

DIARY DATES

JULY

(Rector away 3rd -10th July)

- Wed 5th** **NO MIDWEEK BENEFICE COMMUNION**
- Sun 9th** **Fourth Sunday after Trinity**
Breakfast Church
9am, St Mary the Virgin, Wappenham
Village Praise & Prayer
9.30am, St Mary & St Peter, Lois Weedon
Parish Communion (Revd Peter Allen)
10am, St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon
Parish Communion (Revd Peter Allen)
11.15am, St James the Great, Syresham
- Mon 10th** **Confirmation Tea**
6pm, The Rectory followed by.....
Confirmation with Bishop John Flack
7pm, St Mary & St Peter, Lois Weedon
- Wed 12th** **Midweek Benefice Communion**
10am, St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon
- Fri 14th** **Friends of St James AGM**
7pm, Vine Cottage
- Sun 16th** **Fifth Sunday after Trinity**
Said Communion
9am, St John the Evangelist, Whitfield
Matins
9.30am, St Mary & St Peter, Lois Weedon
9.45am Coffee etc followed by
10.15am Family Service (with Baptisms)
St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon
Parish Communion
11.15am, St Mary the Virgin, Wappenham
Village Praise & Prayer
11.15am, St James the Great, Syresham
Live Showing of Wimbledon Mens Final
1.45pm -end, St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon
- Wed 19th** **Midweek Benefice Communion**
10am, St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon
- Fri 21st** **Schools break up for Summer**
- Sun 23rd** **Sixth Sunday after Trinity**
Benefice Feast Day for St Mary Magdalene,
and speaker from SASRA and followed by
Bring & Share Lunch
11am, St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon
- Mon 24th** **Meeting of Benefice PCCs with**
Archdeacon
7-7.30pm, St Loys School
- Wed 26th** **Midweek Benefice Communion**
10am, St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon
- Sun 30th** **Seventh Sunday after Trinity**
Benefice Feast Day for St James, with
speaker Rt Hon Sir William Gage QC, and
Bring & Share Lunch
11am, St James the Great, Syresham
- AUGUST**
- Wed 2nd** **Midweek Benefice Communion**
10am, St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon
Helmdon Friends APCM
7.30pm, St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon

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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 25th June 2017

Second Sunday after Trinity

Services in the Benefice today

'Celebration of Marriage' Services

- 9.30am at St Mary & St Peter, Lois Weedon
10am at St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon
11.15am at St James the Great, Syresham
4pm at St John the Evangelist, Whitfield
6pm at St Mary the Virgin, Wappenham

This Week's Bible Readings:

1 Corinthians 13

Song of Solomon 2 v.10-13

Ephesians 5 v.12-17

Colossians 3 v. 12-17

1 John 4 v. 7-12

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 28th June 2017

10am Benefice Midweek
Communion

St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon

Sunday 2nd July 2017

Third Sunday after Trinity

11am **Benefice Service for the**
Feast of St Peter, with
Baptism, and Bring & Share
Lunch

St Mary & St Peter, Lois Weedon

3.30pm **Messy Church**
St James the Great, Syresham

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.

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, Rev'd Roger Bellamy, James Smillie, Matthew Smith, Rev'd David Randell, Pete O'Hara and Derek Nicholls.

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, the family of Neil Carruthers, the family of Keith Hawkins, and Jean Simmonds & 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.

MOTHER'S UNION MUSICAL EVENING HELMDON CHURCH THURSDAY 29th JUNE at 7.30pm

An informal evening of musical items by the Astwell Benefice Choir and members of the County Youth Orchestra.
No tickets but donations for MU charity '*Special Relief*', which sends help wherever it is needed, all over the world. There will be a finger buffet, wine and soft drinks.

Everyone welcome!

Do come and support this very important cause and enjoy the music

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

JUNE

Mon 26th	Helmdon Finance Comm Mtg	11am, Bailiff Cottage, Falcutt
Tues 27th	Helmdon Café	10am – 12 noon, Reading Room
	Whitfield Coffee Morning	10-12noon, Village Hall
	Junior Confirmation Class	2.45pm, St Loys School
Wed 28th	Midweek Benefice Communion	10am St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon
	Mums & Tots	10am-noon, Syresham Village Hall
Thur 29th	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
	MU Charity Musical Evening	7.30pm, St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon
Fri 30th	Musical Luncheon	1pm, Primrose Hill, Lois Weedon
JULY		
Sat 1st	Bell Ringers Practice	9.30 – 10.30am, Helmdon
	Helmdon Fete	2-4.30pm, Manor Farm, by kind permission of George and Jane Beys

Thoughts from Astwell Benefice

This weekend,

(in case you hadn't noticed all the ads and banners!), we are inviting those planning to "tie the knot" to consider getting married in one of our beautiful churches.

Did you know a Church Wedding is offered to all? And it comes not just with the love of God, but the support of a whole community as our varied local suppliers exhibiting in our churches attest to.

But as well as our weekend-long Wedding Fair, this Sunday we are holding special services in our communities to celebrate Love and Marriage.

We are celebrating all unions made in the sight of God, In doing so, we also honour those partners no longer with us and we look forward with those couples who will be getting married in our churches, But these services aren't just about romantic love.

We are also celebrating the amazing, unconditional love God gives each and every one of us every day of our lives, in sickness and in health whether we are rich or poor and whether or not we give all our earthly goods to him.

And it is that model of love that is offered as a template and blessed when two people are joined together in holy matrimony.

So my prayer is this:

*May our love towards each other,
be as wide as an ocean and as expansive as space
And may the love we show to each other be
wrapped tightly in the love that enfolds us all
reflecting the splendour of that divine,
unconditional love, offered every
day to every one of us.*

Amen

Rev' d Carole