

St Martin's Church, Welton

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2nd Sunday of Lent

11.00am Service of Communion

This morning we welcome Revd John Stevenson,
 and thank him for leading our worship.

If you don't normally take communion but would like God's blessing,
 please come up to the altar rail holding your service booklet.
 Please stay for tea or coffee after the service — we would love to chat with you.

MORNING SERVICES. All commence at 11.00am

ROTAS	Today	19 March	26 March	02 April
Chalice	Val Hamblin	Morning Service	Jean Somerville	Gill Beardmore
Reader	Charles Broadhead	Keith Beardmore	Harold Thompson	Gillian Weigel
Sidesperson	Pam Broadhead	Harold Thompson	Bob Somerville	Rachel Horder
Prayers	Vicar	Gill Beardmore	Vicar	Keith Beardmore



2.00pm Baptism Service of Johanna Hibbert

4.00pm Evensong BCP

This afternoon Revd Canon Sarah Brown leads our worship.

AFTERNOON SERVICES. All commence at 4.00pm

Today	19 March	26 March	02 April
Evensong BCP	Family Communion	Mothering Sunday Teatime	Family Communion
<i>For those who crave the traditional language and peace of the Book of Common Prayer.</i>	<i>A slightly shorter communion service with lively message and delivery for all ages.</i>	<i>A meeting of Christians of all ages around the tea table. Tea and cake accompany informal discussion, games and storytelling to link faith with everyday life. Worship a different way.</i>	<i>A slightly shorter communion service with lively message and delivery for all ages</i>

First Reading

Genesis 12.1-4a

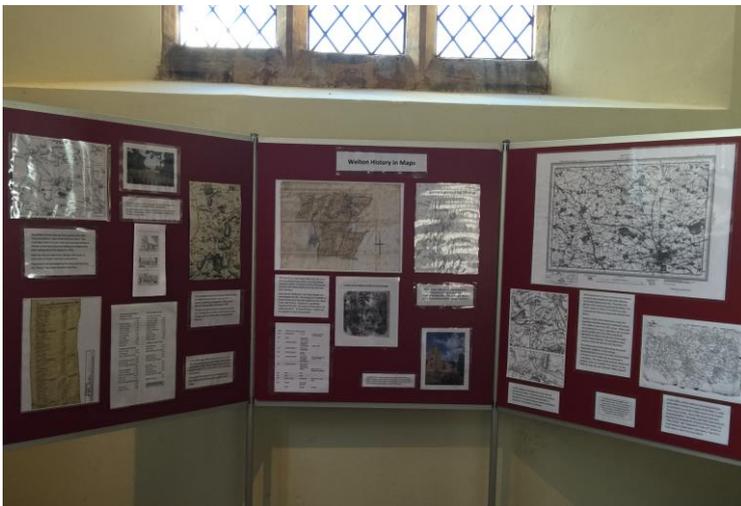
Now the Lord said to Abram, 'Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.' So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.

Gospel Reading

John 3.1-17

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? 'Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. 'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. 'Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

History of Welton Village



The Welton History Group has been working on a display of old maps. The display can be seen at the back of the South Aisle in the church and includes a new "find" from someone's loft; a hand drawn map of 1885 with a key to show where some of Colonel Clarke's tenants lived. The Benjamin family are also represented on our war memorial. The church is open most days, and you may wish to pop in to see the display. The group is also responsible for the Welton Heritage Walk – leaflets available in Church – and the "History corner" at the back of the North Aisle.

The History Group meets once a month and is open to everyone. On March 31st, the group will be having a daytime meeting to visit the Northamptonshire Records Archives to look at some of the old documents about Welton. On April 24th (7.30pm, Village Hall), David Adams will be speaking to us about the History of Ashby St. Ledgers (Church and two manors).

If you have any news or forthcoming events: email ros@rosirius.co.uk. Please let me know if you would like your name adding to the email list to receive weekly pew leaflets. Thank you. Roslyn.