

DIARY DATES 2019

MARCH

- Mon 25th** **LENT COURSE Wk 3**
7.30pm, 9 Wappenham Rd, Helmdon
Lois Weedon BRICC Meeting
2.30pm, Croft Farm
- Wed 27th** **MU Communion by Ext (WS)**
10am, St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon
BENEFICE LENT 'SOUP & BREAD' LUNCH
12.30pm, Whitfield Village Hall
MU MEETING - 'Thoughts for Lent'
7.30pm, 12A Church St, Helmdon
- Wed 27th** **Deanery Synod Meeting**
7.15 for 7.30pm, Aston Le Walls V Hall
- Sat 30th** **Medieval Banquet (Friends of St James)**
7.30pm, St James the Great, Syresham
- Sun 31st** **Mothering Sunday**
Mothering Sunday Prayer & Praise
9.30am, St Mary & St Peter, Lois Weedon
Mothering Sunday Service
10am, St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon
Parish Communion for Mothering Sunday (Revd Viv Baldwin)
10am, St John the Evangelist, Whitfield
Mothering Sunday Service with the Chapel
10.30am, Syresham Chapel
Parish Communion for Mothering Sunday (Revd Viv Baldwin)
11.15am, St Mary the Virgin, Wappenham

APRIL

- Mon 1st** **LENT COURSE Wk 4**
7.30pm, 9 Wappenham Rd, Helmdon
- Wed 3rd** **Midweek Benefice Service of the Word (WS)** 10am, St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon
BENEFICE LENT 'SOUP & BREAD' LUNCH
12 noon, Wappenham Village Hall and
12.30pm, Lois Weedon Village Hall
- Fri 5th** **Schools Break up for Easter**
- Sun 7th** **Fifth Sunday of Lent**
Benefice Service of Communion by ext (WS)
10.30am, St James the Great, Syresham
- Mon 8th** **LENT COURSE Wk 5**
7.30pm, 9 Wappenham Rd, Helmdon
- Wed 10th** **Midweek Benefice Service of the Word (WS)** 10am, St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon

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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 March 2019 Second Sunday of Lent

- 8am** **Prayerbook Communion (Revd J Roberts)**
St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon
- 9 - 10am** **Breakfast, followed by**
- 10am** **Prayer & Praise**
St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon
- 9.30am** **Holy Communion (Revd Joe Loveday)**
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:

Genesis 15. 1-12, 17-18
Philippians 3.17-41
Luke 13. 31-end

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

Services in the Benefice this Week:

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

Sunday 24th March 2019
Third Sunday of Lent

- 10am** **Holy Communion (Rev'd J Roberts)**
St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon
- 11.15am** **'All Age' Service**
St James the Great, Syresham
- 11.15am** **Prayer & Praise**
St Mary the Virgin, Wappenham

NB: Evensong at Lois Weedon is cancelled

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.

Please pray for the family & friends of Robin Oliver, whose funeral will be held on Wednesday 28th March at 12 noon at St James the Great, Syresham.

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.*

PLEASE NOTE:

All Parish reports should be returned to Judith Elkington by 24th March 2019
judith.elkington@gmail.com

and

New Church Electoral Rolls are being prepared for all the parishes in our Benefice. Anyone wishing to have their name entered on the new Roll, whether their names are on the present Roll or not, should return their forms to the relevant church as soon as possible.

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

MARCH

- Mon 18th** Planning Mtg for Womens' World Day of Prayer 11am, 48 Wapp Rd, Helmdon
LENT COURSE Wk 2 7.30pm, 9 Wapp Rd, Helmdon
- Tues 19th** Helmdon Café 10am -12 noon, Reading Rm
Hope Centre Food Delivery 1pm
- Wed 20th** Midweek Benefice Service of the Word 10am
St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon
Mums & Tots 10am-noon, Syresham V Hall
BENEFICE LENT 'SOUP & BREAD' LUNCH
12.30pm, Syresham Chapel Sunday Sch Rm
- Thur 21st** Benefice Choir Practice 6.30-7.30pm
St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon
- Sat 23rd** Bellringing Practice 9.30 - 10.30am, Helmdon

BENEFICE LENT COURSE

**To be held on Mondays throughout Lent
(18th, 25th March, and 1st & 8th April)
7.30pm at 9 Wappenham Rd, Helmdon
(Please note change of venue)**

We will travel through Jesus's life with Mary, his mother, and experience grief, blame, love, joy, bliss, anguish, despair, pain, and ecstasy, following the Julie Sharpe Lent Course "Morning".

Please contact Wiggy (01295 760953), or Bill (01295 760438) if you would like to join us.

**Can you travel with us to the Tomb
and still be the same?**



BENEFICE LENT 'SOUP & BREAD' LUNCHES (All proceeds to charity)

Wednesday 20th March
12.30pm, Syresham Chapel
Sunday School Room

Wednesday 27th March
12.30pm, Whitfield Village Hall

Wednesday 3rd April
12 noon, Wappenham Village Hall
and
12.30pm, Lois Weedon Village Hall

