



# PEWS NEWS

## The Astwell Benefice

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

DIARY DATES	
<b>JANUARY</b>	
<b>Wed 25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Midweek Benefice Communion</b> <i>10am, St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon</i> <b>MU Meeting</b> <i>7.30pm, 12A High Street, Helmdon</i>
<b>Sun 29<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Fourth Sunday of Epiphany</b> <b>Benefice Candlemas Service</b> <i>11am, St Mary &amp; St Peter, Lois Weedon</i>
<b>Mon 30<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Lois Weedon PCC Meeting</b> <i>7.30pm The Rectory</i>
<b>FEBRUARY</b>	
<b>Wed 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Midweek Benefice Communion</b> <i>10am, St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon</i>
<b>Sun 5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Fourth Sunday Before Lent</b> <b>Prayerbook Communion</b> <i>8am, St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon</i> <b>Holy Communion</b> <i>9.30am, St Mary &amp; St Peter, Lois Weedon</i> <b>Village Praise &amp; Prayer</b> <i>10am, St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon</i> <b>Parish Communion</b> <i>11.15am, St Mary the Virgin, Wappenham</i> <b>Messy Church Party</b> <i>3.30pm, St James the Great, Syresham</i>
<b>Mon 6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Beyond Lent</b> <i>7.30pm, The Rectory</i>
<b>Wed 8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Midweek Benefice Communion</b> <i>10am, St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon</i>
<b>Fri 10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Schools break up for Half Term</b>
<b>Sun 12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Third Sunday before Lent</b> <b>Breakfast Church</b> <i>9am, St Mary the Virgin, Wappenham</i> <b>Village Praise &amp; Prayer</b> <i>9.30am, St Mary &amp; St Peter, Lois Weedon</i> <b>Parish Communion</b> <i>10am, St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon</i> <b>Parish Communion</b> <i>11.15am, St James the Great, Syresham</i>
<b>Wed 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>NO BENEFICE COMMUNION</b>
<b>Sun 19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Second Sunday before Lent</b> <b>Said Communion</b> <i>9am, St John the Evangelist, Whitfield</i> <b>Matins</b> <i>9.30am, St Mary &amp; St Peter, Lois Weedon</i> <b>Family Service &amp; Alternative Communion</b> <i>10am, St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon</i> <b>Parish Communion</b> <i>11.15am, St Mary the Virgin, Wappenham</i> <b>Village Praise &amp; Prayer (led by High Street)</b> <i>11.15am, St James the Great, Syresham</i>
<b>Mon 20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Schools go back</b>
<b>Wed 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Midweek Benefice Communion</b> <i>10am, St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon</i> <b>MU Home Communion</b> <i>7.30pm, 12A High Street, Helmdon</i>
<b>Sat 25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Helmdon Pancake Party</b> <i>7.30pm, St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon</i>

## Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2017 Second Sunday of Epiphany

### This Week's Bible Readings:

**Isaiah 49. 1-7**  
**Psalms 40. 1-12**  
**1 Corinthians 1. 1-9**  
**John 1. 29-42**

*Bibles are available if you wish to follow the readings from the biblical text, please just ask the sidespeople for one.*

If you are a visitor or newcomer, do make yourself known to the regulars.  
Please take this home with you as everyone is welcome at any or all of our events and services.

## Services for the Coming Week:

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2017**  
**NO MIDWEEK COMMUNION**  
*(Rector at Diocesan Study Day)*

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2017**  
**Third Sunday of Epiphany**

**9.30am Parish Communion**  
*St Mary & St Peter, Lois Weedon*

**10am Holy Communion**  
*St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon*

**11.15am Village Praise & Prayer**  
*St Mary the Virgin, Wappenham*

**11.15am New Family Service & Alternative Harvest**  
*St James the Great, Syresham*

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## To hold in your prayers this week:

We bring before our loving heavenly Father those who are unwell, recovering from illness or who are simply having a bad time; all those who need our prayers.

