

FORTHCOMING SERVICES

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JULY 2022

Sunday 10th July – Fourth Sunday after Trinity

9.30am	Lois Weedon	Matins
10am	Helmdon	Family Communion & Children's Church
11am	Syresham	Morning Worship
11.15am	Wappenham	Holy Communion
6pm	Whitfield	Songs of Praise

Sunday 17th July – Fifth Sunday after Trinity

9.30am	Lois Weedon	Holy Communion
9.30am	Whitfield	Morning Worship
10am	Helmdon	Prayer & Praise
11am	Syresham	Holy Communion
11.15am	Wappenham	Prayer & Praise
6pm	Plumpton	Evensong

Sunday 24th July – Sixth Sunday after Trinity

10.30am	Helmdon	Benefice Holy Communion & Patronal Service for St Mary Magdalene
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Sunday 31st July – Seventh Sunday after Trinity

10.30am	Syresham	Benefice Holy Communion & Patronal Service for St James
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AUGUST 2022

Sunday 7th August – Eighth Sunday after Trinity

9.30am	Whitfield	Holy Communion
10am	Helmdon	Morning Worship
11am	Syresham	Holy Communion
11.15am	Wappenham	Morning Worship

There will also be 10.00am Midweek Holy Communion Services at Helmdon on 6th, 13th and 20th July., and 3rd, 10th, 17th 24th & 31st August

MU Outing on 27th July

Please note that on 27th July, the 10am Midweek Communion Service will not be held at Helmdon, but at Potterspury Church as part of the MU outing. After the service, everyone will be free to look round the church, followed by a visit to the garden centre and lunch. All welcome, and lifts may be available – please contact Ann Smith on: ann.smith.antone@gmail.com/01295 760684 for more information.



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 3rd July 2022

Third Sunday after Trinity

Services in the Benefice today:

**Benefice Holy Communion
and
Patronal Service for St Peter
10.30am
at Lois Weedon**

To access a pre-recorded service of worship for today please use the links below:

<https://youtu.be/8Da9Lv4EJSQ>

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Collects and Readings for the Third Sunday after Trinity

Collect:

Almighty God,
who inspired your apostle Saint Peter
to confess Jesus as Christ and Son of the living God:
build up your Church upon this rock,
that in unity and peace it may proclaim one truth
and follow one Lord, your Son our Saviour Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Psalm 125

Old Testament Reading: Ezekiel 3.22-27

²² Then the hand of the Lord was upon me there; and he said to me, Rise up, go out into the valley, and there I will speak with you. ²³ So I rose up and went out into the valley; and the glory of the Lord stood there, like the glory that I had seen by the river Chebar; and I fell on my face. ²⁴ The spirit entered into me, and set me on my feet; and he spoke with me and said to me: Go, shut yourself inside your house. ²⁵ As for you, mortal, cords shall be placed on you, and you shall be bound with them, so that you cannot go out among the people; ²⁶ and I will make your tongue cling to the roof of your mouth, so that you shall be speechless and unable to reprove them; for they are a rebellious house. ²⁷ But when I speak with you, I will open your mouth, and you shall say to them, 'Thus says the Lord God'; let those who will hear, hear; and let those who refuse to hear, refuse; for they are a rebellious house.

New Testament Reading: Acts 12.1-11

¹ About that time King Herod laid violent hands upon some who belonged to the church. ² He had James, the brother of John, killed with the sword. ³ After he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded to arrest Peter also. (This was during the festival of Unleavened Bread.) ⁴ When he had seized him, he put him in prison and handed him over to four squads of soldiers to guard him, intending to bring him out to the people after the Passover. ⁵ While Peter was kept in prison, the church prayed fervently to God for him.

⁶ The very night before Herod was going to bring him out, Peter, bound with two chains, was sleeping between two soldiers, while guards in front of the door were keeping watch over the prison. ⁷ Suddenly an angel of the Lord appeared and a light shone in the cell. He tapped Peter on the side and woke him, saying, 'Get up quickly.' And the chains fell off his wrists. ⁸ The angel said to him, 'Fasten your belt and put on your sandals.' He did so. Then he said to him,

Wrap your cloak around you and follow me.' ⁹ Peter* went out and followed him; he did not realize that what was happening with the angel's help was real; he thought he was seeing a vision. ¹⁰ After they had passed the first and the second guard, they came before the iron gate leading into the city. It opened for them of its own accord, and they went outside and walked along a lane, when suddenly the angel left him. ¹¹ Then Peter came to himself and said, 'Now I am sure that the Lord has sent his angel and rescued me from the hands of Herod and from all that the Jewish people were expecting.'

New Testament Reading: 1. Peter 2. 19-end

¹⁹ For it is to your credit if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. ²⁰ If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, where is the credit in that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. ²¹ For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

²² 'He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.'

