

Benefice Services March 2022

- 2nd **Ash Wednesday**
 10.00am MU Holy Communion Welford
 11.30am Sibbertoft Manor Holy Communion
- 6th 10.00am Benefice Holy Communion Clipston (Zoom)
 6.00pm Evensong Marston Trussell
 6.00pm Evensong Welford
- 10th 6.00pm Reflective Service Sibbertoft
- 13th 9.30am Holy Communion Sibbertoft
 10.00am All Age Worship Clipston
 11.00am Holy Communion Naseby
 6.00pm Holy Communion Welford
- 16th 11.00am Morning worship Sibbertoft (Sibbertoft Manor,
 all welcome)
- 17th 6.00pm Reflective Service Sibbertoft
- 20th 9.30am Holy Communion Haselbech
 10.00am Benefice Morning Worship Welford (Zoom)
 11.00am Holy Communion Marston Trussell
 3.00pm Forest Church
- 24th 6.00pm Reflective Service Sibbertoft
- 27th **Mothering Sunday**
 9.30am Holy Communion Kelmarsh
 9.30am Morning Worship Sibbertoft
 10.00am Mothering Sunday Celebration Clipston
 11.00am Mothering Sunday Celebration Marston Trussell
 4.30pm Mothering Sunday Celebration Haselbech (in
 Churchyard)
 6.00pm Evening Worship Welford
- 31st 6.00pm Reflective Service Sibbertoft

March 2022

All Saints, Naseby

All Saints, Clipston

St Michael's Haselbech

St Denys Kelmarsh

Spring is here at Last!

The Magazine

Renew, Rebirth, Rejoice!

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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SIBBERTOFT

Lesson Reader	Intercessions	Eucharistic Assistant
13/3 OT Toby Jackson	Rev Miranda	Viv Arrowsmith
NT Jo Elliot		
27/2 OT Peter Kraftl	Kairen Ball	
NT Lesley Hartshorn		

WELFORD

Lesson Reader	Intercessions	Sidesman
6/3 OT C Horner	S Bevin	G Newman
NT J Horner		
13/3 OT G Newman	J Nicholas	J H-Jones
NT J Newman		
20/3 TBA	TBA	TBA
27/3 OT M Morson	S Lees	C Horner
NT A Barraclough		

WELFORD CONGREGATIONAL CHAPEL

Services at 10.45am

Preacher	Flowers
6/3 Rev Tony Avery	Miss R Heard
13/3 Paster Barrie Woodward	Mrs J Bale
20/3 Trevor Boys	Mrs W Mccullough
27/3 Brian Deffee	Mrs M Curtis
3/4 Rev Tony Avery	Mrs S Lees

Mothers Union Communion

Will take place on Wednesday 2nd March at 10.00am

CONGREGATION LED SERVICES

6 th Mar	1 st Sunday of Lent	Sue Lees	575707
3 rd April	5 th Sunday of Lent	Julie Newman	575335
1 st May	3 rd Sunday of Easter	Susie Bevin	575226
5 th June	Whit Sunday	Gordon Ball	575331

Psalms and Readings March 2022

Sunday 6th 1st Sunday of Lent

Psalm 61

1st Deuteronomy 26, 1 to 11

2nd Romans 10, 8b to 13

Gospel Luke 4, 1 to 13

Sunday 13th 2nd Sunday of Lent

Psalm 46, 1 to 7

1st Genesis 15, 1 to 12 and 17 to 18

2nd Philippians 3, 17 to 4, 1

Gospel Luke 13, 31 to end

Sunday 20th 3rd Sunday of Lent

Psalm 42, 1 to 7

1st Isaiah 55, 1 to 9

2nd 1 Corinthians 10, 1 to 13

Gospel Luke 13, 1 to 9

Sunday 27th 4th Sunday of Lent

Psalm 122

1st Joshua 5, 9 to 12

2nd 2 Corinthians 5, 16 to end

Gospel Luke 5, 1 to 3 and 11b to end

The Magazine.

**If you would like an entry in the April edition of the Magazine please send
copy by the 15th March hechurchmagazine@aol.com
83 West St. Welford. 01858 575757**

Dear Friends

As you probably already know, Easter Sunday, that greatest and most joyous Festival in the Church year, falls on 17th April this year.

