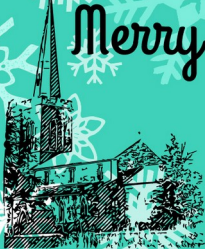


Merry Christmas December 2022



All Saints, Naseby



All Saints, Clipston



St Michael's Haselbech



St Denys  
Kelmarsh

*We did not come  
to fear the future ...*

# The Magazine

*... We came here to shape it  
Barak Obama*



Welford  
Congregational Chapel



St Helen's Sibbertoft



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St Nicholas Marston Trussell



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Naseby, Welford, Sibbertoft & Clipston

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#### **Welford Congregational Chapel**

Dear friends,

At the time of writing the four Lay Ministers of the Benefice have just returned from a four day Diocesan Conference in Yarnfield, Staffordshire. We have had a wonderful time with some excellent teaching led by Bishop's Donald and John, as well as some guest speakers. There was time for networking with new people and hearing their challenges and opportunities in providing a platform for growth within their villages.

The Conference theme was "Rejoice in Hope", and there were many opportunities to listen to people (Clergy and Lay) with their stories of Hope from the Parishes within the Peterborough Diocese. They spoke of setting up activities for Mums and Tots, of running holiday clubs, of starting food banks, of bringing community groups together to enjoy each other's company and to integrate those who live on their own and perhaps feel isolated and lonely. Perhaps you are someone in the villages that we serve who feel lonely or who have found it difficult to settle into life here or even reintegrate after the Covid lockdowns? Why not give us a call and chat to us about what you might find helpful – chances are that you will not be alone in what you would like to see develop here.

By the time of reading this we will have entered the period of time before Christmas which the Church calls Advent, "the coming". The tradition of having a calendar with twenty four (some have twenty five) doors to be opened each day up to Christmas day has given the mis-guided impression that Advent is about preparing for Christmas, and the reminder about the birth of Christ in a drafty stable over two thousand years ago. But that is not the whole point of Advent, which also acts as reminder that one day Jesus will return in glory and therefore the time of Advent, the start of the Churches year is for us to think about whether we are ready to meet God when he comes again, or if we have more work to do in the meantime on our relationship with Him.

So I would like to wish you a very thoughtful and meditative Advent in which we can all review and refine if necessary our relationship with God the Father and Jesus His Son.

I and all my Lay Minister colleagues wish you a very Happy and blessed Christmas.

Kairen Ball, Gordon Temple, Val Carpenter and Trevor Lake

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**WELCOME**  
to St Mary's Church  
**T@2**

**on** Monday 5th December  
(first Monday every month)  
**from** 2—3.15pm

Come and enjoy some refreshments.  
A quiet place for you to be waited upon.  
Bring a friend and chat.  
**Everyone is welcome**



## Cafe Church



**St Marys welford**  
**20th November 10.30 to 11.30**  
**Monthly on the 3rd Sunday**  
**Informal Relaxed Inspired**



## **WELFORD AND SULBY MOTHER'S UNION**

Invite you to

### **Coffee and Mince Pies**

In Welford Village Hall on Saturday 10th December  
10.30am to 12 noon

Admission £2.00 (which includes coffee and mincepies)

## **WELFORD IN HARMONY CONCERT with CAROLS** **Sunday 11th December at 3pm in Welford Chapel.**

Welford in Harmony is a singing group led by Rebecca Schneider. Our singers come from Welford and surrounding villages. Join us for a concert comprising both traditional and modern songs, Christmas music, carols and readings. No charge but donations welcome to a charity yet to be decided. Refreshments will be served following the performance.



## **Christmas Good Neighbours** **Tuesday December 6<sup>th</sup>** **10-12**

Our Christmas coffee morning will again feature Greens Country Kitchen, selling lovely Christmas Goodies.

Our usual books (£1) and jigsaws (£2) will also be on sale. We will be serving tea, coffee, biscuits and mince pies - £1.

We look forward to seeing you. All are welcome.

Jane, Sue & the Team

## **New Year's Day**

On Sunday the 1 st January 2023 Bishop Donald will be presiding and preaching his last service outside of Peterborough Cathedral before he retires on 9 th January.

We are very fortunate that he has agreed to do this in the Naseby Benefice. Bishop Donald will be presiding and preaching at 10.30am at Welford Church. We are hoping that we will be able to Zoom this service for those unable to be here in person. Ask if you would like transport to Welford.

There will be refreshments served after the service, and we do hope that we will be able to welcome you as well as Donald as we thank him for his 12 years' service to this Diocese and wish him all God's blessings as he begins his retirement



## **CRIB SERVICE**

**Welford 24 th December 4pm**

It would be lovely if any children coming to this event would like to dress up as a character from the nativity (angel, shepherd, kings, sheep, Mary and Joseph etc). We don't want to give parents and grandparents an extra job to make a costume, so think simple and decorate something you already have, and perhaps just make a hat or wrap a present etc.

We look forward to welcoming you and your family for a short celebration of Christmas.

