

MARCH 2023 SERVICES

5 th	10:30am	Benefice Holy Communion	Clipston
12 th	9:30am 10:00am 6:00pm	Morning Worship Café Church Evensong	Sibbertoft Clipston Welford
15 th	11:00am	Sibbertoft Manor Service <i>at St Helen's - all welcome</i>	Sibbertoft
19 th	9:30am 10:00am 10:00am 4:00pm	Mothering Sunday Service Mothering Sunday Service Café Church M/S Special Mothering Sunday Service	Marston Trussell Clipston Welford Haselbech
26 th	10:00am 9:30am 3:00pm 6:00pm	Morning Worship Morning Prayer Forest Church Evensong	Clipston Sibbertoft Mid-Shires Covert Welford
2 nd Apr	10:30am	Benefice Holy Communion	Haselbech

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

The Magazine.

If you would like an entry in the April edition of the Magazine please send copy by the 15th March to thechurchmagazine@aol.com
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March 2023



All Saints, Naseby



All Saints, Clipston



St Michael's Haselbech



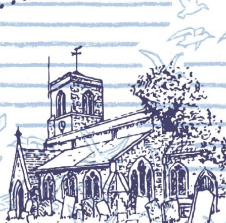
St Denys
Kelmarsch

Spring is the time of plans & projects

The Magazine



Welford
Congregational Chapel



St Helen's Sibbertoft



St Mary The Virgin, Welford



St Nicholas' Marston Trussell

News & Views

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

DIOCESE OF PETERBOROUGH

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

Priest in Charge We are in an Interregnum, please contact a Churchwarden

Readers	Kairen Ball, 11 Salford Close, Welford Trevor Lake, Swallow Brook, Naseby Road, Clipston Gordon Temple 14 The Leys, Welford Valerie Carpenter, The Covers, Harborough Road	575331 07785242904 07990887635 525120
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St. Mary the Virgin, Welford

Churchwarden	Gordon Ball, 11 Salford Close	575331
Treasurer	Julie Newman, 30 Wakefield Drive, Welford	575335
Secretary	Judith Chadwick, 10 Browns Meadow	575992
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

All Saints Clipson

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

St Michael's, Haselbech

Churchwardens	Tess Le Sueur, Haselbech	01604 686266
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

SIBBERTOFT

	Lesson Reader	Intercessions	Sidesman
12/3	OT Jo Elliot	Caroline Jackson	Miles Lloyd
	NT Miles Lloyd		

Sibbertoft Easter Services

Maundy Thursday Service 7.00pm Easter Day Holy Communion 9.30am

WELFORD

	Lesson Reader	Intercessions	Sidesman
12/3	OT G Newmam	S Lees	C Horner
	NT J Newman		
26/3	OT S Lees	S Bevin	C Horner
	NT M Morson		

WELFORD CONGREGATIONAL CHAPEL

Services at 10.45am

	Preacher	Flowers
5/3	Rev Tony Avery	Mrs W McCullough
12/3	Rev Tony Avery	Mrs M Curtis
19/3	Brian Deffee	Mrs S Lees
26/3	Bobbie Wakeleigh-Jones	Mrs P Lane
2/4	Rev Tony Avery	Mrs D Avery

PSALMS AND READINGS – FEBRUARY 2023

Sunday 5th March—2nd Sunday of Lent

Psalm	121
First	Genesis 12, 1 to 4
Second	Romans 4, 1 to 5 and 13 to 17
Gospel	John 3, 1 to 17

Sunday 12th March—3rd Sunday of Lent

Psalm	95
First	Exodus 17, 1 to 7
Second	Romans 5, 1 to 11
Gospel	John 4, 5 to 42

Sunday 19th March—4th Sunday of Lent

Psalm	19
First	1 Samuel 7, 4 to 16
Second	Romans 4, 13 to 18
Gospel	Matthew 1, 18 to end

Sunday 26th March—5th Sunday of Lent

Psalm	130	Page 11
First	Ezekiel 37, 1 to 14	



CHAPEL COMMENT

Like the ripples on a pool
Which gradually increase,
So the seeds of kindness spread
Once they find release.
A caring heart, a cheery smile,
A ready listening ear,
Little acts and deeds of love
And words that are sincere--
All help to oil the wheels of life
As we go our way,
So act upon that loving thought
And make somebody`s day.

Kathleen Gillum

Diary Date

**Friday 3rd March 2023 – World Day of Prayer Service
Welford Congregational Chapel at 2pm.**

For more details, please contact Rachael Heard on 07808 656831 or email
rheard@live.co.uk

World Day of Prayer website www.wwdp.org.uk

Dear Friends,

This year the whole of March falls within the season of Lent. Traditionally a time of penitence, Lent is today often associated with the generally unpopular idea of self-discipline. In practical terms this usually amounts to giving up something for Lent: chocolate and alcohol are common targets. And if you didn't go for a dry January (I didn't!), March might present a good opportunity to lay off the booze!

Lenten abstinence may well have benefits for both body and soul but I'm thinking more about what we can *do* than about what we might *not do*. In our breakneck helter-skelter world, here's an opportunity to take stock; to intentionally take some time and space to reflect on our life and its impact.

With the threat of climate change hanging over us we have become used to thinking about our '**carbon footprint**'. We understand that the way we live and choices we make can influence the amount of carbon we contribute towards the massive global warming challenge. It's set me wondering: what other sorts of 'footprint' are we impressing on our world?



What about our '**community footprint**'? What traces are we leaving on our village communities? Of course, I don't mean the imprints of our walking boots on our wonderful local network of footpaths! But are our lives enriching our collective life, not just consuming from it? Our community activities (including our village church) are sustained by committed volunteers, many of them increasingly elderly. Maybe it's time to offer to join the 'relay-race' that builds community for the long haul.
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QUIZ FOR

FEBRUARY

We could also ponder our **'relational footprint'**. To love and to be loved is surely the most significant factor in our wellbeing. Loneliness is a terrible scourge. From the pages of the Bible we learn: *'God sets the lonely in families'* (Psalm 68:6). God loves us and calls us to extend that love into the world around us through every aspect of our lives. So how then are we extending that 'family' embrace to those in our village who might otherwise be lonely?

Finally we might reflect upon our **'spiritual footprint'**. That arises from our connectedness to God. Lent is a season in which to make a bit more time for prayer and biblical reading. There's a Lent group running weekly when we can encourage each other in these activities.



There are, in my view, no larger or more deeply impressed footprints than those left by Jesus Christ, who through his teaching and example, his life, death and resurrection, brought bright hope into dark times.

The primary aim of the Christian is not to sustain an institution or preserve a tradition but simply to follow Jesus Christ.

As an old hymn poetically expresses it:

'O let me see your footmarks, and in them plant mine own'.

In this we are constantly renewing and refreshing in each age the trail he pioneered. The times are again dark and we can be bearers of that same bright hope.

Our carbon footprint is obviously a bad thing that we need to reduce. Our community, relational and spiritual footprints are good things. Perhaps our Lent reflections might make our footprints a smidgen larger – except for carbon, of course!

Gordon Temple (Lay Minister, Naseby Group)

- 1.The lives of four March sisters featured in which famous novel?
- 2.Symbolising courage, what is March's birthstone?
- 3.On which date is Saint Patrick's Day?
- 4.In British tradition, which quarter day falls on 5th March?
- 5.Saint Piran's Day is held on March 5th in which English county?
- 6.The Ides of March takes place on which day of March?
- 7.Which film became the first to gross \$1 billion in March 1998?
- 8.Who was assassinated on the floor of the Senate in March 44BC?
- 9.Suharto follows Sukarno as President of which country in March 1968?
- 10.Ho Chi Minh became President of which country in March 1946?
- 11.In March 1969 James Earl Ray pleaded guilty to the assassination of who?
- 12.Who became the first female Prime Minister in March 1969?
- 13.In March of which year did work begin on the Sagrada Familia church?
- 14.Which tower was officially opened at the 1889 World Fair?
- 15.Who was Prime Minister in March 2022?

