

DIARY DATES

FEBRUARY 2018

**Mon 19th MONDAY NIGHTS IN LENT-BEYOND
LENT 7.30pm, The Rectory**

**Wed 21st Midweek Benefice Communion
10am, St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon
WEDNESDAY LENT LUNCHES
12.30-1.30pm, Syresham Village Hall**

**Thurs 22nd LENT ON THE BIG SCREEN- 'Touching
the Void'
2.30pm St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon**

**Sun 25th Second Sunday of Lent
Holy Communion
10am, St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon
Family Service – God's Rainbow
11.15am, St James the Great, Syresham
Village Praise & Prayer
11.15am, St Mary the Virgin, Wappenham**

**Mon 26th MONDAY NIGHTS IN LENT-BEYOND
LENT 7.30pm, The Rectory**

**Wed 28th Midweek Benefice Communion
10am, St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon
WEDNESDAY LUNCHES IN LENT
12.30-1.30pm, Helmdon Reading Room**

MARCH

**Fri 2nd Women's World Day of Prayer
2pm, Middleton Cheney**

**Sat 3rd BPCC Worship Committee Mtg
10.30am, The Rectory**

**LENT ON THE BIG SCREEN –
'Les Miserables'
2.30pm, St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon**

**Sun 4th Third Sunday of Lent
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 (Preparing for Mothering
Sunday)
3.30pm at St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon
and St James the Great, Syresham**

**Mon 5th Wappenham BRICC Mtg
7.30pm, venue TBA??
MONDAY NIGHTS IN LENT-BEYOND
LENT 7.30pm, The Rectory**

**Wed 7th Midweek Benefice Communion
10am, St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon
WEDNESDAY LUNCHES IN LENT
12.30-1.30pm, Helmdon Reading Room**

**Thurs 8th Lois Weedon BRICC Mtg
10.30am, Croft Farm
LENT ON THE BIG SCREEN- 'The Way'
2.30pm St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon**



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 11th February 2018

Sunday Next Before Lent

Services in the Benefice today:

- 9am Breakfast Church
Wappenham Village Hall**
- 9.30am Village Praise & Prayer
St Mary & St Peter, Lois Weedon**
- 10am Parish Communion
St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon**
- 11.15am Parish Communion
St James the Great, Syresham**

Today's Bible Readings:

2 Kings 2.1-12
Gospel: Mark 9.2-9

Services in the Benefice This Week:

Wednesday 14th February 2018

**Ash Wednesday
Midweek Benefice Communion
& Imposition of Ashes
10am, St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon**

Sunday 18th February 2018

First Sunday of Lent

- 9am Said Communion for Lent
St John the Evangelist, Whitfield**
- 9.30am Matins
St Mary & St Peter, Lois Weedon**
- From 9.30am Breakfast & Family Service
St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon**
- 11.15am Parish Communion in Lent
St Mary the Virgin, Wappenham**
- 6pm Joint Village Praise & Prayer with
the Chapel
Syresham Chapel**

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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.

Also

From Helmdon:

Joyce Beech, Olive Holton, Philip Gulliver,
Peter Payne.

From Lois Weedon:

Joan Jacobs, Lis Cockrell, Delia Jones, Judith Allen,
Jeremy "Jez" Wilcox.

From Syresham:

David Wyness, Greg Oles and family, Derek
Hollyoake, Doreen Moreland, Peter Sims,
Mary Braybrook

From Wappenham:

Sue Corbishley, Judy King

For those known to us:

Gill Goodwin, Marjorie Baxter, William Woof,
Pauline Collis, Christopher Carr, Evelyn Johnson,
Alison Wilson, Jonnie D'Arcy, Rev'd Roger Bellamy,
James Smillie, Pete O'Hara, Derek Nicholls, Colin
Goode and Roberta Estes, Peter Sheen.

*Please pray for those bereaved during the last 12
months:*

Julia and Malcolm and the friends & family of Celia
Terrey, for Robin & Jeffrey and the friends & family
of Pip Dandy, Jane, and the family and friends of
George Beyts, Diane Hunt and family & friends of
Rosemary Hinton, Kathryn and and Peter Oliver,
Barbara and the family & friends of Trudi Buxton,
Jack, Trevor, David and Amanda and all the family
and friends of Ann Harman, 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,
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.*

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

FEBRUARY

Tues 13th	Helmdon Café	10am – 12 noon, Reading Room
	Syresham Friends Pancakes Fundraiser	12 Noon, Vine Cottage
	BPCC Social & Fundraising Comm Mtg	4.30pm, Manor Farm, Wappenham
Wed 14th	Midweek Benefice & Imposition of Ashes	10am, St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon
	WEDNESDAY LENT LUNCHES	12.30-1.30pm The Rectory
Thur 15th	Syresham Café	10.30-12.30pm, Village Hall
	Benefice Choir Practice	6.30-7.30pm, St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon
Sat 17th	NB: NO BELL RINGING PRACTICE UNTIL 24th Feb	
	LENT ON THE BIG SCREEN- 'The Shack'	2.30pm St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon

THOUGHTS FROM THE ASTWELL BENEFICE

We have arrived at the start of our
40-day journey through Lent!

So now we begin a time of prayer and self-examination as we prepare ourselves for the immeasurable sadness of Good Friday and the ecstatic joy of Easter Day. The true depth of God's grace revealed!

As Christians, we all strive to deepen not only our faith, but our on-going relationship with God, and Lent affords us the opportunity, if we take it, for this to happen. So this week we invite you to begin your Lenten Journey...

On Ash Wednesday, 14th February
at 10am for the **Imposition of Ashes and Communion** at Helmdon,
and at 12.30 at The Rectory for the first of our
Wednesday Lent Lunches.

On Saturday 17th February at 2.30pm
at Helmdon for **Lent on the Big Screen**
We are showing **'The Shack'**.

This film should not be missed by anyone with a faith, as it is both uplifting and thought-provoking, and it is the subject of our Lenten Bible study - Monday nights at The Rectory. 7.30-9.45pm, starting on Monday 19th February. Lifts are available - please just ask.

*Dear Lord,
Over the next seven weeks,
may I give you the time and space you ask for,
that I may truly walk with you
to the cross and beyond,
allowing you to reveal your love and plan for me.
Amen*

Rev'd Carole