

## DIARY DATES

(please see overleaf for Christmas Services)

### DECEMBER 2018

**Wed 26th** *Boxing Day*

**NO MIDWEEK BENEFICE SERVICE**

**Sun 30th** *First Sunday of Christmas*

**Benefice Communion**

**(with Revd Viv Baldwin)**

*10.30am, St Mary the Virgin, Wappenham*

### JANUARY 2019

**Wed 2<sup>nd</sup>** **NO MIDWEEK BENEFICE SERVICE**

**Sun 6<sup>th</sup>** *Epiphany*

**Benefice Communion**

**(with Rev'd Hugh Kent)**

*10.30am, St Mary & St Peter, Lois Weedon*

**Wed 9<sup>th</sup>** **MIDWEEK BENEFICE SERVICE OF THE WORD (WS)**

*10am, St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon*

**Benefice Bingo Evening**

*7.30 for 8pm, Wappenham Village Hall*

**Fri 11<sup>th</sup>** **BPCC Social & Fundraising Comm Mtg**

*7pm, 48 Wappenham Rd, Helmdon*

*(NB. new time)*

**Sun 13<sup>th</sup>** *Baptism of Christ*

**Breakfast Church**

*9am, St Mary the Virgin, Wappenham*

**Matins**

*9.30am, St Mary & St Peter, Lois Weedon*

**Parish Communion**

**(with Rev'd Lynda Randall)**

*10am, St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon*

**Parish Communion**

**(with Rev'd Lynda Randall)**

*11.15am, St James the Great, Syresham*

**Messy Church**

*3.30pm, St James the Great, Syresham*



## PEWS NEWS

The Astwell Benefice

St Mary Magdalene Helmdon with Stuchbury and St Lawrence Radstone and St James the Great Syresham with St John the Evangelist Whitfield, St Mary & St Peter Lois Weedon with Weston and Plumpton and St Mary the Virgin Wappenham.

### Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2018

*Third Sunday of Advent*

*Services in the Benefice today:*

- 8am** **Prayerbook Communion in Advent**  
**(Rev'd J Roberts)**  
*St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon*
- 9.30am** **Communion in Advent**  
**(Rev'd Hugh Kent)**  
*St Mary & St Peter, Lois Weedon*
- 11.15am** **Parish Communion in Advent**  
**(Rev'd V Baldwin)**  
*St Mary the Virgin, Wappenham*
- 4 for 4.30pm** **Messy Christingle**  
*St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon*
- 6pm** **Candlelit Carols with the Chapel and Syresham School Choir**  
*St James the Great, Syresham*

**Today's Readings:**

Zephaniah 3. 14-end

Philippians 4. 4-7

*Gospel: Luke 3.7-18*

Please take this home with you, as everyone is welcome at all our events and services.

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### Services in the Benefice this Week:

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2018**

**Benefice Service of the Word (WS)**

*10am, St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon*

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2018**

**Carols by Candlelight**

*7.30pm, St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon*

**Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2018**

**Carols by Candlelight**

*7pm, St John the Evangelist, Whitfield*

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2018**

*Fourth Sunday of Advent*

**Benefice Carols & Communion by Ext**

*10.30am, St James the Great, Syresham*

## To hold in your prayers this week:

We bring before our loving heavenly Father those who are unwell, recovering from illness or who are simply having a bad time, and all those who need our prayers.

### *From Helmdon:*

Joyce Beech, Philip Gulliver, Peter Payne, Emma, Jon and Ellouise, Claire & Freya.

### *From Lois Weedon:*

Joan Jacobs, Lis Cockrell, Delia Jones, Judith Allen, Jeremy "Jez" Wilcox and Ernie Wheeler

### *From Syresham:*

Greg Oles and family, Derek Hollyoake, Doreen Moreland, Peter Sims & Ann Widdowson.

### *From Wappenham:*

Sue Corbishley, Judy King.