*Please pray for the family and friends of Alan Seckington, whose funeral will be held at 11.30am on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> January at St Mary & St Peter, Lois Weedon.*

*Also for the family and friends of Ann Wilson, whose funeral will be held at 1.30pm on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> January at St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon.*

*And from Helmdon:*

Joyce Beech, Olive Holton, Laura Wilson, Philip Gulliver, and Geoff and Jo Abbey, and Barbara Rawlins.

*From Radstone:* Tony Wilmot

*From Lois Weedon:*

Tracy Reid, Joan Jacobs, Christian Jefferies, Jane Keller, Lis Cockrell, Delia Jones, Colin Goode, Alexandra Mackaness and Pete O'Hara.

*From Syresham:*

David Wyness, Nina Stevens, Greg Oles and family, Derek Hollyoake, Mary Hutton, Doreen Moreland, Peter Sims and Alison Allee.

*From Wappenham:* Doreen Spokes, Sue Corbishley.

*For those known to us:*

Gill Goodwin, Marjorie Baxter, William Woof, Pauline Collis, Christopher Carr, Pip Dandy, Evelyn Johnson, Alison Wilson, Jonnie D'Arcy, Isaac Wellington, Rev'd Roger Bellamy, James Smillie, Peter Sheen, Valerie Alley and Matthew Smith.

And for the work of the Beacon Centre, The Wolverton Mission, the Hope Centre, Katharine House Hospice and Northampton Women's Aid.

We also continue to pray for all refugees fleeing persecution and all victims of terror.

*We are happy to add anyone to our prayer list providing they are happy to have us pray for them. You may also know someone who would prefer private prayers.*

### **THE FAITH DIMENSION GOSPEL CHOIR**

**at Syresham Church on  
Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> January  
7.30pm for 8.00pm  
Come early and socialise!**

Tickets £15 (16 yrs and under £5)  
Groups of 6 or more £10.00ph  
**Bar Refreshments available**

Funds raised will help to pay the Benefice Parish Share. Contact your Churchwarden or PCC member for tickets now.

(The FDGC are volunteering - we provide the Bus)

## WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

### JANUARY

- Tues 17<sup>th</sup>** Helmdon Café 10am – 12 noon, Reading Room  
Whitfield Coffee Morning 10-12noon, Village Hall  
Helmdon Lunch 12 noon, Reading Room  
Funeral of Alan Seckington 11.30am St Mary & St Peter, Lois Weedon  
Syresham PCC Meeting 7.30pm, The Priory
- Wed 18<sup>th</sup>** **NO MIDWEEK COMMUNION**  
Mums & Tots 10am-noon Syresham Village Hall
- Thur 19<sup>th</sup>** Helmdon Parents & Tots 10am-noon, St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon  
Syresham Café 10.30-12.30pm, Village Hall  
Benefice Choir Practice 6.30-7.30pm, St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon
- Sat 21<sup>st</sup>** Bell Ringers Practice 9.30 – 10.30am, Helmdon  
**Gospel Choir Benefice Fundraiser, 7.30pm, St James the Great, Syresham**

### ***Some Thoughts from Astwell Benefice***

Because we have to celebrate all the key events in our Lord's life in a yearly cycle, today, just a week after we celebrated the visit of the Magi to the baby Jesus; we jump at warp speed some 30 years to find Jesus with his cousin John the Baptist by the River Jordan. Why such a jump?

Well, celebrating the start of our Lord's ministry at the start of our New Year and in the week after we celebrated his revelation to the Gentiles, allows us to remember that we are the living legacy of both events. So while last week we remembered the first gifts brought to the holy babe, this week we celebrate the gift that he gave back to us:

The gift of unconditional love, the gift of forgiveness and the power to change lives forever!

With that on offer, why would you ever want to give up on a resolution to accept it!

And so my prayer for us all at this the start of 2017 is this:

May we all keep our resolution to renew a right relationship with Christ, not just this year but through our whole lives.

**Amen!**

***Rev'd Carole***

***And also congratulations and blessings to our twins - Alexandra Grace & Thalia Alice who are being baptised this Sunday at Helmdon, and welcome to their family and friends who are joining them for the celebration.***