In preparation for Easter, and to bring it into focus, we first journey through Lent, with its themes of self-examination, penitence, self-denial and study. Living out these themes can bring real growth and depth to our Christian lives, make Easter even more significant and meaningful. It may be that you will be joining one of our Home Groups, or finding other ways of using Lent effectively. Whatever you do, it is so important to find time to reflect, to think, to meditate, and so I commend to you the short reflective services which will be taking place on Thursday evenings during Lent, a time to pause as our lives becoming increasingly busy – see the advert elsewhere in the magazine for details.

One of the Sundays in Lent is, of course, Mothering Sunday, this year falling on 27th March. It is the day when we remember and give thanks for our mothers, and all those individuals who fulfil that nurturing and caring role for us.

Alongside Christmas and Easter Day, Mothering Sunday is a date in the church calendar which has been absorbed into wider culture, and is celebrated by almost everyone, regardless of faith or religion. Whilst the commercial aspects are deeply challenging, it seems to me there is something profoundly encouraging about the fact that we are all reminded of the importance of this basic human need for the sort of selfless, encouraging love that many - but sadly not all - of us receive from our mothers.

Clearly, this kind of care is not restricted to mothers – far from it. Indeed, I would suggest that each of us, male and female, young and old, can be thoughtful, unselfish, mindful of the needs of others, and put those needs before our own. I’m sure, too, that many of you will know of such people – they may even have been brought to mind as you read this. Perhaps their loving care is given so quietly and unselfishly that it goes unrecognised. If you do know someone like this, perhaps you could give them a card, a gift, or even just a thank you - a mark of your thoughtful care for them..... and so love grows, expands, embraces us all. What a circular route love takes, and how true the words of the prayer attributed to St. Francis: *For it is in giving, that we receive.*

But there is, of course, another and actually much older and more accurate focus for Mothering Sunday: in the church’s year, this day is not first and foremost about our earthly mothers, but rather for the eternal caring of that rather peculiar and ill-matched community known collectively as “The Church”. It’s a day when we celebrate the church’s role in proclaiming God’s selfless love for the whole world. God has invited each and every one of his children to step into his embrace, and embrace one another.

With every blessing, Miranda



CHAPEL COMMENT

Lose yourself in other people’s troubles,
by lending them a sympathetic ear;
for troubles lost perhaps will be forgotten,
and in the end will even disappear.

Lose yourself in what is all around you.
The whole wide world outside your door is
there;
with neighbours, colleagues, relatives and
strangers,
who too have crosses difficult to bear.

So if you’re felling lonely or despondent,
just treading up and down the same old ways;
go take a look at other people’s problems,
and lose yourself in someone else’s maze.

QUIZ FOR MARCH

1. In March 1946 Ho Chi Minh became President of which country?
2. The lives of the March sisters feature in which novel?
3. The Ides of March in the Roman calendar occurs on which date?
4. In March 1980, Robert Mugabe began his disastrous rule of which country?
5. In March 1969, James Earl Ray pleaded guilty to assassination?
6. In March 1946, what did Churchill warn was falling across Europe?
7. In British tradition, which quarter day falls on March 25th?
8. In which city did work commence on the Sagrada Familia basilica in March 1882?
9. In March 1969, who became the first female President of Israel?
10. The March Hare is a character in which book?
11. In March 1830, which Latter-Day Saints religious text was published?
12. Name the US prison, known as "The Rock" closed after 29 years in March 1963?
13. On which day in March is Saint Patrick's Day?
14. Who marched his ten thousand men up to the top of the hill?
15. What is the birth flower of March?

1. North Vietnam 2. Little Women 3. 15th March 4. Zimbabwe 5. Martin Luther King Jr 6. Iron Curtain 7. Lady Day 8. Barcelona

9. Golda Meir 10. Alice's Adventures in Wonderland 11. Book of Mormon 12. Alcatraz 13. 17th March 14. Grand Old Duke of York 15. Daffodil

Lenten Meditations



St. Helen's Sibbertoft

Do join us on Thursdays at 6pm
10th, 17th, 24th, 31st March & 7th April

A short service of music, words and silence
as we reflect on God's precious gift:
the world in which we live.