### *For those known to us:*

Gill Goodwin, Marjorie Baxter, Pauline Collis, Christopher Carr, Evelyn Johnson, Alison Wilson, Jonnie D'Arcy, James Smillie, Roberta Estes, Peter Sheen, Dick White.

### *Please pray for those bereaved:*

Jennie, Jake, Ben, Gerald & Michelle & all the family and friends of Jason Holt & Shirley Holt; Angela, Jo & Erik and the family and friends of Dennis Hackett; Susan & Sally, daughters of Dick Wilson; Gillian & the family & friends of David Wyness; Jean Bearman; the family, friends and parishioners of the Rev'd Roger Bellamy; Ruth & the family and friends of Rex Jessett; Sue James, Colin & family; Jill Pinder and family; Julia and Malcolm and the friends & family of Celia Terrey; Robin & Jeffrey and the friends & family of Pip Dandy; Jane and the family and friends of George Beyts; Diane Hunt and family & friends of Rosemary Hinton; Kathryn and Peter Oliver, and Geoff and Jo Abbey. Also, the family and friends of Ann Harman, Rev'd David Randell, Barbara Rawlins, Mark Kilby, Alan Clube, Keith Hawkins, Trudi Buxton and Neil Carruthers.

And for the work of the Beacon Centre, The Wolverton Mission, the Hope Centre, Katharine House Hospice and Northampton Women's Aid. We also continue to pray for all refugees fleeing persecution and all victims of terror. *We are happy to add anyone to our prayer list providing they are happy to have us pray for them. You may also know someone who would prefer private prayers.*

***Congratulations to the Benefice Fundraising Committee and all who have helped with the various fundraisers and other events, such as Rogation, throughout the year.***

The current totals are:

Fundraising profits: £3830.74

Events Profits: £1182.66 of which

£716.16 was given to charity.

The profits have funded our secretary and office expenses.

***Alice Palmer, Benefice Treasurer***

## WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

### DECEMBER

<b>Tues 18<sup>th</sup></b>	Helmdon Café	10am – 12 noon, Reading Room
	Hope Centre Food Delivery	1pm
<b>Wed 19<sup>th</sup></b>	Benefice Midweek Service of the Word	10.30am
	St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon	
	Mums & Tots	10am-noon, Syresham V Hall
<b>Thurs 20<sup>th</sup></b>	Helmdon Parents & Tots	10am-noon, St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon
	Benefice Choir Practice	6.30-7.30pm, St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon
<b>Fri 21<sup>st</sup></b>	Carols by Candlelight	7.30pm, St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon
<b>Sat 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	Carols by Candlelight	7pm, St John the Evangelist, Whitfield

## CHRISTMAS EVE AND CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICES IN THE ASTWELL BENEFICE

### ***Monday 24<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Eve***

**Candlelit Family Nativity Service & Christingle**  
*5pm, St James the Great, Syresham*

**Christingle Service**  
*6.30pm, St John the Evangelist, Whitfield*

**Carol Service**  
*6.30pm, St John the Baptist, Plumpton*

**Carols by Candlelight for Christmas Eve  
(with Paul Stothard)**  
*7.30pm, St Mary the Virgin, Wappenham*

**Communion for Christmas Night  
(with Rev'd J Roberts)**  
*9.30pm, St James the Great, Syresham*

**Midnight Mass  
(with Rev'd Paula Challen)**  
*11.30pm, St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon*

### ***Monday 25<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Day***

**Communion for Christmas Morning  
(1662 Service with Rev'd J Roberts)**  
*9am, St John The Evangelist, Whitfield*

**Communion for Christmas Morning  
(with Paul Stothard, by ext)**  
*9.30am, St Mary & St Peter, Lois Weedon*

**Communion for Christmas Morning  
(with Wiggy Smith, by ext)**  
*10am, St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon*

**Christmas Morning Service**  
*10.30am, St James the Great, Syresham*

**Communion for Christmas Morning  
(with Wiggy Smith, by ext)**  
*11.15am, St Mary the Virgin, Wappenham*