

## DIARY DATES 2018

*(Please see overleaf for all Holy Week Services)*

### APRIL

*(Rector away until 18th April)*

- Wed 4<sup>th</sup>** Benefice Midweek Service of the Word  
*10am, St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon*
- Fri 6<sup>th</sup>** Astwell Messy Church Club  
*11am-3pm Helmdon Reading Room*
- Sun 8<sup>th</sup>** Low Sunday  
Breakfast Church  
*9am, St Mary the Virgin, Wappenham*  
Benefice Low Sunday Service  
*11am, St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon*
- Wed 11<sup>th</sup>** Benefice Midweek Service of the Word  
*10am, St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon*
- Sun 15<sup>th</sup>** Third Sunday of Easter  
Matins  
*9.30am, St Mary & St Peter, Lois Weedon*  
Breakfast & Family Service (the Easter Miracle)  
*9.30am, St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon*  
Parish Communion in Eastertide (by ext)  
*11.15am, St Mary the Virgin, Wappenham*  
Village Praise & Prayer  
*11.15am, St James the Great, Syresham*
- Wed 18<sup>th</sup>** Benefice Midweek Service of the Word  
*10am, St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon*
- Sun 22<sup>nd</sup>** Fourth Sunday of Easter  
Holy Communion in Eastertide  
*10am, St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon*  
Family Service and Baptism  
*11.15am, St James the Great, Syresham*  
Village Praise & Prayer  
*11.15am, St Mary the Virgin, Wappenham*
- Wed 25<sup>th</sup>** Benefice Midweek Communion  
*10am, St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon*
- Sun 29<sup>th</sup>** Fifth Sunday of Easter  
Benefice Fifth Sunday Service in Eastertide  
*11am, St James the Great,, Syresham*

### MAY (NEW SERVICE PATTERN STARTS)

- Tues 1<sup>st</sup>** Benefice Healing Service  
*7.30pm, St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon*
- Wed 2<sup>nd</sup>** Benefice Midweek Communion  
*10am, St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon*
- Sun 6<sup>th</sup>** Rogation Sunday  
Benefice Said Communion  
*9am, St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon*  
Benefice Rogation Sunday Service  
*11am, Coldharbour Farm, Radstone*

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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 25<sup>th</sup> March 2018

#### Palm Sunday

#### Services in the Benefice today:

- 8.45am** Breakfast at The Rectory  
*followed by.....*  
Processions & Passion Readings  
Parts 1, 2 & 3
- 9.30am** St Mary & St Peter, Lois Weedon
- 10.15am** St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon
- 11.15am** St James the Great, Syresham  
*(includes Communion)*

#### Today's Bible Readings:

Liturgy of the Passion Parts 1, 2 & 3

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

### Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2018

#### EASTER SUNDAY SERVICES IN ASTWELL BENEFICE

- 5.45am** Greeting the Dawn - The Easter Fire  
*St Lawrence, Radstone*
- 8am** Prayerbook Communion for Easter Day  
*St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon*
- Easter Light & Communion**  
*9.30am, St Mary & St Peter, Lois Weedon*  
*(by extension)*  
*10am, St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon*  
*11am, St John the Evangelist, Whitfield*  
*11.15am, St Mary the Virgin, Wappenham*  
*(by extension)*  
*11.15am, St James the Great, Syresham*
- 6pm** Evensong  
*St John the Baptist, Plumpton*

## 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 and all those who need our prayers.

*Also*

*From Helmdon:*

Joyce Beech, Olive Holton, Philip Gulliver, Peter Payne and Barbara Whitlock.

*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,.

*From Wappenham:*

Sue Corbishley, Judy King

*For those known to us:*

Gill Goodwin, Marjorie Baxter, 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:*

Jill Pinder and family and friends of Graham Newell, 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 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

<b>Tues 27<sup>th</sup></b>	Helmdon Café	10am – 12 noon, Reading Room
<b>Wed 28<sup>th</sup></b>	Mums & Tots	10am-noon, Syresham Village Hall
<b>Thur 29<sup>th</sup></b>	Syresham Café	10.30-12.30pm, V Hall
	<b>Schools Break up</b>	
	Benefice Choir Practice	6.30-7.30pm, St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon
<b>Sat 31<sup>st</sup></b>	Bell Ringers Practice	9.30 – 10.30am, Helmdon

## Holy Week

### Services in Astwell Benefice

### MARCH

<b>Mon 26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Sacred Space for Holy Week – Walking the Way to the Cross</b> <i>7.30pm, St Mary &amp; St Peter, Lois Weedon</i>
<b>Tues 27<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Sacred Space for Holy Week – Taize Service</b> <i>7.30pm, St John the Evangelist, Whitfield</i>
<b>Wed 28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Syresham School Easter Service</b> <i>9am, St James the Great, Syresham</i> <b>Said Prayerbook Communion</b> <i>10am, St Mary the Virgin, Wappenham</i> <b>Sacred Space for Holy Week – A short reflective service with Police Chaplain, Revd Viv Baldwin</b> <i>7.30pm, St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon</i>
<b>Thur 29<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Maundy Thursday</b> <b>Stripping of the Altars &amp; Prayer Vigil</b> <i>8 am, St John the Evangelist, Whitfield</i> <i>2.30pm, following on from the school service. St Mary &amp; St Peter, Lois Weedon</i> <i>9.30pm, St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon</i> <i>10pm, St Mary the Virgin, