

FORTHCOMING SERVICES

Sunday 26th September – 17th Sunday after Trinity

8.30am	Online	Morning Prayer
10am	Helmdon	Holy Communion
10 -12	Whitfield	Private Prayer
11am	Syresham	Prayer & Praise
11.15am	Wappenham	Harvest Festival & Holy Communion
6pm	Lois Weedon	Benefice Evensong

Sunday 3rd October – 18th Sunday after Trinity

8.30am	Online	Morning Prayer
9.30am	Lois Weedon	Private Prayer
9.30am	Whitfield	Holy Communion
10am	Helmdon	Morning Worship
11am	Syresham	Harvest Festival & Baptism
11.15am	Wappenham	Morning Worship

Sunday 10th October – 19th Sunday after Trinity

8.30am	Online	Morning Prayer
9am	Wappenham	Breakfast Church
9.30am	Lois Weedon	Matins
10am	Helmdon	Holy Communion & Harvest
11am	Syresham	Morning Worship
6pm	Whitfield	Harvest Festival and Supper

Sunday 17th October – 20th Sunday after Trinity

8.30am	Online	Morning Prayer
9.30am	Whitfield	Morning Worship
9.30am	Syresham	Holy Communion
10am	Helmdon	Prayer & Praise
11am	Lois Weedon	Harvest Festival, followed by lunch at the V Hall
11.15am	Wappenham	Prayer & Praise/Morning Worship

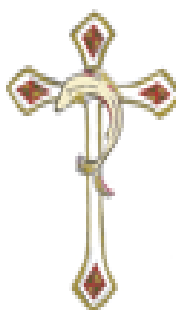


Online Benefice Prayer Meeting

Please join Revd Diane on Monday evenings at 6pm using the following Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85894936136?pwd=YW5qS1Vo4MEw5Q1dvUG9WWTdabkNjdz09>
Meeting ID: 890 3407 6266 Passcode: 545720

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PEWS NEWS

The Astwell Benefice

St Mary Magdalene Helmdon with Stuchbury & St Lawrence Radstone, St James the Great Syresham with St John the Evangelist Whitfield, St Mary & St Peter Lois Weedon with Weston & Plumpton, and St Mary the Virgin Wappenham.
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Sunday 19th September 2021

16th Sunday after Trinity

Today's Services:

8.30am	Online	Morning Prayer
9.30am	Lois Weedon	Holy Communion
9.30am	Whitfield	Morning Worship
10am	Helmdon	Prayer & Praise
11am	Syresham	Morning Worship
11.15am	Wappenham	Prayer & Praise

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Services will be available on Facebook approximately one hour after 'live-stream' on Zoom.

<https://www.facebook.com/astwellbenefice/>

NOTICES:

Please note that Revd Diane's day off is Friday - please contact your churchwarden or Sarah Rudkin in her absence.

- Revd Diane and members of the BPC would like to thank Malcolm Orr-Ewing and all those who helped with food and drinks for the lunch following her recent Induction service.*
- Midweek Holy Communion Services will be held at Helmdon at 10am on Wednesday 22nd and 29th September, and 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th October.*

The Collect and Readings for 16th Sunday after Trinity

Collect:

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers
of your people who call upon you;
and grant that they may both perceive and know
what things they ought to do,
and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil
them;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Old Testament Reading: Jeremiah 11:18-20

¹⁸ It was the Lord who made it known to me, and I knew;
then you showed me their evil deeds.

¹⁹ But I was like a gentle lamb
led to the slaughter.

And I did not know it was against me
that they devised schemes, saying,
'Let us destroy the tree with its fruit,
let us cut him off from the land of the living,
so that his name will no longer be remembered!'

²⁰ But you, O Lord of hosts, who judge righteously,
who try the heart and the mind,
let me see your retribution upon them,
for to you I have committed my cause.

New Testament Reading: James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

¹³ Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by
your good life that your works are done with gentleness
born of wisdom. ¹⁴But if you have bitter envy and selfish
ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to
the truth. ¹⁵Such wisdom does not come down from
above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. ¹⁶For where
there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be
disorder and wickedness of every kind. ¹⁷But the
wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle,
willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a
trace of partiality or hypocrisy. ¹⁸And a harvest of
righteousness is sown in peace for those who make
peace.

¹Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they
come from? Do they not come from your cravings that
are at war within you? ²You want something and do not
have it; so you commit murder. And you
covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in
disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do
not ask. ³You ask and do not receive, because you ask
wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your
pleasures.

⁷Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil,
and he will flee from you. ⁸Draw near to God, and he will
draw near to you.

Gospel Reading: Mark 9:30-37

³⁰ They went on from there and passed through Galilee.
He did not want anyone to know it; ³¹for he was teaching
his disciples, saying to them, 'The Son of Man is to be
betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and
three days after being killed, he will rise again.' ³²But
they did not understand what he was saying and were
afraid to ask him.

³³ Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in
the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about
on the way?' ³⁴But they were silent, for on the way they
had argued with one another about who was the
greatest. ³⁵He sat down, called the twelve, and said to
them, 'Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and
servant of all.' ³⁶Then he took a little child and put it
among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to
them, ³⁷'Whoever welcomes one such child in my name
welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not
me but the one who sent me.'

