

DIARY DATES 2019

MAY

- Mon 27th** *BANK HOLIDAY*
- Tues 28th** **Benefice Pastoral Care Comm Mtg**
2.30pm, 48 Wappenham Rd, Helmdon
Lois Weedon BRICC Meeting
2.30pm, Castle Mound
- Wed 29th** **Benefice Midweek Communion Service (PC)**
10am, St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon
Call to Prayer
At All Churches or at Home 5.30pm

JUNE

- Sat 1st** **Wedding of Debbie Clarke & Peter Wilkes (Revd Will Adams)**
1.30pm, St John the Evangelist, Whitfield
- Sun 2nd** **Rogation Sunday**
Said Communion (Revd J Roberts)
8am, St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon
Benefice Rogation Service (Revd P Challen) & speaker from Farming Community Network
11am, Kiln Farm, Pimlico
- Tues 4th** **Schools go back**
- Wed 5th** **Benefice Midweek Service (WS)**
10am, St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon
Call to Prayer
At All Churches or at Home 5.30pm
Benefice Bingo Night
7.30 for 8pm, Helmdon Reading Room
Whitfield BRICC Mtg
7.30pm, V Hall
- Fri 7th** **Friends of St James, Syresham Concert**
7.30pm, St James the Great, Syresham
- Sat 8th** **Syresham Church Fete**
2-4pm, The Priory
- Sun 9th** **Pentecost**
Breakfast Church
9am, St Mary the Virgin, Wappenham
Matins
9.30am, St Mary & St Peter, Lois Weedon
Parish Communion (Revd P Challen)
10am, St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon
Parish Communion (Revd P Challen)
11.15am, St James the Great, Syresham
Messy Church
3.30pm, St James the Great, Syresham
- Mon 10th** **BPCC Finance Comm Mtg**
6.30pm, Vine Cottage, Syresham
- Wed 12th** **Benefice Midweek Service (PC)**
10am, St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon
- Sat 15th** **Wedding of Natasha Mason & James Evans (Rev'd John Roberts)**
2pm, St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon
- Sun 16th** **Trinity Sunday**
Prayerbook Communion (Revd P Challen)
8am, St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon
Breakfast, 9 - 10am followed by Prayer & Praise
10am, St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon
Holy Communion (Revd P Challen)
9.30am, St Mary & St Peter, Lois Weedon
Village Prayer & Praise
10.30am, St James the Great, Syresham
Parish Communion (Revd P Challen)
11.15am, St Mary the Virgin, Wappenham
- Wed 19th** **Benefice Midweek Service (WS)**
10am, St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon



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 19th May 2019

Fifth Sunday of Easter

- 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 Paula Challen)**
St Mary & St Peter, Lois Weedon
- 10.30am** **Village Prayer & Praise**
St James the Great, Syresham
- 11.15am** **Parish Communion (Revd Paula Challen)**
St Mary the Virgin, Wappenham
- 1pm** **Baptism (Revd Paula Challen)**
St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon

Today's Readings

Acts 11. 1-18

Revelation 21. 1-6

Gospel: John 13. 31-35

SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE NEXT WEEK

Wednesday 22nd May 2019

**Benefice Midweek
Service is Cancelled**

Sunday 26th May 2019

Sixth Sunday of Easter

- 10am** **Holy Communion (Revd P Challen)**
St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon
- 11.15am** **All Age Service (Revd P Challen)**
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, Emma, Jon & Ellouise, Claire & Freya, Barbara Buxton, Joyce Wiggins, Diane Thorpe & Vanessa Vicars.

From Lois Weedon:

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

From Syresham:

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

From Wappenham:

Judy King and Claire Kennett

For those known to us:

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

Please pray for those bereaved, and the family & friends of: Peter Payne, Ivan Hathaway, Robin Oliver, Doreen Moreland, Sue Corbishley, Jason Holt & Shirley Holt, Dennis Hackett, Dick Wilson, David Wyness, Jean Bearman. Rev'd Roger Bellamy, Rex Jessett, Celia Terrey, Pip Dandy, George Beyts, Ann Harman, Rev'd David Randell, Mark Kilby, Alan Clube, Keith Hawkins and Neil Carruthers. And also for Susan Clarke & family, Kathryn and Peter Oliver, & Geoff and Jo Abbey.

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.*

Rogation Sunday Service with Blessing of the Plough

**Sunday 2nd June at 11am
at Kiln Farm, Pimlico,
Brackley, NN13 5TN**

with a speaker from

The Farming Community Network,
followed by a Lamb Roast Lunch.
(Tickets £7.50, £3.50 primary age
children, pre-school children free).

Please complete the lunch form which can be
found in your parish church and return
with your payment to:

**Ann Smith, 12A Church Street, Helmdon,
NN13 5QJ (Tel: 01295760684
ann.smith.antone@gmail.com)**

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

MAY

- Mon 20th** Helmdon Worship Comm Mtg 10am
48 Wappenham Rd, Helmdon
- Tues 21st** Helmdon Café 10am -12 noon, Reading Rm
Hope Centre Food Delivery 1pm
- Wed 22nd** **BENEFICE MIDWEEK SERVICE CANCELLED**
Coffee, Cake and Bring & Buy in the Garden
10am-Noon, 2 Milthorpe. Lois Weedon
Mums & Tots 10am-noon, Syresham V Hall
Call to Prayer in all Churches or at Home
5.30pm
- Thur 23rd** Helmdon Parents & Tots 10am-noon
St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon
Benefice Choir Practice 6.30-7.30pm
St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon
- Fri 24th** *Schools Break up for Half Term*
- Sat 25th** Bell ringing Practice 9.30 - 10.30am, Helmdon
Wedding of Hannah Seckington & Callum Jones
1pm, St Mary & St Peter, Lois Weedon

Please pray for:

Hannah Seckington & Callum Jones
who will be married on Saturday 25th May 2019
at St Mary & St Peter, Lois Weedon

Debbie Clarke & Peter Wilkes
who will be married on Saturday 1st June 2019
at St John the Evangelist, Whitfield

Natasha Mason & James Evans
who will be married on Saturday 15th June 2019
at St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon

Georgina Isaac & Russell Syrett
who will be married on Saturday 22nd June 2019
at St Mary & St Peter, Lois Weedon

The Astwell Pie Challenge

was a great success, raising £440 for the Benefice!

14 pies were entered and Judith Elkington was the
overall winner - her prize is a day's Masterclass in
the Pie Room at the Holborn Dining Room.

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