²³ When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. ²⁴ He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross,* so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds* you have been healed. ²⁵ For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 16.13-19

¹³ Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' ¹⁴ And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' ¹⁵ He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' ¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' ¹⁷ And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. ¹⁸ And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. ¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.'

Post Communion Collect:

Almighty God,
who on the day of Pentecost
sent your Holy Spirit to the apostles
with the wind from heaven and in tongues of flame,
filling them with joy and boldness to preach the
gospel:
by the power of the same Spirit
strengthen us to witness to your truth
and to draw everyone to the fire of your love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Prayers

Lord, draw your Church together into one great
company of disciples, together serving your Son in his
mission to the world. May we accept one another as
brothers and sisters, finding strength and joy in our life
together as fellow members of the Body of Christ. May
we as a Church be open and welcoming to all people.
Prepare a room in our hearts, we pray, so that those who
are hurt, rejected or ignored in the world may find
kindness there. We ask this in the name of One who had
to be born in a stable because there was no room for him
in the inn.

***Lord, give us the grace to love one other as you
have loved us: in your mercy, hear our prayer.***

Lord, whose beauty is beyond our imagining and whose
power we cannot comprehend: show us your glory
insofar as we are able grasp it, and shield us from
knowing more than we can bear until we may look upon
you without fear. By the power of your Spirit make us,
your children, followers and partners in the grand
design of your kingdom of love. We pray for peace in a
world of war, for health in a world of hunger, and for
harmony in a world of discord. Lead us from war and
want by the pathways of justice and peace.

***Lord, give us the grace to love one other as you
have loved us: in your mercy, hear our prayer.***

Heavenly Father, give us a genuine love for others, both
those whom we like and those that we don't. Help us to
overcome our fears and prejudices and to see your
image in all people. Lord, your Son welcomed the
downtrodden, those made to feel small. We ask you to
help us in turn to enlarge others rather than to diminish
them; to build up rather than to belittle. And if any truly
have gravely offended us, help us to forgive with our
whole hearts, knowing that our own grave offences have
been forgiven by you.

***Lord, give us the grace to love one other as you
have loved us: in your mercy, hear our prayer.***

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 during this difficult
time:

***Please pray for the family and friends of
David Powell, whose funeral will be held at 1.00pm
on Tuesday 5th July at St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon.***

From Helmdon: Philip Gulliver, Barbara Buxton, Diane
Thorpe, Vanessa Vicars, John Thorne, Margaret
Reardon, David Brookhouse and Wiggy Smith.

From Lois Weedon & Weston: Joan Jacobs,
Lis Cockrell, John Maleham, Elsie Hatton & family, Jean
Parks and Jean Mackaness.

From Syresham: Derek Hollyoake

From Wappenham: Judy King and Claire Kennett.

For those known to us:

Pauline Collis, Christopher Carr, Evelyn Johnson,
Penny Bonnymeade, Ollie Dotterill, Sam & Jackie
Cowlshaw, Francis Potsoni,
Lloyd Callaghan, Brian Estes & Chloë Fletcher.

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

Joyce Beech, Julia O'Brian, Jenni Liversidge, James
Smillie, Marina Amundsen, Juliet Shepherd-Smith,
Barry Saunders, Alan Watson, Elizabeth Harris, John
Widdowson, Victor Brooks, Revd Douglas Hadfield,
Michael Cadd, Peter Burns, John Busby, Peter Sims,
Irene Holgate, Bob Wallace, Baby Anna, Andy
Seckington, Win Wood, Liz Threlfall, Ernie Wheeler,
Dennis Read, Gillian Clube, Barry Pocock, 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, Marcus
Durant, Greg Oles, Mike Durant, Stewart Gundle, Ian
Kidd, Richard Tims, Jason Holt & Shirley Holt, Mark
Kilby. Also, for 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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Dates for Your Diary

July

Sat 9th Barn Dance Benefice Fundraiser, 7pm, Manor Farm, Wappenham

Wed 27th MU Outing - see front page for more details.

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.
- **Parents & Tots** is held in Helmdon Reading Room on Thursdays, 10am-12 noon, during term time.
- **Mothers' Union** meetings are held in Helmdon Church following the Wednesday 10am Communion Service.
- **St Mary's, Wappenham Coffee Morning**, is held on the first Wednesday of the month, 10 am-12 noon, in the Village Hall.



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ASTWELL BARN DANCE

ON SATURDAY 9TH JULY AT 7.00PM

MANOR FARM, WAPPENHAM, NN128PH

BBQ & LICENSED BAR LIVE MUSIC BY BANANABAND

TICKETS £20 INCLUDES FOOD

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