Post Communion Collect:

Almighty God,
you have taught us through your Son
that love is the fulfilling of the law:
grant that we may love you with our whole heart
and our neighbours as ourselves;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.



Prayers by Hannah Fowles

Almighty God, we thank you for the gift of being able to speak to you directly through prayer. We gather before you today to express our concerns for the Church and the world, and to thank you for your compassion and all that you provide for us.

Lord, in your Mercy: **Hear our Prayer**

Creator God, we pray for your world, particularly those countries that are torn apart by conflict, illness and hunger. We continue to pray for the people of Afghanistan as they begin to rebuild their lives following recent events. We ask for your protection and support for all refugees who have had to move to new countries. We pray for the leaders of all nations that they would strive for justice and peace for all people.

Lord, in your Mercy: **Hear our Prayer**

Caring God, we pray for all those who are afflicted by physical, emotional or mental illness. Help them to keep their eyes fixed on you, and give them the courage to face the trials and temptations that may come. Bring healing and comfort for people around the world suffering from the short and long-term effects of Covid-19. Speed their recovery and slow the spread of the virus. We thank you for the efforts of all those involved in treating, testing and caring for patients, and ask for your protection over them as they go about their work.

In a moment of silence, please pray for one person who is on your mind today.

Lord, in your Mercy: **Hear our Prayer**

Almighty God as we move into another week, prevent our feet from stumbling and walk with us on our journey of faith as we seek to do your will.

Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Risen Saviour Jesus Christ.



This year, I would like us to join in with the 'Big Church Read' which begins this month. The idea is for us to read the suggested book and meet to discuss it - there are resources and videos online. The book we will be reading is: 'Bouncing Forwards' by Patrick Regan. More information can be found at:

<https://thebigchurchread.co.uk/>

If you would like to join me, please let me know and I will organise meeting dates and times when I know how many are interested.

Revd Diane

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, Margaret Reardon, David Bowen-Jones, and Claire & family.

From Lois Weedon & Weston: Joan Jacobs, Lis Cockrell, Jeremy "Jez" Wilcox, Jenni Liversidge, John Maleham, Elsie Hatton & family, John Busby, Lloyd Callaghan and Jean Parks.

From Syresham: Derek Hollyoake, Peter Sims, John Widdowson, Collette Andrewartha and Victor Brooks.

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, Penny Bonnymeade, Barbara Whitlock, Ollie Dotterill, Marina & Froede Amundsen, Cara Wilson, Chloë Fletcher, Sam & Jackie Cowlshaw, Francis Potsoni and his father.

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

Irene Holgate, Bob Wallace, Baby Anna, Andy Seckington, Win Wood, Liz Threlfall, Ernie Wheeler, Dennis Read, Gillian Clube, Barry Pocock, Doris Street, Stan Howell, Doug Hatton, Jayden Shaler, Winnie Varney, Alex Paterson, Ann Widdowson, Christine Cason, Jack Hawkins, John Snow, Pat Johnson, 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.

Also, please pray for the work of the Beacon Centre, the Wolverton Mission, the Hope Centre, Katharine House Hospice, Northampton Women's Aid and The Women's Refuge. We also continue to pray for all refugees fleeing persecution, all victims of terror, and all those affected by the Covid-19 virus.

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2021 Diary Dates

*All events are subject to the prevailing
Covid-19 restrictions*

September

Mon 20th Helmdon BRICC Mtg, 10.30am

Wed 22nd Mother's Union Wave of Prayer service led by Diane, 7pm at St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon. All are welcome to attend.

Sun 26th Harvest Festival, 11.15am, Wappenham

Wed 29th Lois Weedon BRICC Meeting, 2.30pm

October

Sun 3rd Harvest Festival (and Baptism), 11am, Syresham

Sun 10th Harvest Festival, 10am, Helmdon
Harvest Festival & Supper, 6pm, Whitfield

Mon 11th Churchwardens' Meeting, 7pm, The Priory

Sun 17th Harvest Festival, 11am, Lois Weedon (followed by Harvest Lunch in V Hall)

Sun 24th Helmdon Friends' Car Treasure Hunt

November

Mon 8th BPCC Worship Comm Meeting, 7pm, Helmdon Church

Sun 14th **Remembrance Services**

Helmdon - 10am at Church/10:40am at Memorial

Lois Weedon - 10:55am at Church

Wappenham - 10am at Church (inc Communion)

Syresham - 10:50am at Memorial

Whitfield - 10:50am at Memorial

Mon 15th Syresham BRICC meeting, The Priory
Helmdon BRICC meeting

Sun 21st Wilson & Wakeman Band, Helmdon Church

December

Sat 11th Helmdon Christmas Fair, Reading Room

Regular Events:

- Mums & Tots at Helmdon Church - Thursdays
10am - 12pm during term time



*Scan this QR code to link to the 'Giving Page' of the
Benefice website. All donations go directly to
supporting mission and ministry
in the Benefice*

FOOD BANK VOUCHERS

*Revd Diane can provide vouchers for
Brackley and Towcester Food Banks
for anyone in need in Helmdon, Lois Weedon & Weston,
Radstone, Syresham, Wappenham, Whitfield and the
surrounding area.*

Please contact her for details