

DIARY DATES 2018

MARCH

- Mon 19th MONDAY NIGHTS IN LENT-BEYOND LENT 7.30pm, The Rectory**
- Wed 21st WEDNESDAY LUNCHES IN LENT 12.30-1.30pm, Whitfield V Hall**
- Thurs 22nd LENT ON THE BIG SCREEN- 'The Gospel of Mark' 2.30pm St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon**
- Fri 23rd Wappenham Pub Night Time & Venue TBA**
- Sun 25th Palm Sunday Breakfast at The Rectory 8.45am, followed by..... Processions & Passion Readings Parts 1, 2 & 3 9.30am at St Mary & St Peter, Lois Weedon 10.15am at St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon 11.15am at St James the Great, Syresham (inc Communion)**
- Mon 26th Sacred Space for Holy Week - Walking the Way to the Cross 7.30pm, St Mary & St Peter, Lois Weedon**
- Tues 27th Sacred Space for Holy Week - Taize Service 7.30pm, St John the Evangelist, Whitfield**
- Wed 28th Said Prayerbook Communion 10am, St Mary the Virgin, Wappenham Sacred Space for Holy Week - A short reflective service with Police Chaplain, Revd Viv Baldwin 7.30pm, St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon**
- Thurs 29th Maundy Thursday Stripping of the Altars & Prayer Vigil 8 am, St John the Evangelist, Whitfield 2pm, St Mary & St Peter, Lois Weedon 9.30pm, St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon 10pm, St Mary the Virgin, Wappenham Benefice Seder Passover Meal, and Communion 6.30pmfollowed by Stripping of the Altars 9pm, St James the Great, Syresham**
- Fri 30th Good Friday Stations of the Cross 8 am, St John the Evangelist, Whitfield 9am, St Lawrence, Radstone 10.30am, St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon Noon, St James the Great, Syresham 2pm, St Mary the Virgin, Wappenham 3pm, St Mary & St Peter, Lois Weedon**



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 March 2018

Mothering Sunday

Services in the Benefice today:

- 9am Breakfast Church for Mothering Sunday**
Wappenham Village Hall
- 9.30am Village Praise & Prayer for Mothering Sunday**
St Mary & St Peter, Lois Weedon
- 10am Mothering Sunday Service**
St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon
- 10.30am Mothering Sunday Service with Chapel**
Syresham Chapel
- 10.30am Lay-led Mothering Sunday Service**
Whitfield Village Hall

Today's Bible Readings:

Exodus 2. 1-10

Gospel: John 19. 25-27

Please take this home with you, as everyone is welcome at any or all of our events and services.

Services in the Benefice This Week:

Wednesday 14th March 2018
Midweek Benefice Communion
10am, St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon

Sunday 18th March 2018
Passiontide

- 9.30am Matins**
St Mary & St Peter, Lois Weedon
- From 9.30am Breakfast & Parish Communion in Lent**
St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon
- 11.15am Parish Communion**
St Mary the Virgin, Wappenham
- 11.15am Village Praise & Prayer (History of Favourite Hymns)**
St James the Great, Syresham

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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

MARCH

Mon 12th	BPCC Pastoral Care Comm Mtg	10am, 48 Wapp Rd, Helmdon
Tues 13th	Helmdon Café	10am – 12 noon, Reading Room
Wed 14th	Midweek Benefice Communion	10am, St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon
	Mums & Tots	10am-noon, Syresham Village Hall
	BPCC Finance Comm Mtg	7.30pm, Vine Cottage, Syresham
Thur 15th	Syresham Café (all proceeds to Christian Aid)	10.30-12.30pm, V Hall
	Benefice Choir Practice	6.30-7.30pm, St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon
	Deanery Synod Event	7.15pm, Aynho
Fri 16th	(NB. new date) World Day of Prayer	2pm, Chipping Warden
Sat 17th	Bell Ringers Practice	9.30 – 10.30am, Helmdon
	Benefice Worship Committee (NB. new date)	10am, The Rectory

Thoughts from the Astwell Benefice

This Sunday we say a very big "thank you" for Mothers everywhere.

Mothering Sunday was traditionally the Sunday when those in service were allowed to return home, and they, along with others, who had travelled away, came back to worship once again in their Mother Church. Today Mothering Sunday, has become "Mothers Day" and cards, breakfast in bed and lunch out has replaced a desire to thank God not just for our Mothers but for the Church that has been our spiritual mother from before we were born.

So this Sunday, between the treats for your Mum, or those being lavished on you, why not find time to thank God for the gift of a Mother's Love, and for your very own "Mother" Church, wherever that may be.

Revd' Carole

Lent in the Astwell Benefice This Week:

Monday 12th March

Beyond Lent Bible Study

7.30pm, The Rectory, Lois Weedon

Wednesday 14th March

Midweek Benefice Communion

10am, St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon

Lent Soup Lunch

12.30pm-1.30pm, Wappenham Village Hall
(Donations to Christian Aid)

Saturday 17th March

Lent Film – 'Evan Almighty'

2.30pm St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon