

PARISH NEWS FROM THE ASTWELL BENEFICE

Helmdon, Radstone, Syresham, Whitfield, Lois Weedon & Weston, and Wappenham

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We would love to feature your 'lock-down' news, stories and photos here (max 500 words).

Please send them to Sarah Rudkin at: rectorastwellbenefice@aol.com.

We will also continue to list overleaf all those for whom we pray on a regular basis. If you know of anyone who would like to be added to list, please ask them to contact Sarah or Wiggy.

Maisie is a Star!

Eight-year old Maisie lives in Whitfield and she has been fundraising for a charity close to her family's heart. 'Emily's Star' supports parents of premature babies. Maisie's baby cousin was born in January this year weighing 3lb 11oz at 33 weeks. 'Emily's Star' helped her Aunt by providing a box of useful items to help during those first few days and weeks in



hospital. Vests suitable for a premature baby, a wash bag, hand knitted bonding squares, hat and cardigan, milestone cards and for the mother a wash kit and travel water bottle. Maisie was desperate to do something to say 'thank you'. She started with a challenge to walk 50km during the month of June. Maisie's walks were of varying length and differing scenery and terrain, visiting places like Turweston Aerodrome, Whistley Woods, Bourton Park



and Brackley Lakes, and clocking up the kilometres!

Another idea was to run a cake stall on the verge outside The Old Rectory, which she did last weekend. The table was laden

with delicious cakes of all sizes and flavours, which sold like.....well.... *hot cakes* in a very short time, raising an amazing £385 to boost her fund!



Maisie has raised an amazing £1400 so far. What a fantastic effort from a

determined young lady – well done Maisie!

Please click on the 'JustGiving' link below if you would like to help Maisie increase her fund even further!

https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Amanda-Chapman5?utm_campaign=lc_frp_share_transaction_transactional_-_donation_received_-_nth_donation&utm_content=1bb400d0-c990-48dc-9e57-12a4bc45766e&utm_medium=email&utm_source=postoffice&utm_term=1592233809449

TO HOLD IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

We bring before our loving heavenly Father those in our villages and others we know who are unwell, recovering from illness and all those who need our prayers for any reason during this difficult time:

From Helmdon: Joyce Beech, Philip Gulliver, Emma, Jon, Ellouise, Lilly & James, Barbara Buxton, Diane Thorpe, Vanessa Vicars, John Thorne, Alison & Cara, John & Janet Snow, Margaret Reardon, David Bowen-Jones & Kathy Quiney.

From Lois Weedon: Joan Jacobs, Lis Cockrell, Jeremy "Jez" Wilcox, Ernie Wheeler & Colin James.

From Syresham: Derek Hollyoake, Peter Sims, John & Ann Widdowson & Collette Andrewartha.

From Wappenham: Judy King and Claire Kennett.

For those known to us:

Pauline Collis, Christopher Carr, Evelyn Johnson, Jonnie D'Arcy, James Smillie, Peter Sheen, Dick White, June Brereton, Roger Cane, Penny Bonnymeade, Barbara Whitlock, Ollie Dotterill, Christabel Grant, Marina & Froede Amundsen.

Please pray for those bereaved, and the family & friends of:

Maurice Tucker, David Sheppard, Steve Goodwin, Dorothy D'Alton (nee Abbot), Sally Gore, Teresa Fleetwood, James Gadd, Ron Pratt, Margaret Hinton, Judith Allen, Marcus Durant, Tom Samways, Greg Oles, Mike Durant, Stewart Gundle, Ian Kidd, Richard Tims, Peter Payne, Ivan Hathaway, Robin Oliver, Sue Corbishley, Jason Holt & Shirley Holt, Dennis Hackett, Dick Wilson, Mark Kilby, Keith Hawkins. Also, for the Bearman family, Susan Clarke & family, Kathryn and Peter Oliver, & Geoff and Jo Abbey.

We are delighted to announce the following new arrivals!

Woody Rex Templeman, born on 13th June, a son for Emily and Rich (of Lois Weedon)

Eleanor Williams, born on 14th June, a sister for Henry, to parents Mary & John Williams.
(Mary is the eldest daughter of Antony & Claire Bonner of Whitfield)

SYRESHAM CEMETERY EXTENSION

For many years Syresham Parish Council have been in discussion with Les Hawkins, who now owns what used to be called Priory Fields opposite The Priory in Wappenham Road. Last year the BRICC (formerly PCC) got planning permission from the district council to extend this cemetery, which is down to its last five vacant slots.

Les Hawkins kindly donated to St James Church, owners of the cemetery, 1/10th of an acre of adjoining grazing land to the West side of the existing cemetery. Just before lockdown, Sebs Arboricultural Services felled seven conifers which had marked the boundary, ground out the stumps and Hawkins broke up the foundations of an old stable, hopefully to provide smooth ground for future use.



South Northants unsurprisingly asked for the same metal black railings to be used, rather than post and rail which the Hawkins family had kindly offered. So, with legal fees, both the vendors and Peterborough's, this small extension will come in costing nearly £10000. Hawkins Fencing have successfully quoted for the new railings and, as soon as the work is finished, we plan to have a consecration ceremony to bless the new plot. With more and more people now being cremated, we hope that this extension will last another 50 years; the existing cemetery having been consecrated at the beginning of the last century.

In other 'lockdown' news, we have commissioned a stone mason to make a number of 'Reserved' stones for graveyard and cemetery to avoid any confusion when people's time comes. Also to make stones for 'unmarked' cremated remains areas.

We are also re-paving the area just outside St James Church to give us a No Parking area and to smarten up the approach to the church, when it re-opens.

Life goes on, even when the Church is closed!

**Malcolm Orr-Ewing, Churchwarden,
Syresham**