



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	
FEBRUARY	
Mon 27 th	Helmdon PCC Meeting 7.30pm, St Mary Magdalene
Tues 28 th	Syresham Friends Shrove Tuesday Pancakes 12-2pm, Vine Cottage
MARCH	
Wed 1 st	Ash Wednesday - Midweek Benefice Communion & Imposition of Ashes 10am, St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon
Fri 3 rd	Womens World Day of Prayer <i>?Time tbc, St Mary the Virgin, Wappenham</i> Syresham Friends Quiz Evening 7.30pm, Village Hall
Sat 4 th	Screening of film: "Bruce Almighty", 7 for 7.30pm, Helmdon Church
Sun 5 th	First Sunday of Lent Prayerbook Communion 8am, St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon Holy Communion 9.30am, St Mary & St Peter, Lois Weedon Village Praise & Prayer 10am, St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon Parish Communion 11.15am, St Mary the Virgin, Wappenham Messy Church (Preparing for Mothering Sunday) 3.30pm, St James the Great, Syresham
Mon 6 th	Beyond Lent Group 7.30pm, The Rectory
Wed 8 th	Midweek Benefice Communion 10am, St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon Lent Group 7.30pm, Syresham Church
Thurs 9 th	Lent Group 2.30pm, Helmdon Church
Sun 12 th	Second Sunday of Lent Breakfast Church 9am, St Mary the Virgin, Wappenham Village Praise & Prayer 9.30am, St Mary & St Peter, Lois Weedon Parish Communion 10am, St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon Parish Communion 11.15am, St James the Great, Syresham Messy Church Party & Preparing for Mothering Sunday 3.30pm, St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon
Mon 13 th	Beyond Lent Group 7.30pm, The Rectory
Tues 14 th	Working Party Meeting with Miles Baker 7pm, The Rectory
Wed 15 th	NO BENEFICE MIDWEEK COMMUNION

Sunday 19th February 2017 Second Sunday before Lent

This Week's Bible Readings:

Genesis 1.1-2.3
Romans 8.18-25
Matthew 6. 25-end

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 22nd February 2017

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

Sunday 26th February 2017 Sunday next Before Lent

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 **Family Service & Baptism**
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 continue to pray for Caroline, Christopher, Alison and Rosie and rest of the family and all the friends of Brian Raven. His funeral will be held at 11.30am on Wednesday 22nd February at St Mary & St Peter, Lois Weedon.

And from Helmdon:

Joyce Beech, Olive Holton, Laura Wilson, Philip Gulliver, Barbara Rawlins and Shirley Holt.

From Radstone: Tony Wilmot

From Lois Weedon:

Tracy Reid, Joan Jacobs, Christian Jefferies, Jane Keller, Lis Cockrell, Delia Jones, Colin Goode, 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:

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 and Matthew Smith.

Please pray for those recently bereaved:

Geoff and Jo Abbey, Tricia French, Margaret Seckington and Family, Barbara Whitlock and Tony Wilson and Family.

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.

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

FEBRUARY

Mon 20th	Schools go back
Tues 21st	Helmdon Café 10am – 12 noon, Reading Room Whitfield Coffee Morning 10-12noon, Village Hall
Wed 22nd	Benefice Midweek Communion 10am, St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon Mums & Tots 10am-noon Syresham Village Hall MU Home Communion 7.30pm, 12A High Street, Helmdon
Thur 23rd	Syresham Café 10.30-12.30pm, Village Hall Helmdon Parents & Tots 10am-noon, St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon Benefice Choir Practice 6.30-7.30pm, St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon
Sat 25th	Bell Ringers Practice 9.30 – 10.30am, Helmdon Helmdon Pancake Breakfast Party 9.30-11.30am, St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon

JOIN US THIS LENT!

This Lent we will be running a selection of Lent Courses which will allow you to explore or deepen your faith.

Please join us – details are below.

For more information do contact Rev'd Carole

Screening of "Bruce Almighty"

This very popular film starring Jim Carey and Morgan Freeman will be the subject of our Wednesday evening and Thursday afternoon courses.

But whether you are attending the course or not, do come and watch the film with us - it is both funny and thought-provoking.

Bring your friends and neighbours along.

Bar and nibbles available at this

Benefice Cinema Night.

Saturday March 4th Helmdon Church

7pm for 7.30pm

Lent Courses for all in the Astwell Benefice

"Why God"

This course uses clips from the film 'Bruce Almighty' along with discussion over refreshments, we will explore the question that so many ask – Why God does this happen or not happen?

This 5 week course runs on Wednesday evenings alternating between Syresham and Helmdon Churches and then is repeated on the Thursday afternoon at Helmdon Church.

This is a course for all those new to faith or those wishing to deepen their faith and take part in a Lenten discipline.

Please invite friends and neighbours to join us
7.30pm

Wednesday 5th March, Syresham Church

Wednesday 15th March, Helmdon Church

Wednesday 22nd March, Syresham Church

Wednesday 29th March, Helmdon Church

Wednesday 5th April, Syresham Church

And Thursdays at 2.30pm from 6th March at Helmdon Church

"Beyond Lent" - The Way

The film "The Way" tells the story of a grieving father who walks the Camino de Santiago. This 5 week in-depth course forms part of our ongoing "Beyond Lent" bible study group.

You are welcome to join us.

This Group will meet weekly on Monday nights from March 6th, 7.30pm at the Rectory and then monthly again from May.