

DIARY DATES 2019

FEBRUARY

- Mon 25th** **Benefice PCC Meeting**
7.30pm, Wappenham Village Hall
- Wed 27th** **Midweek Benefice Communion by ext (WS)** 10am, St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon
MU Meeting (speaker: Revd W Adams)
7.30pm, 12A Church St, Helmdon

MARCH

- Friday 1st** **Women's World Day of Prayer Service**
2pm, St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon
- Sat 2nd** **Pancake Breakfast**
9am, Reading Room, Helmdon
- Sun 3rd** **Sunday Next Before Lent**
Benefice Service by Ext (WS)
10.30am, St Mary the Virgin, Wappenham
- Mon 4th** **Pastoral Care Comm Mtg**
10am, 48, Wappenham Rd, Helmdon
BPCC Social & Fundraising Comm Mtg
7pm, 48, Wappenham Rd, Helmdon
- Tues 5th** **Friends of St James Pancake Lunch**
12-2pm, Vine Cottage, Syresham
- Wed 6th** **ASH WEDNESDAY**
Benefice Holy Communion with Revd Doug Spenceley
10am, St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon
- Fri 8th** Visiting Bell ringers at Lois Weedon
- Sun 10th** **First Sunday of Lent**
Breakfast Church
9am, St Mary the Virgin, Wappenham
Matins
9.30am, St Mary & St Peter, Lois Weedon
Parish Communion (Revd D Spenceley)
10am, St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon
Parish Communion (Revd D Spenceley)
11.15am, St James the Great, Syresham
Messy Church
3.30pm, St James the Great, Syresham
- Wed 13th** **Midweek Benefice Service of the Word (WS)** 10am, St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon
LENT 'SOUP & BREAD' LUNCH
12.30pm, Reading Room, Helmdon
- Sat 16th** **Fifth Round of Benefice Quiz**
7 for 7.15pm, Helmdon Reading Room

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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.

Services in the Benefice today:

Sunday 17th February 2019 Third Sunday Before Lent

- 8am** **Prayerbook Communion**
(Revd J Roberts)
St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon
- 9am** **Breakfast, followed by**
- 10am** **Prayer & Praise - 'Just as We Are'**
St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon
- 9.30am** **Holy Communion (Revd Hugh Kent)**
St Mary & St Peter, Lois Weedon
- 10.30am** **Village Prayer & Praise**
St James the Great, Syresham
- 11.15am** **Parish Communion (Revd V Baldwin)**
St Mary the Virgin, Wappenham

Today's Readings:

Jeremiah 17. 5-10
1 Corinthians 15. 12-20
Gospel: Luke 6 17-26

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

Services in the Benefice this Week:

Wednesday 20th February 2019
Midweek Benefice Service of the Word
10am, St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon

Sunday 24th February 2019
Second Sunday before Lent

- 10am** **Holy Communion (Rev'd J Roberts)**
St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon
- 11.15am** **Family Service**
St James the Great, Syresham
- 11.15am** **Prayer & Praise**
St Mary the Virgin, Wappenham
- 6pm** **Evensong**
St Mary & St Peter, Lois Weedon

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 & Ellouise, Claire & Freya, and Barbara Buxton.

From Lois Weedon:

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

From Syresham:

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

From Wappenham:

Judy King and Claire Kennett

For those known to us:

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

Please pray for those bereaved:

The family and friends of Doreen Moreland; Susan Clarke & family; Bob, Tom, Joel and the family and friends of Sue Corbishley; 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; 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; 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.

GOOD NEWS FROM RADSTONE CHURCH

St Lawrence Church, Radstone has been granted the funding for their 'bats' project. The contract starts on 1st April, with site surveys starting in August.

More details will be announced soon.

Bill Elkington/Penny Bonner

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

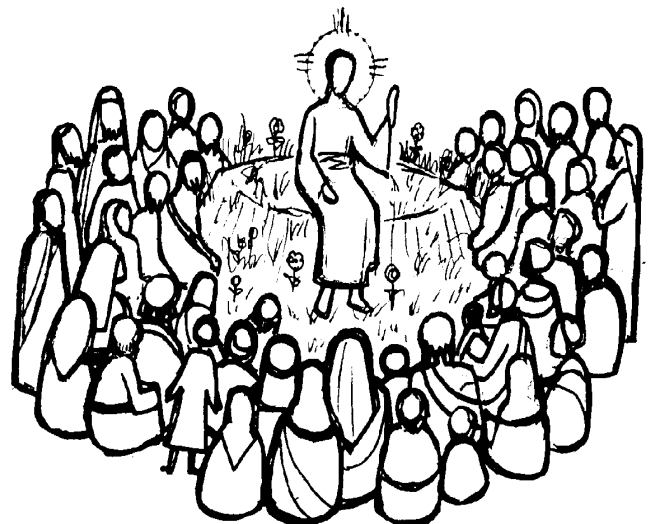
FEBRUARY (HALF TERM ALL WEEK)

- Mon 18th** Helmdon Worship Team Mtg
10am, 48 Wappenham Rd, Helmdon
Lois Weedon BRICC Mtg
2.30pm, Lois Weedon Farm
Benefice Worship Comm Mtg, 7.30pm,
48 Wappenham Rd, Helmdon
- Tues 19th** Helmdon Café 10am -12 noon, Reading Rm
Hope Centre Food Delivery 1pm
- Wed 20th** Midweek Benefice Service of the Word
(WS) 10am, St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon
- Thur 21st** Benefice Choir Practice 6.30-
7.30pm St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon
- Sat 23rd** Bellringing Practice 9.30 – 10.30am,
Helmdon
Visiting Bell ringers in the Benefice
Whitfield 10.30-11.15am & Syresham
2.30-3.15pm

Interregnum Update

There were no applicants from our advert for a new Rector in the Church Times in December, so a re-worded advert will now be run. The delay is caused because our Benefice has 5 Patrons - Bishop Donald and 5 from various Oxford University colleges. They all have to agree to a date for interview before the advert and closing date can be fixed. Archdeacon Richard's secretary will keep me informed of progress and I will let you know when the new advert is due to appear.

Bill Elkington, Lay Chair



Luke 6. 17-26