WELFORD LENTEN LUNCH

This year's Lenten Lunch will take place on
ASH WEDNESDAY 2ND MARCH
At the WYCC from 12.15
Tasty Soups and Breads
Adults £4/Children £2
Raffle





**WELFORD, SIBBERTOFT
& SULBY ENDOWED
SCHOOL**



Our School seeks a Community Governor

- Are you community-minded?
- Do you like to support groups and activities in your neighbourhood?
- Would you like to help your local school, its children and families?

If you answered YES to these questions then this might be the voluntary role for you!

Our local school, Welford Sibbertoft and Sulby Endowed School (WSSES), is seeking a local person to serve on its governing body: the Academy Governance Committee.

Set in the heart of Welford village WSSES is a Church of England school and one of the Peterborough Diocese Education Trust family of academies. The school has just had an Ofsted inspection that found that it continues to be graded 'good'. In their report the inspectors commended the 'strong sense of community in the school'. The 2020 SIAMS inspection also graded the school 'good' and said of it: 'the welcoming Christian vision is lived out at all levels of the academy'.

The Academy Governance Committee is made up of parents, staff and persons appointed from the community. A key role of a Community Governor is to support the community life of the school and its relationship with the wider community, fostering links within the local vicinity. This is a crucial part of our school ethos and reflects our values as we are 'Living and learning together, celebrating life in all its fullness'.

For this important voluntary role:

- No previous experience is needed
- Training will be provided
- There is an annual time commitment of 6 meetings per year and occasional attendance at school and school events

If you are interested in being part of this welcoming local school and would like to know more please contact either:

- Michelle Pye, Headteacher on 01858 575431 or email: head@wsSES.northants-ecl.gov.uk or
- Dr Gordon Temple, Chair of Governors on email: gtemple@wsSES.org

Village Quiz Night Saturday March 19th from 7.30

p.m.

Get a team together for a quiz night special. Teams of up to 6 people to contest for a Quiz night prize.

Price to include a curry/ Bolognese and rice at half-way is £6 per head. There will be a licensed bar and some nibbles and it will be great to get together again for a fun night.

Please book your team table as soon as possible, I think that even if most restrictions are lifted by then we should still have a maximum of 12 teams, so we can be reasonably spread out. Please book by calling John Nicholas on 575422 or email

john.nick@btopenworld.com

Any profits will go towards St. Mary's Church funds. We look forward to seeing you!



The Cottages of Welford

Do you know where the are?

Atterbury	Cobblers	Grooms	Lavender
Bakehouse	Dovecroft	Haddons	Oak
Jasmin	Engine	Hope	Pebble
Bumblebee	Fairfax	Ilex	Ramblers
Butchers	Foxglove	Ivy	Rosemary
Chestnut	Garden	Jasmine	Thyme

SIBBERTOFT NEWS

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Churchyard working party and wilding open day

26th March 10.00am – 1.00pm

Come along and learn about the wilding plan for parts of St.Helen's churchyard (and lend a hand with the working party if you feel energetic!)



Vegan/Vegetarian tasting event

9th April 11.00am – 3.00pm in the Reading Room

Come and try a selection of delicious vegetarian and vegan dishes and take away a recipe or two. Cash only please.

"Dear friends and neighbours,

We would like to thank you wholeheartedly and give you huge hugs for all the condolence messages and many gifts, help and kindnesses that we have received following the death of our darling Frank at the beginning of January.

We also want to say a big thank you for generous donations to his charities 'Hope against Cancer' and 'The Owl Sanctuary'.

Later in the year we intend to hold a Frank's Saturday Morning coffee and afternoon teas in Sibbertoft Reading Room for you all. Watch this space.

Kindest regards, Diane Parton and family. "

Afterglow

I'd like the memory of me to be a happy one.

I'd like to leave an afterglow of smiles when life is done.

I'd like to leave an echo whispering softly down the ways,

Of happy times and laughing times and bright and sunny days.

I'd like the tears of those who grieve, to dry before the sun;

Of happy memories that I leave when life is done.

By Helen Lowrie Marshal



Welford WI February 2022

28 members (4 on Zoom) and 4 guests were present at the meeting presided over by Denise Cattell. County Bounty forms were available and a picture of our crocheted trees made the County newsletter. Details of the Lenten Lunch on March 2nd and The World Day of Prayer on March 4th were given out. We will sell books and jigsaws for our charity at the Farmer's Market on April 23rd in the church. A successful lucky dip in aid of the Tenner Challenge took £23.

Colin Hill then spoke about his role as a police close protection officer with the Royal family and had lots of stories to tell, accompanied by large photographs and culminating in his attempt to jive with Diana.

The raffle, organised by Denise Bott, was won by Sue Greeves, Sue Brotherton and Hilary Downing. The competition for a tiara organized by Julie Newman was won by Jane Cottrell with Denise Cattell second and Julie Newman third. March's meeting is on the 10th when the competition will be the limerick from 2020's advent jar.

JC February
2022

FLOWERS IN WELFORD POCKET PARK

Many thanks to all those ladies who made flowers for the Pocket Park this year and last year (we recycled most of last year's!)

As one villager commented, "They look lovely"

They will be up until the middle of March and then removed and Washed ready for next year.

Once again, many thanks from Jan and Sue

MARSTON TRUSSELL NEWS

Things have been quiet in Marston Trussell recently, but as Spring approaches we are waking up to a new phase in our Christian journey. We need to rejuvenate our Church membership and encourage parishioners to help us to keep the beautiful church of St Nicholas open if we want a place to worship in our village. Of course, our faith is within us, and is not reliant on bricks and mortar, but for many people the ability to have a village church is important.

Unfortunately, we have seen an aging and dwindling congregation, and our PCC membership has reduced considerably. We currently have vacancies for 2 churchwardens and a secretary, and there are only a few people to do cleaning, flower arranging, and bible readings, plus all the other tasks which will be familiar to other church members.

We have decided therefore to invite all who are interested to a village meeting on 12th March at 11am to meet the vicar and discuss ways forward.

Forthcoming services in March are as follows:

Evensong 6pm March Holy Communion 11am March 20th Mother's Day service 27th March at 11am

Please let Chris Otway know if you can help with Bible readings at services during March. There are no flowers needed during lent but a joint effort to clean and decorate the church is planned on 16/4/22 in preparation for Easter Sunday. All offers of help are welcomed

Good Neighbours – March 2022

The March Good Neighbours Coffee Morning will be on Tuesday March 1st from 10.00-12.00 in the village hall. There was an excellent turn out last month, so we hope to see you all again soon. Cost £1 for coffee/tea and biscuits.

No more mask wearing but we will probably continue with table service and you can bring your own mug if you prefer, although the village hall now has some of its own. There will be books (£1) and jigsaws (£2) for sale and it would be helpful if you bring the right money.



There will be a warm welcome for one and all.

Jane, Sue & The Team

THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE



This year the Queen has been our sovereign for a remarkable 70 years. The world has changed immeasurably during that period and Queen Elizabeth II has been a constant presence – her influence should not be underestimated.

Welford will come together to commemorate the Queen's 70 year reign and we would welcome your involvement to make it a memorable experience for all. A small group has formed to coordinate and help to lead activities.

Celebrations - 3-5 June 2022

Friday 3rd June. A dinner dance, with a 20 piece dance band and hog-roast. A marquee on the Playing Field has been generously provided by Welford Parish Council. Tickets will be available from April.

Sat/Sun 4th-5th June. Open Church events including screen shows, live event coverage, exhibitions and special services.

What else can we organise together? How can children and young people get involved, leaving lasting, happy memories of the jubilee weekend? Family picnics? Street parties?

Commemorations – The Queen's Green Canopy

We aim to help people increase the number of trees in the village throughout 2022. These projects will require a good deal of planning. Currently being arranged are:

- A mature hornbeam tree to be placed at the edge of the spinney by the Parish Council.
- A series of individual trees to be added to the graveyard extension sponsored by local organisations, organised by the church.
- A proposal is being prepared for an avenue of trees between the village and the layby on Northampton Road.

Large projects can be easier to fund and deliver in celebration years like this one. What other projects would you like to see? We would welcome your involvement and support to make great things happen.

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