Kairen Ball

## **WELFORD W.I. NOVEMBER 2022**

32 members and 3 guests were welcomed by President Denise Cattell and Jerusalem was sung accompanied by the Cut-a-Caper band. Denise welcomed new member Michelle Wilson and announced the new committee with their various roles. Details of our charity total so far was announced and the next craft afternoon on Monday the 28<sup>th</sup> will be producing Christmas decorations. Jane read her report on the County AGM. 18 members enjoyed the meal at the Red Lion Thornby and a card went round for a trip to Hairspray at Kilworth House next summer. Unfortunately the County Literary Lunch has been cancelled by the Marriot Hotel. Christine delivered the knitted blankets for Ukraine, having taken a photo first. Toys on the table can be left in Julie's porch or delivered to Denise Cattell. County events and Christmas Fayre details were displayed on the board. The Green Welford Festive clothing swap on the 26<sup>th</sup> November in the WYCC and the Welford in Harmony concert on 11<sup>th</sup> December at 3.00 p.m. in the Congregational Chapel were announced.

Andrew Castley then gave his follow-up talk on Folk Music up to the 1970s with lively performances by the Cut-a-Caper folk band with excellent audience participation! The Vote of Thanks was given by Alison Pryce. Delicious refreshments were provided and served by Val Jackson, Gloria Hart and Maureen James. The raffle was won by Catherine Digby, Pauline Underhill and Jane Baker and the competition for a Vinyl record was won by Sue Lees with Pauline Underhill second and Sandra Wright third. Next month's meeting will be our Carol Service to be held in the Congregational Chapel.

# SIBBERTOFT NEWS

**18th December 4.00pm**  
**Carol Service followed by mulled wine**  
**All Welcome**  
**Sibbertoft Sunday Teas 2022**

We are pleased to report that we were able to open for a complete 31 week season. Covid threw a few curved balls early on in the year but our trusty volunteers stepped in at the last moment to fill the gaps and we did not have to close at short notice.

A steady season with visitor numbers slightly lower than previous years. This was understandable given the aftermath of the pandemic and the extreme heat experienced on a number of occasions throughout the summer.

We are pleased to report that the efforts of all involved helped to raise £7,050 net for Saint Helens Church,  
Clipston School £250, Guide Dogs £400, Loros/Cynthia Spencer Hospices £360 and Alzheimer's Research UK £500.

Next year we will celebrate 30years of opening to the public!

Cynthia and Lesley will be stepping down from weekly organisational involvement.

We will of course still be involved and providing home-made jams, marmalade, plants and cut flowers. A fresh group of village residents are determined to keep teas open for at least another year. We all look forward to everyone's continued input in helping to keep this special project alive. Thank you! Tea Teams past and present' it can not happen without your commitment & support, Lesley H

**Do you like singing carols? Can you help?**

On Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December at 11am in St. Cynthia's Sibbertoft we will be holding our annual Christmas Carol service for the residents of Sibbertoft Manor (they do like coming to Church once a month) and for anyone else who would like to join us at this service.

~~We re-open 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2023~~

We have been unable to book our usual Christmas singing group as they have not reconvened after the lockdown, so we are hoping you can help us form a little homemade choir to augment the singing of the carols. The service will be no more than 40 minutes and we would probably have a very short rehearsal so we have sung together at least once! Please contact Kairen, in the first instance on 575331, or email on [Kairen.ball@gmail.com](mailto:Kairen.ball@gmail.com) and leave me your name and contact details, so I can be in touch with the details of the Carol service.

I do hope you will want to help us bring joy to the residents and staff of Sibbertoft Manor in this way.



## CHAPEL COMMENT

### LITTLE WORLDS

**A bird lived in a painted cage beside a window pane –  
Knowing nothing of the wind, the sunlight and the rain.  
Poor little bird! It was as well he did not realize –  
that his tiny wings were meant to beat against the skies.**

**A man lived in a little world of ready-made ideas -  
A cramping cage of prejudices, of doubts and fears.  
He didn't know that out beyond the ranges of his thought –  
Lay a strange and lovely world where miracles were wrought.**

**Year by year he lived content behind his prison bars -  
Never looking up to seek for GOD among the stars.  
In many forms the Lord appeared and yet he could not see.  
Poor little man! He lived and died in his captivity.**

### CHRISTMAS WINDOWS and COME AND SING CAROLS

On Saturday 17th December Welford Pre-School is holding its Christmas Windows event from 4 o'clock. Maps will be on sale for £5 (including raffle tickets) in the Community Centre and hot drinks, mulled wine, cakes, hot dogs and soup will also be available, with money raised going towards a new heating system. This will conclude at 6.15 with half an hour of carol singing outside on the playing field. A collection will be held in aid of the Children's Society and the Cynthia Spencer Hospice. Please come to sing and support these charities even if you are not able to walk around the village and enjoy the Christmas windows. If you would like to decorate a window and have it added to the map then please email [ellenkatherineworrell@gmail.com](mailto:ellenkatherineworrell@gmail.com) or call 07857 019775

This year we are re-instituting the Covid-disrupted 60-year-old Welford tradition of Come and Sing Carols on Christmas Eve in St Mary's Church at 8 o'clock. Join us for an hour of roof-raising carol singing. Again a collection will be made for the Children's Society and the Cynthia Spencer Hospice.



