

DIARY DATES

JULY

- 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
Helmdon Friends Car Treasure Hunt
Leaving from Helmdon Church at 2pm.
Contact Hugh Walmsley for details.

AUGUST

- Tues 1st** Helmdon Friends APCM
7.30pm, St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon
- Wed 2nd** Midweek Benefice Communion
10am, St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon
- Sun 6th** LAMMAS (Eighth Sunday after Trinity)
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
- Mon 8th** Lois Weedon PCC Mtg
7.30pm, The Rectory
- Wed 9th** Midweek Benefice Communion
10am, St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon
MU Mary Sumner Day Service with Bring & Share Buffet
7pm, St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon
Lois Weedon Bingo Night
7.30pm, Village Hall
- Sun 13th** Ninth Sunday after Trinity
Benefice Service for the Feast of St Lawrence
(outside Church if dry, in marquee if wet) followed by Bring & Share picnic
11am, St Lawrence, Radstone
- Wed 16th** Midweek Benefice Communion
10am, St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon
Wedding Rehearsal
7pm?, St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon
- Thurs 17th** Wedding of James Meaton & Karla Osborn
1pm, St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon
- Sat 19th** 'A Night in Tuscany' - Andrea Bocelli DVD & Italian Supper
7.30pm, St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon Contact Vanessa Vickers



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 16th July 2017 Fifth Sunday after Trinity Services in the Benefice today

- 9am** Said Communion
St John the Evangelist, Whitfield
- 9.30am** Matins
St Mary & St Peter, Lois Weedon
- 9.30am** Breakfast, followed by
- 10.15am** Family Service with Baptisms
St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon
- 11.15am** Parish Communion
St Mary the Virgin, Wappenham
- 11.15am** Village Praise & Prayer
St James the Great, Syresham

This Week's Bible Readings:

Genesis 25. 19-end

Romans 8.1-11

Matthew 13. 1-9, 18-23

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 19th July 2017**
- 10am** Benefice Midweek Communion
St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon

- Sunday 23rd July 2017**
Sixth Sunday after Trinity
- 11am** Benefice Communion Service for the Feast Day of St Mary Magdalene, with a speaker from SASRA followed by Bring & Share Lunch
St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon

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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 Tony, and the family and friends of Wendy Wilmot, who grew up and lived for many years in Radstone and passed away suddenly this week. And for Margaret and family, friends and former parishioners of the Rev'd Canon Frank Pickard, who was interred at Lois Weedon on Friday.

Also

From Helmdon:

Joyce Beech, Olive Holton, Laura Wilson, Philip Gulliver, Shirley Holt and Tim, Tara, Eleanor & Oscar Yates

From Radstone: Tony Wilmot

From Lois Weedon:

Tracy Reid, Joan Jacobs, Lis Cockrell, Delia Jones, Colin Goode, Judith Allen & Vicki Streten.

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.

JOINT BENEFICE MEETING OF ALL PCC MEMBERS

on 24th July 2017, 7pm for 7.30pm
at St Loys' School Hall, Lois Weedon

Archdeacon Richard has invited all PCC members to attend this meeting.

Refreshments available from 7pm
The meeting will start at 7.30pm prompt

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

JULY

Tues 18th	Helmdon Café	10am – 12 noon, Reading Room
	Whitfield Coffee Morning	10-12noon, Village Hall
	Helmdon Lunch	12.30pm, Reading Room
Wed 19th	Midweek Benefice Communion	10am, St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon
	Mums & Tots	10am-noon, Syresham Village Hall
	Friends of St James AGM	7pm, Vine Cottage
Thur 20th	Helmdon Parents & Tots	10am-noon, St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon
	Syresham Café	10.30-12.30pm, Village Hall
	St Loys End of Year Service	2pm, St Mary & St Peter, Lois Weedon
	Benefice Choir Practice	6.30-7.30pm, St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon
Fri 21st	Schools break up	

Please pray for:

James Meaton and Karla Osborn
who will be married on 17th August 2017
at St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon

Please welcome and congratulate:

Joseph George Kenneth Hardy
and
Freddie Oliver Anthony Mills
who will both be baptised during the Family Service
at Helmdon today.

Thoughts from Astwell Benefice

I suspect it comes as no surprise to anyone that down the centuries the worship for a Saint's Feast Day has always included a shared meal.

But were you aware that this 'feast' was as much a part of the worship as the said or sung liturgy of The Word and The Eucharist?

Those previous generations who gathered to mark a Saint's Day would never consider leaving until the eating part was also over. To do so would mean leaving midway through the act of worship.

Today, at our churches, this continuous act of worship - liturgy and feast - is still offered at our Patronal Services. But today the demands on our lives means that we tend to end our commitment to this special worship at the "sending out", when we should stay as it continues through the shared fellowship of the Feast Day 'bring and share' part of this service.

As Christians we are called to be a community who eat and drink together in the fellowship of the Lord, to sit at table together, just as our Lord did with his disciples, and successive generations have done so ever since.

And so next week, at the Feast Day of St Mary Magdalene, please don't leave half way through our service. Instead, please stay to continue to worship with us and let's make sure the tradition of Christian community feasting services never ends!

Rev'd Carole