

## FUTURE SERVICES

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### JUNE

#### *Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> June – Second Sunday after Trinity*

|         |                                      |   |
|---------|--------------------------------------|---|
| 9.00am  | Manor Farm,<br>Wappenham<br>NN12 8PH | Breakfast Church<br>(NB. change of venue)             |
| 9.30am  | Lois Weedon                          | Morning Prayer &<br>Patronal Festival<br>for St Peter |
| 11.15am | Helmdon                              | Holy Communion  |
| 11.15am | Syresham                             | Morning Prayer  |

### JULY

#### *Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> July – Third Sunday after Trinity*

|         |         |                            |
|---------|---------|----------------------------|
| 10.30am | Helmdon | Benefice Holy<br>Communion |
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#### *Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> July – Fourth Sunday after Trinity*

|         |             |                  |
|---------|-------------|------------------|
| 9.00am  | Wappenham   | Breakfast Church |
| 9.30am  | Lois Weedon | Morning Prayer   |
| 11.15am | Helmdon     | Holy Communion   |
| 11.15am | Syresham    | Morning Prayer   |

#### *Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> July – Fifth Sunday after Trinity*

|         |             |  |
|---------|-------------|--|
| 9.30am  | Lois Weedon | Holy Communion                                       |
| 9.30am  | Helmdon     | Praise & Prayer                                      |
| 11.15am | Syresham    | Holy Communion &<br>Patronal Festival<br>of St James |
| 11.15am | Wappenham   | Praise & Prayer                                      |

#### *Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> July – Sixth Sunday after Trinity*

|         |             |   |
|---------|-------------|---|
| 9.30am  | Lois Weedon | Matins  |
| 9.30am  | Helmdon     | Morning Prayer &<br>Patronal Festival<br>of St Mary Magdalene |
| 9.30am  | Whitfield   | Holy Communion  |
| 11.15am | Syresham    | Praise & Prayer   |
| 11.15am | Wappenham   | Holy Communion  |

## CONGRATULATIONS TO.....

***Poppy Watson-Mawle who was baptised  
at Helmdon on  
Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> June***

***and to***

***Katie Cross and Christopher Page  
who were married at Helmdon on  
Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> June***



## 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 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2025

# *First Sunday after Trinity*

### *Services in the Benefice:*

|         |             |   |
|---------|-------------|---|
| 9.30am  | Helmdon     | Morning Prayer                                      |
| 9.30am  | Lois Weedon | Matins  |
| 9.30am  | Whitfield   | Holy Communion                                      |
| 11am    | Plumpton    | Patronal Festival<br>Service with Holy<br>Communion |
| 11.15am | Syresham    | Praise & Prayer<br>- 'All Change'                   |
| 11.15am | Wappenham   | Holy Communion                                      |



## ***Collects & Readings for First Sunday after Trinity***

### ***Collect:***

O God,  
the strength of all those who put their trust in you,  
mercifully accept our prayers  
and, because through the weakness of our mortal  
nature  
we can do no good thing without you,  
grant us the help of your grace,  
that in the keeping of your commandments  
we may please you both in will and deed;  
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: Isaiah 65:1-9***

<sup>1</sup> I was ready to be sought out by those who did not ask,  
to be found by those who did not seek me.  
I said, 'Here I am, here I am',  
to a nation that did not call on my name.  
<sup>2</sup> I held out my hands all day long  
to a rebellious people,  
who walk in a way that is not good,  
following their own devices;  
<sup>3</sup> a people who provoke me  
to my face continually,  
sacrificing in gardens  
and offering incense on bricks;  
<sup>4</sup> who sit inside tombs,  
and spend the night in secret places;  
who eat swine's flesh,  
with broth of abominable things in their vessels;  
<sup>5</sup> who say, 'Keep to yourself,  
do not come near me, for I am too holy for you.'  
These are a smoke in my nostrils,  
a fire that burns all day long.  
<sup>6</sup> See, it is written before me:  
I will not keep silent, but I will repay;  
I will indeed repay into their laps  
<sup>7</sup> their iniquities and their ancestors' iniquities  
together,  
says the Lord;  
because they offered incense on the mountains  
and reviled me on the hills,  
I will measure into their laps  
full payment for their actions.  
<sup>8</sup> Thus says the Lord:  
As the wine is found in the cluster,  
and they say, 'Do not destroy it,  
for there is a blessing in it',  
so I will do for my servants' sake,  
and not destroy them all.  
<sup>9</sup> I will bring forth descendants from Jacob,  
and from Judah inheritors of my mountains;  
my chosen shall inherit it,  
and my servants shall settle there.