# QUIZ FOR



1. Who said December 7<sup>th</sup> 1941 would be a “ date which will live in infamy”
2. Which country’s monarch gives a new year message from the Amalienborg Palace?
3. Which group sang “ OH what a night” about “ December 1963”?
4. Which famous event took place in America in December 1773?
5. Which saint has a feast day on December 6<sup>th</sup>?
6. What political bloc was dissolved in December 1991?
7. Which Jewish event will take place between December 18<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> this year?
8. Who opened the first commercial cinema in December 1895?
9. How many horses pulled the sleigh in “Jingle Bells”?
10. Which international treaty was agreed by 192 countries in Japan in December 1992?
11. How many reindeer does Santa have?
12. Who abdicated the throne in December 1936?
13. Who was captured by US forces in December 2003?
14. Where did Roald Admunsen go in December 1911?
15. Which movie, based on a novel by Margaret Mitchell, opened in December 1939?

*Answers overleaf*

## **Psalms and Readings October 2022**

### **Sunday 4th December —2nd Sunday of Advent**

Psalm      Benedictus

First      Isaiah 11, 1 to 10

Second     Romans 15, 4 to 13

Gospel     Matthew 3,

1 to 13

### **Sunday 11th December—3rd of Advent**

Psalm      121

First      Isaiah 35, 1 to 10

Second     James 5, 7 to 10

Gospel     Matthew 11, 2 to 11

### **Sunday 18th December—4th of Advent**

Psalm

First      Isaiah 7, 10 to 16

Second     Romans 1, 1 to 7

Gospel     Matthew 1, 18 to end

### **Sunday 25th December—Christmas Day**

Psalm

First      Isaiah 9, 2 to 7

Second     Titus 2, 11 to 14#

Gospel     Luke 2

### **Sunday 1st January Naming of Jesus**

Psalm      8

First      Numbers 6, 22 to end

Second     Galatians 4, 4 to 7

Gospel     Luke 2, 15 to 21

Answers to Quiz

1. Franklin D Roosevelt (Pearl Harbour) 2. Denmark 3. Four Seasons 4. Boston Tea Party 5. Saint Nicholas 6. USSR 7. Hanukka 8. Lumiere brothers 9. One 10. Kyoto Protocol 11. Ten 12. Edward VIII 13. Sadam Hussein 14. South Pole 15. Gone with the Wind

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## SIBBERTOFT

		<b>Lesson Reader</b>	<b>Intercessions</b>	<b>Sidesman</b>
11/12	OT	Peter Krafti	Caroline Robinson	Miles Lloyd
	NT	Alex Robinson		
25/12	OT	Viv Arrowsmith	Rev Pip Clements	TBC
	NT	Jo Elliot		
Eucharistic Assistant 11/12 Sue Clarke 25/12 Viv Arrowsmith				

## WELFORD

		<b>Lesson Reader</b>	<b>Intercessions</b>	<b>Sidesman</b>
11/12	OT	G Newman	S Lees	C Horner
	NT	J Newman		
24/12	OT	C Horner	J Nicholas	G Newman
	NT	J Horner		
1/1	OT	T Lake	G Temple	J Howell-Jones
	NT	V Carpenter		
Eucharistic Assistant 1/1 Kairen Ball				

## WELFORD CONGREGATIONAL CHAPEL

### Services at 10.45am

	<b>Preacher</b>	<b>Flowers</b>
4/12	Rev Tony Avery	Mrs P Lane
11/12	No Morning Service	Mrs L Stanley
Welford in Harmony 3.00pm All Welcome		
18/12	Bobbie Wakeleigh-Jones	Mrs J Herbert
24/12	Christmas Eve Service at 3.00pm	Mrs J Pilmore
	Mince Pies	
25/12	No Service	
1/1	No Service	

### The Magazine.

If you would like an entry in the January edition of the Magazine please send copy by the 15th December to [thechurchmagazine@aol.com](mailto:thechurchmagazine@aol.com)  
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## DECEMBER SERVICES

4th	10.30am	Benefice Holy Communion	Naseby
11th	9.30am	Holy Communion	Sibbertoft
	10.00am	Christmas Café Church	Clipston
	5.30 pm	Carols and Readings	Clipston
	6.00pm	Evensong	Welford
18th	10.30am	Christmas Café Church	Welford
	4.00pm	9 Lessons & Carols	Sibbertoft
	6.00pm	9 Lessons & Carols	Welford
24th	4.00pm	Crib Service	Clipston
	4.00pm	Lessons & Carols	M Trussell
	4.00pm	Crib Service	Welford
	6.00pm	Lessons & Carols	Naseby
	8.00pm	Come and Sing Carols	Welford
	11.30pm	Midnight Communion	Welford
25th	9.30am	Holy Communion	Naseby
	9.30am	Holy Communion	Sibbertoft
	10.00am	All Age Worship	Welford
	11.00am	Holy Communion	Clipston
1st Jan	10.30am	Benefice Holy Communion <i>With Bishop Donald</i>	Welford