

DIARY DATES

JUNE

Mon 5th	Schools back Lois Weedon APCM 6pm, Church
Tues 6th	Junior Confirmation Classes 2.45pm, St Loys School
Wed 7th	Midweek Benefice Communion 10am, St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon
Sat 10th	Syresham Fete 1pm, The Priory
Sun 11th	Trinity Sunday Breakfast Church 9am, Wappenham Village Hall 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 3.30pm, St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon
Mon 12th	Beyond Lent Group 7.30pm, The Rectory
Tues 13th	Junior Confirmation Classes 2.45pm, St Loys School
Wed 14th	Midweek Benefice Communion 10am, St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon Lois Weedon Bingo Night 7.30pm, Village Hall
Sat 17th	Whitfield Fete 2-4.30pm, The Old Rectory
Mon 19th	Helmdon Finance Comm Mtg 11am, Bailiff Cottage, Falcutt
Tues 20th	Junior Confirmation Classes 2.45pm, St Loys School Wappenham PCC Mtg 7.30pm, Venue??
Wed 21st	Midweek Benefice Communion 10am, St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon MU Visit to Lillingstone Lovell Visiting Bell ringers at Whitfield
Sat 24th	Astwell Benefice Wedding Fair 11am-4pm at Helmdon, Lois Weedon, Syresham, Whitfield and Wappenham Churches
Sun 25th	'Celebration of Marriage' Services at: 9.30am, St Mary & St Peter, Lois Weedon 10am, St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon 11.15am, St James the Great, Syresham 4pm, St John the Evangelist, Whitfield 6pm, St Mary the Virgin, Wappenham Astwell Benefice Wedding Fair continues 1-4pm at Helmdon, Lois Weedon, Syresham, Whitfield and Wappenham Churches Service for the Feast Day of St John the Baptist 11am, Plumpton
Tues 27th	Junior Confirmation Classes 2.45pm, St Loys School

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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.

Sunday 28th May 2017

Rogation Sunday

Services in the Benefice today

11am Benefice Rogation Service
with the Blessing of the
Ploughs & Tractors, and a speaker
from 'The City Farm'
at Whitfield House Farm, Whitfield

followed by a Pig Roast

(If you would like to stay for the Pig Roast, please contact Ann Smith on 01295 760684 or email ann.smith.antone@gmail.com. Adults £7.50, Primary children £3.50, pre-school free)

This Week's Bible Readings:

Isaiah 55. v 6-end
Genesis 2. 1-9
Matthew 14. 13-21

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 31st May 2017
10am Benefice Midweek Communion
St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon

Sunday 4th June 2017
Pentecost
('Thy Kingdom Come' Pentecost Walk
from Rumbold's Well, Brackley at 9am
to St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon with
Prayer stops on the way -
see overleaf for more details)

11am Benefice Pentecost Service
St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon

followed by.....

Bring & Share Picnic Lunch &
Messy Church Activities

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.

We pray for the family of Keith Hawkins, who died in Syresham suddenly on 15th May. His funeral will take place at 1pm on Wednesday 7th June at St James, Syresham.

From Helmdon:

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

From Radstone: Tony Wilmot

From Lois Weedon:

Tracy Reid, Joan Jacobs, Lis Cockrell, Delia Jones, Colin Goode, and Judith Allen.

From Syresham:

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

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, Matthew Smith, Rev'd David Randell, and Pete O'Hara.

Please pray for those recently bereaved:

Geoff and Jo Abbey, Tricia French, Margaret Seckington and family, Caroline Raven and family, the family of Doreen Spokes, Alison Allee, the family of Daphne Smith, the family of Paul Haughton, Vanessa Vicars, Sam and Simon Clarke and family, and the family of Neil Carruthers..

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.

Astwell Benefice Wedding Fair

**to be held at Helmdon, Lois Weedon, Syresham,
Whitfield and Wappenham Churches on**

*Saturday 24th June, 11am-4pm
and*

Sunday 25th June, 1-4pm

*Can you help with printing, publicity or setting up
on Friday 23rd June?*

*Do you know of anyone interested in advertising
their services?*

**Contact barry.towcester@gmail.com
or call 01327 860089**

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

MAY

Mon 29th

BANK HOLIDAY

Tues 30th

Helmdon Café 10am – 12 noon, Reading Room
Whitfield Coffee Morning 10-12noon, Village Hall
Midweek Benefice Communion 10am St Mary
Magdalene, Helmdon
Whitfield Ex AGM 7.30pm, V Hall/Church

Wed 31st

JUNE

Thur 1st

Syresham Café 10.30-12.30pm, Village Hall
Benefice Choir Practice 6.30-7.30pm, St Mary
Magdalene, Helmdon

Fri 2nd

Sat 3rd

Bell Ringers Practice 9.30 – 10.30am, Helmdon
Training for all Eucharistic Assistants 11am, St Mary
Magdalene, Helmdon

The Benefice Website

www.astwellparishes.org.uk

Our Benefice website contains details of all services taking place during the week, and current and forthcoming month, and is updated weekly. It also contains a copy of the current Pews News, and the Benefice Calendar for the current year.

Please click on the relevant box on the Home Page for PDF files of all the above.

If you have any trouble accessing the website or any of the above information, please contact Sarah Rudkin on: rectorastwellbenefice@aol.co.uk

News from the Astwell Benefice

'Thy Kingdom Come' Benefice Pentecost Walk St Rumbold's Well, Brackley to Helmdon Church Sunday 4th June

We start from Helmdon Church at 8.45am, where we car-share to Rumbold's Well in Brackley to start our 3.5 mile walk back to Helmdon. For those making their own way to the start, the Well is at the junction of Pebble Lane and Church Road, Brackley and we start at 9.00am; or join us at Radstone at 10.00am.

Apart from leaving Brackley on the Halse Road for less than half a mile, we are on footpaths until we reach Falcutt, with another half-mile to Helmdon Church. Prayers will be said at points along the way and dogs are welcome, provided they are kept under control at all times.

The Benefice Pentecost Service will start at 11.00am, followed by a Bring and Share lunch.

***For more information, please
see the poster in your Church or contact
Bill Elkington on 01295 760438.***