Answers below

Welford W.I February Meeting

28 members and 1 guest attended the meeting. After the singing of Jerusalem, the President introduced Natrice from the Northamptonshire Domestic Abuse Service. She outlined the work of the service, how they are funded and the various types of abuse catered for. There are now nine refuges in Northamptonshire, including one for men. She was thanked by Julie Newman, and presented with a cheque for £1,000 by Denise Cattell, being the total of our fund-raising in the year 2022/2023. Members had also brought a large amount of toiletries, etc. for the charity.

The business was then carried out, mentioning various county events and outings and our meal out on the 22nd March and Kilworth House on August 2nd. Denise C, Sue B and Christine are forming a sub-committee to enter the Challenge Trophy on our behalf and the Pauline Duff challenge to decorate a terra-cotta pot is open to all!! As this was the last meeting Denise Cattell will take as President, she was presented with flowers and thanked for the hard work she has done, especially all through Lockdown and beyond.

There followed a social and hilarious half-hour in the form of a beetle drive, organised by Sue Brotherton and then refreshments were enjoyed, provided and served by Sue Lees, Jean Baker and Sandra Wright.

The competition for a black and white photograph, organised by Christine O'Rielly was won by Julie Newman with Sue Wilson 2nd and Sue Lees 3rd. The raffle organised by Denise Bott was won by Mary Crowther with Debbie Green 2nd and Monica Cockerill 3rd.

Marston Trussell News

As Spring arrives, we are pleased to report that our essential work from the Quinquennial report has now been completed. Painting, Leadwork and Masonry repairs have all been completed to make our church safe and watertight. Our bank account is now a little depleted, so fundraising will continue so that we have reserves to fall back on if further essential repair work is needed in the future.

We are still very short of PCC members and have no Churchwardens. However, we are delighted to report that we have a new bellringing team in training, so hopefully you will soon be hearing our Church bells ringing again. Anyone wishing to support us in any capacity would be very welcome to help with any tasks in the church such as cleaning, flower arranging or if you would like to contribute to our PCC then we would make you very welcome.

We have one service in March, this is on Mothering Sunday 19th March at 9:30am. All are welcome to join us at this relaxed and celebratory service to be conducted by Gordon Temple.

Please get in touch with either of us if you notice anything untoward in the church or churchyard as we are not always able to check on the area.

Thank you Chris Otway 01858 289 516 or 97972736709 and Jenny Brad-

SIBBERTOFT NEWS

Reading Room – First Event of 2023

Circular Walk & Brunch

Saturday

March 18th

Meet at the Reading Room

Walk starts at 9.00am – Dogs Welcome

Refreshments in Reading Room from 10.00am (Cash Only)

We look forward to seeing you there.

Lent 'Footprints' Reflection Groups

There will be five opportunities for getting together to reflect on our 'footprints':
to pray and explore words from the Bible

Tuesday evenings at 7:30pm

Starting February 28th

Continuing March 7th; 14th; 21th & 28th

Meeting at

The Stables, Coombes Yard (off Welland Rise)
Sibbertoft LE16 9UP

at the kind invitation of Sue Clarke

For more information contact Gordon Temple
gordon@gordontemple.com | 07990 887635

WELCOME

to St Mary's Church

T@2

on Monday 6th March 2023

(usually 1st Monday of 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





NORTHAMPTON MALE VOICE CHOIR



The award winning choir, led by Stephen Bell, will be singing Classic, Modern, Popular, Acapella, Show Songs and Operatic.

SATURDAY 15th APRIL

St. Mary's Church, Welford

Doors open 7.00pm for 7.30pm start

Tickets at £10 each, to include a glass of wine or soft drink in the interval.



From

John Nicholas
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Book early as seats are limited

Cafe Church Special

On



St Marys Welford
Sunday 19th March 10.00am

*Come and celebrate this special day.
Enjoy Tea or Coffee and warm croissants with an
informal service .*

Everyone Welcome

Good Neighbours – March 7th 2023

The March Good Neighbours Coffee Morning will be on Tuesday March 7th from 10.00-12.00 in Welford 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.



There will be books (£1) and jigsaws (£2) for sale. All proceeds to our new charity – Welford Educational Trust.

There will be a warm welcome for one and all.

Jane, Sue & The Team