

## FUTURE SERVICES

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### AUGUST

#### *Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> August*

10am	Helmdon	Midweek Benefice Holy Communion
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#### *Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> August – Eighth 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 17<sup>th</sup> August – Ninth Sunday after Trinity*

9.30am	Lois Weedon	Holy Communion
9.30am	Helmdon	Praise & Prayer
11.15am	Syresham	Holy Communion
11.15am	Wappenham	Praise & Prayer & Patronal Festival of St Mary the Virgin
6pm	Plumpton	Summer Evensong

#### *Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> August – Tenth Sunday after Trinity*

9.30am	Lois Weedon	Battle of Britain Matins
9.30am	Helmdon	Morning Prayer
9.30am	Whitfield	Holy Communion
11.15am	Syresham	Praise & Prayer
11.15am	Wappenham	Holy Communion

#### *Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> August*

1pm	Syresham	Wedding
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#### *Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> August – Eleventh Sunday after Trinity*

10.30am	Wappenham	Benefice Holy Communion
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### SEPTEMBER

#### *Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September*

10am	Helmdon	Midweek Benefice Holy Communion
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#### *Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> September – Twelfth Sunday after Trinity*

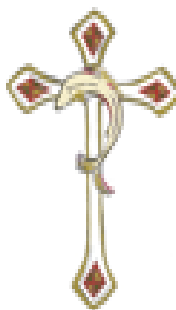
10.30am	Whitfield	Benefice Holy Communion
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#### *Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September – Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity*

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

#### *Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> September – Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity*

9.30am	Lois Weedon	Holy Communion
9.30am	Helmdon	Praise & Prayer
11.15am	Syresham	Holy Communion
11.15am	Wappenham	Harvest Praise & Prayer (followed by buffet lunch in the Church)



## 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 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2025

### *Seventh Sunday after Trinity*

### *Services in the Benefice:*

## Benefice Holy Communion

## &

## Patronal Festival of

## St Lawrence

### *with speaker Hassan John*

### *from*

### *'Humanitarian Aid Relief Trust'*

## 10.30am

## at

## Radstone



## Humanitarian Aid Relief Trust

***Collects and Readings for the Patronal  
Festival of St Lawrence***

***Collect:***

Almighty God,  
who made Laurence a loving servant of your  
people and a wise steward of the treasures of  
your Church:  
fire us with his example to love as he loved  
and to walk in the way that leads to eternal  
life; 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.

***Psalm: 112: 1-2, 5-9***

***New Testament Reading: 2 Corinthians 9:6-10***

<sup>6</sup> The point is this: the one who sows sparingly  
will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows  
bountifully will also reap bountifully. <sup>7</sup> Each of  
you must give as you have made up your mind,  
not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God  
loves a cheerful giver. <sup>8</sup> And God is able to provide  
you with every blessing in abundance, so that by  
always having enough of everything, you may  
share abundantly in every good work. <sup>9</sup> As it is  
written,

‘He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor;  
his righteousness endures for ever.’

<sup>10</sup> He who supplies seed to the sower and bread  
for food will supply and multiply your seed for  
sowing and increase the harvest of your  
righteousness.

***Gospel Reading: John 12:24-26***

<sup>24</sup> Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat  
falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a  
single grain; but if it dies, it bears much  
fruit. <sup>25</sup> Those who love their life lose it, and those  
who hate their life in this world will keep it for  
eternal life. <sup>26</sup> Whoever serves me must follow me,  
and where I am, there will my servant be also.  
Whoever serves me, the Father will honour.

***Post Communion Collect:***

God our redeemer,  
whose Church was strengthened by the blood of  
your martyr Lawrence:  
so bind us, in life and death, to Christ's sacrifice  
that our lives, broken and offered with his,  
may carry his death and proclaim his  
resurrection in the world;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.



### *Prayers for Seventh Sunday after Trinity*

Everlasting God, as we approach your throne in the House of Wisdom in humility and simplicity we ask that you will hear our prayers of thanksgiving and intercession.

Almighty God, we pray for our churches in the Astwell Benefice and ask that we be given a clear vision of what is needed to be both focused and relevant in all that is good and serves your purpose of spreading the Good News to all

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

Creator God, we thank you for the beauty of the created world; for its wonderful variety and the bounty that it brings forth. Help us all to be good stewards showing love and friendship to all peoples and the enjoying the warmth and light they bring to our lives. Be close to all who govern ensuring the decisions that they make, day by day, are made to benefit all of the people entrusted to them in their leadership.

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

Father God, we pray for our own communities and all of our neighbours. We thank you also for our families and friends, raising before you those we know with particular needs. May your peace and love surround them bringing with it comfort and strength.

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

Gracious God, we thank you for those we know who are on the road to recovery and for the miracle of healing. We pray for all who minister to the sick and infirm, both at home and in hospital. We pray now for those we know who are ill or in need of our prayers asking that through these requests they may all experience the light of the Gospel and a real sense of your healing presence.

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

Merciful God, we pray for those whose lives have been shattered by the death of someone close and dear to them. We pray for members of our natural and church families who have died and whose anniversary we remember now.

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

Faithful God, receive our intercessions and thanksgiving on behalf of the church and the world. Hear our prayers and reward our stewardship of this earth with the riches of heaven. Merciful Father: **accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen**

### **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 and Joan Hadfield.

**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:***

Maralynn Hunter, 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.

***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.***

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### ***Benefice Midweek Communion***

**A service of Holy Communion will be held at 10am on the first Wednesday of each month at St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon**

# **BENEFICE CONTACTS**

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## **Astwell Mothers Union & Friends**

We have recently sent 27 lovely colourful blankets to the MU Diocesan Secretary in Wollaston for collection by the Phoenix Charity and delivery by them to the needy in Africa. This makes an amazing total of 100 blankets we have made and sent since Spring 2022.

Many thanks to all who have given wool and knitted. We keep knitting as long as there is a need and the charity can get them delivered. Gifts of D/K wool (all colours) and knitted strips are always appreciated.

D/K Wool

No 7 needles (old size)

Cast on 35 stitches and work for 48 inches (width of the blanket).

Thank you

**Pam Marley**

## **Dates for your Diary**

### **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.

### **Benefice Bulletin No 3.**

- Sometimes people find it difficult to get to church on Sunday and I've been wondering whether it might be a good idea to use Zoom to make it possible for people to 'be at' a service in these circumstances. It might also be a good idea to have a Benefice Zoom service midweek. Please let me know what you think.
- Since I'm not far short of three score years and ten, and the norm is for Incumbents to leave office at 70, a process is underway to see whether I can stay on in Astwell after the date in question, which I would like to do. I shall be writing to Bishop Debbie to ask for permission to stay for a minimum of two years from this October. Bishop Debbie is required to consult the parishes and to have their formal consent to my remaining. I would not, quite properly, be party to meetings in Astwell in which this matter is discussed. More on the procedures will follow.

**Hugh**