

DIARY DATES

DECEMBER

- Mon 4th** **Lois Weedon & Wappenham PCCs Thank You Party**
7.30pm, The Rectory
- Tues 5th** **Helmdon PCC Thank You Party**
7.30pm, The Rectory
- Wed 6th** **Midweek Benefice Communion**
10am, St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon
Syresham & Whitfield PCCs Thank You Party
7.30pm, The Rectory
- Sat 9th** **The Nativity in the Barn**
3pm, Manor Farm Barn, Wappenham
- Sun 10th** **Second Sunday of Advent**
Village Praise & Prayer
9.30am, St Mary & St Peter, Lois Weedon
Parish Communion
10am, St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon
Christingle Services at:
3.30pm, St Mary the Virgin, Wappenham
5.30pm, St James the Great, Syresham
- Mon 11th** **Beyond Lent**
7.30pm, The Rectory
- Thurs 14th** **Wedding Rehearsal**
8pm, St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon
- Fri 15th** **Wedding of Sally Brookhouse & Christopher Mitchell**
11am, St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon
Opening of Lois Weedon Christmas Tree Festival (until Mon 18th Dec)
7pm, St Mary & St Peter, Lois Weedon
- Sat 16th** **Branch Bell Ringing Practice**
3-4pm, St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon
Carols by Candlelight
6pm, St John the Evangelist, Whitfield
- Sun 17th** **Third Sunday of Advent**
Matins
9.30am, St Mary & St Peter, Lois Weedon
Parish Communion (Rev'd Peter Allen)
11.15am, St Mary the Virgin, Wappenham
Christingle Service
3.30pm, St Mary & St Peter, Lois Weedon
Christingle Service
5.30pm, St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon
Carols with the Chapel
6pm, Syresham Chapel
- Mon 18th** **Carols by Candlelight**
7pm, St Mary & St Peter, Lois Weedon
- Wed 20th** **NO MIDWEEK BENEFICE COMMUNION**
- Thurs 21st** **Schools break up**
- Fri 22nd** **Helmdon & Radstone Carols by Candlelight**
7pm, St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon
- Sun 24th** **Christmas Eve**
Christmas Eve Candlelit Family Services
2pm, St Mary & St Peter, Lois Weedon
3.30pm, St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon
5pm, St James the Great, Syresham
6.30pm, St John the Evangelist, Whitfield
Carols by Candlelight for Christmas Eve
7.30pm, St Mary the Virgin, Wappenham
Communion for Christmas Night
9.30pm, St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon
Midnight Mass
11pm, St James the Great, Syresham

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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 26th November 2017

Christ the King

Services in the Benefice today

- 10am** **Holy Communion**
St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon
- 11.15am** **Family Service**
St James the Great, Syresham
- 11.15am** **Village Praise & Prayer**
St Mary the Virgin, Wappenham

This Week's Bible Readings:

Ezekiel 34. 11-16, 20-24
Ephesians 1. 15-end
Gospel: Matthew 25. 31-end

Services for the Coming Week

Wednesday 29th November 2017

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

Sunday 3rd December 2017 *Advent Sunday*

- 11am** **Sung Benefice Communion for Advent Sunday**
St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon
- 6pm** **Christingle Service**
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.

Please continue to pray for Jack, Trevor, David and Amanda and all the family and friends of Ann Harman, whose funeral will be held at 12 noon on Friday 1st December 2017 at St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon.

Also

From Helmdon:

Joyce Beech, Olive Holton, Laura Wilson, Philip Gulliver, Peter Payne and Trudy Buxton.

From Lois Weedon:

Joan Jacobs, Lis Cockrell, Delia Jones, Judith Allen and Rosemary Hinton.

From Syresham:

David Wyness, Nina Stevens, Greg Oles and family, Derek Hollyoake, Mary Hutton, Doreen Moreland, 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, Pete O'Hara, Derek Nicholls and Colin Goode.

Please pray for those recently bereaved:

The family of Rev'd David Randell, Ed, Louise and the family of Barbara Rawlins, Gerald and the family of Shirley Holt, Elsie and the family of Mark Kilby, Gillian and the family of Alan Clube, Tony Wilmot and family, the family of Canon Frank Pickard, the family of Keith Hawkins, the family of Neil Carruthers, Sam and Simon Clarke and family, Vanessa Vicars, the family of Paul Haughton, the family of Daphne Smith, Alison Allee, Caroline Raven and family, Margaret Seckington and family, Tricia French, and Geoff and Jo Abbey.

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.

Church Christmas Cards

Copy from an original water colour

by Peter French.

Packs of 10 for £5

All proceeds to

Lois Weedon and Weston Church funds

**Contact Margaret Seckington 01295 760487
or Frank Hunter on 01327 860597**

Actors and helpers needed for our 'Nativity in the Barn'!

This year, our popular 'Nativity in the Barn' is back on Saturday 9th December at Manor Farm Barn, Wappenham. Would you be willing to take on a part, or help out with car parking, mulled wine or mince pie baking?

All ages welcome!

Contact Rev'd Carole

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

NOVEMBER

Tues 28th Helmdon Café 10am – 12 noon, Reading Room

Wed 29th Midweek Benefice Communion 10am, St Mary
Magdalene, Helmdon

Mums & Tots 10am-noon, Syresham Village Hall

Thur 30th 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

DECEMBER

Fri 1st Wedding Rehearsal 7pm, St James
the Great, Syresham

Sat 2nd Bell Ringers Practice 9.30 – 10.30am, Helmdon
Wedding of Kevin Gear & Claire Allen 2pm, St James
the Great, Syresham

Sun 3rd St Nicholas Fair, Syresham 1-4pm, St James the Great,
Syresham

THOUGHTS FROM ASTWELL BENEFICE:

This Sunday sees the end of another Church year, but as with every New Year's Eve, today we are leaving Year A and our journey through Matthew's Gospel with a big celebration! Christ the King is a look forward to the day when Jesus will not just reign in glory in Heaven, but his Kingdom will be on earth. So today allows us to look forward, as well as back; setting us up for the anticipation of Advent and the inexpressible joy of Christmas.

Speaking of Christmas, our festive magazine complete with Christmas services is at the printers and we are looking for people willing to deliver copies to their neighbours and friends. If you would be willing to drop copies through some doors this week, then please let the churchwardens know as soon as possible.

Today's collect also reminds us that Christmas is round the corner. It is, of course, the collect for 'Stir Up Sunday' synonymous with preparing the Christmas pudding.

But even if this call will not make you rush home to get out the mixed peel and switch the mixer on, it should remind all of us to pray that God will stir up our wills for the year ahead, and that, as we head into Advent, we might yet listen to his call to each and every one of us. A call to action!

A call to do all the things he wants us to do for him.

And so, I end with the prayer we will all hear today that says it all:

***Stir up, O Lord,
the wills of your faithful people,
that they, bringing forth
the fruit of good works, may by you be richly rewarded;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen***

Rev'd Carole xxx

Please pray for:

Kevin Gear and Claire Allen
getting married on Saturday 2nd December 2017
at St James the Great, Syresham

and

Christopher Mitchell and Sally Brookhouse
getting married on Friday 15th December 2017
at St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon