

DIARY DATES

SEPTEMBER

(Rector on holiday 10th – 22nd September)

- Mon 25th Helmdon PCC Meeting**
7.30pm, in the Church
- Tues 26th Wappenham PCC Meeting**
7.30pm, Clarissa House???
- Wed 27th Midweek Benefice Communion**
10am, St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon
MU Meeting
7.30pm, 12A High St, Helmdon

OCTOBER

- Sunday 1st Sixteenth 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
Messy Church
3.30pm, St James the Great, Syresham
- Mon 2nd Helmdon Worship Committee Meeting**
11.30am, Venue???
- Wed 4th Midweek Benefice Communion**
10am, St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon
- Sun 8th Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity**
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
(Harvest Matins 11am, Plumpton)
Parish Communion
11.15am, St James the Great, Syresham
Messy Church
3.30pm, St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon
Harvest Festival & Supper
6pm, St James the Great Syresham
- Mon 9th Beyond Lent**
7.30pm, The Rectory
- Wed 11th Midweek Benefice Communion**
10am, St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon
Lois Weedon PCC Meeting
7.30pm, The Rectory
- Sat 14th Harvest Festival and Supper for Helmdon & Radstone**
4.30pm, Helmdon Reading Room
- Sun 15th Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity**
Said Communion
9am, St John the Evangelist, Whitfield
Breakfast 9.30am, followed by....
Harvest Family Service
10.15am, St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon
Village Praise & Prayer
11.15am, St James the Great, Syresham
Harvest in the Barn for Lois Weedon & Wappenham
4.30pm VENUe TBC

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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 17th September 2017 Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity Services in the Benefice today

- 9am Said Communion (by extension)**
St John the Evangelist, Whitfield
- 9.30am Matins for Battle of Britain Sunday**
St Mary & St Peter, Lois Weedon
- 9.30am Breakfast, followed by**
- 10.15am Family Service**
St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon
- 11.15am Village Praise & Prayer**
St James the Great, Syresham
- 11.15am Parish Communion (by extension)**
St Mary the Virgin, Wappenham

This Week's Bible Readings:

Psalm 114

Romans 14. 1-12

Gospel: Matthew 18. 21-35

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.

Services for the Coming Week

Wednesday 20th September 2017

NO MIDWEEK BENEFICE COMMUNION

Sunday 24th September 2017 ***Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity***

- 9.30am Sunday Worship**
St Mary & St Peter, Lois Weedon
- 10am Holy Communion**
St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon
- 11.15am Family Service & Baptisms**
St James the Great, Syresham
- 11.15am Village Praise & Prayer**
St Mary the Virgin, Wappenham
- 6pm Harvest Festival & Supper**
St John the Evangelist, Whitfield

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.

Also

From Helmdon:

Joyce Beech, Olive Holton, Laura Wilson, Philip Gulliver, Shirley Holt and Tim, Tara, Eleanor & Oscar Yates, Peter Payne, Gerald Holt and family, and Barbara Rawlins.

From Radstone: Tony Wilmot

From Lois Weedon:

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

From Syresham:

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

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, the family of Canon Frank Pickard, and Tony Wilmot & 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.

Please pray for:

Ashleigh Robbins and Karen Beecroft
getting married on 23rd September 2017
at St Mary the Virgin, Wappenham

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

SEPTEMBER

Mon 18th	Helmdon Finance Comm Mtg	11am, Bailiff Cottage, Falcutt
Tues 19th	Helmdon Café	10am – 12 noon, Reading Room
	Helmdon Lunch.....	.12.30pm, Reading Room
Wed 20th	NO MIDWEEK BENEFICE COMMUNION	
	Mums & Tots	10am-noon, Syresham Village Hall
	Secret Keepers	7-8pm, Chapel School Rm, Syresham
Thur 21st	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
Fri 22nd	MU Deanery Wave of Prayer Service	2.30pm, St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon
	Wedding Rehearsal	6pm, St Mary the Virgin, Wappenham
Sat 23rd	Bell Ringers Practice	9.30 – 10.30am, Helmdon
	Wedding of Karen Beecroft & Ashleigh Robbins	2pm St Mary the Virgin, Wappenham

Thoughts from the Astwell Benefice

Lead Roof Theft 2016-17

Most of you are aware that Syresham lost 60 sq m of lead roof on the night of July 2/3 last year. This is on top of a lead roof theft from Helmdon some years ago and from Wappenham very recently. There have also been thefts from several other Northamptonshire churches.

The PCC decided last August that we would replace the lead with Terne Coated Stainless Steel, which was exactly the same price as lead replacement, but not attractive to thieves. So we appointed Minster Lead Roofing Ltd to do the work. This company has since been taken over by Messenger Roofing Ltd. As a temporary measure, we got a local roofer to put tarpaulins on the roof, held down by battens. This was not a success as they got torn off in high winds, leading to leaks onto the nave floor and onto the benches, so we replaced these in March with nailed down roof felt, which seems to have held so far! There then began the business of getting approval from a) the Diocese – a faculty as we were not replacing like with like, b) English Heritage, c) The Local Authority as we are a listed building and finally d) the Bat Preservation Society.

All these are now in place.

Mindful that there might be grant sources available to cover the £17500 (+VAT) cost, I had a meeting with Ben Smith, the Diocesan Historic Buildings Adviser, in January 2017 and he pointed me in the right direction. Happily we have already banked grants of £10,600 + Insurance (maximum) payout of £7500, making £18100, with more promised upon completion of the work. As I write, we have not received a starting date from Messenger but the church should not be closed for more than a week while the work is done.

Malcolm Orr-Ewing, Churchwarden, Syresham