchen refurbishment has sadly been delayed but we are confident everyone involved will do their up most to help us meet our target time. The village community are eager and excited to start planning fund raising and social events again.

Watch this space '**volunteer tea team**' we are almost there!

Huge thanks for everyone's support Lesley and Cynthia.

Nan on the run 20/21 Finale

Plans are in place to finish off the last few miles of the 'nan on the run' project. Again subject to restrictions being lifted on June 27th there will be a community '**fun run**' finishing at the Reading Room (ready or not) for Tea, Cake & celebrations! Volunteers needed for helping with a door to door collection please.



During Lent we collected for Water Aid a charity whose sole aim is to provide clean water, sanitation and health training to all people around the world. As we go to press we are coming to the end of the collection time for monies raised, so a total will be reported on the Naseby Group website shortly and then in the June Magazine.



Christian Aid Week runs from the 10th May until the 16th May. An envelope is enclosed with this magazine and if you wish to donate, please either telephone me on 01858575335 or e-mail me on grnewman.46@btinternet.com for collection or, if possible drop it off at 30 Wakefield Drive, 11 Salford Close or The Vicarage, The Leys. Alternatively, if open, please leave in church.

On behalf of the many in need, thank you. Julie Newman



Daffodils

You may remember that between Christmas and Easter I had a wacky idea to make Easter “secret” gifts for the residents and Staff of Sibbertoft Manor. The response from knitters was egg-cellent and those who declared they could not get egg-cited about knitting were generous enough to send donations which covered all costs. Thank you to both groups of people, which meant that we able to provide egg-travagant gifts. We made 72 knitted daffodils which each had a crème egg hidden in the trumpet and the vases of 72 daffodils looked egg-traordinary as they awaited delivery to the Manor on Easter Day. Some residents liked them so much they had their photograph taken which can be viewed on the Sibbertoft Manor Facebook gallery page. Thank you to everyone who contributed in any way to this project, it is much appreciated by me and the recipients.

Kairen Ball