## ***New Testament Reading: Galatians 3. 23-end***

<sup>23</sup> Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. <sup>24</sup> Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. <sup>25</sup> But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, <sup>26</sup> for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. <sup>27</sup> As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. <sup>28</sup> There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. <sup>29</sup> And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

### ***Gospel Reading: Luke 8:26-39***

<sup>26</sup> Then they arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. <sup>27</sup> As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. <sup>28</sup> When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, 'What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me'— <sup>29</sup> for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) <sup>30</sup> Jesus then asked him, 'What is your name?' He said, 'Legion'; for many demons had entered him. <sup>31</sup> They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss. <sup>32</sup> Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. <sup>33</sup> Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned. <sup>34</sup> When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. <sup>35</sup> Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. <sup>36</sup> Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. <sup>37</sup> Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. <sup>38</sup> The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, <sup>39</sup> 'Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you.' So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

### ***Post Communion Collect:***

Eternal Father,  
we thank you for nourishing us  
with these heavenly gifts:  
may our communion strengthen us in faith,  
build us up in hope,  
and make us grow in love;  
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

## *Prayers for First Sunday after Trinity*

Everlasting God, we thank you for the Good News we have been given; help us to remember that is not just for us, but to pass on to the rest of the world.

**Lord, in your mercy: hear our prayer**

Creator God, we pray for all who have influence and authority, through their political standing, fame or wealth; speak into their hearts of righteousness and justice, integrity and compassion.

**Lord, in your mercy: hear our prayer**

Loving God, we raise before you those in need of comfort and reassurance; all in pain and mental anguish. We pray for those who have lapsed in their faith, those troubled with doubt and those who need your Good News this week.

**Lord, in your mercy: hear our prayer**

Merciful God, have mercy on those who have recently died and those who are on that last journey now. May those who have gone before us rest in your eternal peace.

**Lord, in your mercy: hear our prayer**

Faithful God, we thank you for the Good News we have received; may we be ready during the coming week and beyond to share our joy with others.

Merciful father: **accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen**

***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 war and terror, and all those affected by the Covid-19 virus.***

## **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 injury or illness and all those who need our prayers for any reason.

***From Helmdon:*** Barbara Buxton, Diane Thorpe.

***From Lois Weedon & Weston:*** Joan Jacobs, Lis Cockrell, Caroline Hunt and Margaret Seckington.

***From Syresham:*** George Summers and Suzanne Prestcott.

***From Wappenham:*** Judy King, Dorothy & David Nicholson, and Edwin & Phyllis King.

***For those known to us:***

Margaret Reardon, Pauline Collis, Christopher Carr, Evelyn Johnson, Ollie Dotterill, Francis Potsoni, Mary Coates, Emily Barthelamy, May Oliver, Lily & Theo Wright, Christobel Grant and Diane Snow.

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

Ann Smith, John Thorne, Eileen Watson, Geoff Abbey, Jean Spendlove, Vic Butler, Philip Gulliver, Jean Parks, Jean Mackaness, Diane Watts, Peter Stubbs, Nicholas Reynell, Linda Smalley, Tony Wilmot, John Maleham, Betty Stubbs, Wendy Procter, Derek Morris, David Brookhouse, Jonathan Miller, David Powell, Joyce Beech.



**Whitfield Village  
Open Gardens**  
A Day of Floral Beauty and Community Spirit

**Sunday 22nd June  
2 – 5.30pm**

Gardens open around the village (individually signposted) with refreshments available at The Old Rectory

Single entrance fee of £5 per adult

Sorry no dogs

The poster features a central text area flanked by two vertical strips of images. The left strip shows a red rose, yellow daisies, pink flowers, and butterflies. The right strip shows a red rose, yellow daisies, pink flowers, and butterflies. The background is white.



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St John the Evangelist Church  
WHITFIELD



Breakfast Cafe

In the Churchyard

SATURDAY

# 21<sup>st</sup> June

10am - 12noon

Bacon 🥓 or Sausage 🌭 Baps

Croissants 🥐

Coffee ☕ Tea or Fruit Juice

£5

🌳 Meet friends and neighbours in this beautiful setting 🌳

## Dates for your Diary

### JUNE

**Sat 21<sup>st</sup>** **Whitfield Breakfast Café, in the Churchyard, 10am – 12 noon**

**Note-Ability 'Blue Skies' Concert, 7pm, Syresham Church (see below)**

**Sun 22<sup>nd</sup>** **Whitfield Village Open Gardens, 2-5.30pm**

**Mon 30<sup>th</sup>** **BPCC Finance Comm Meeting, 11am at Vine Cottage**

### JULY

**Mon 7<sup>th</sup>** **BPCC Meeting, 7pm at Wappenham Village Hall**

Note-Ability  
**Blue skies**  
a capella music for a  
summer evening

Sat 21st June 2025  
St James the Great Church  
Church End, Syresham, Brackley  
NN13 5HU  
7.00 pm

tickets £10 (children free) available online  
at [www.note-ability.co.uk](http://www.note-ability.co.uk); from Alice  
Palmer; or on the door

## Regular events held in the Benefice:

- **Helmdon Coffee Morning** is held each Tuesday, 10 am-12 noon in the Reading Room
- **Syresham Coffee Morning** is held each Thursday, 10 am-12 noon in the Village Hall.
- **Whitfield Coffee Morning** is held on the first Tuesday of the month ,10am-12 noon in the Village Hall.
- **St Mary's, Wappenham Coffee Morning**, is held on the first Wednesday of the month, 10 am-12 noon, in the Village Hall.
- **St Mary & St Peter, Lois Weedon Coffee Morning** is held from 10am until 12 noon on the first Friday of each month, in Lois Weedon Village Hall.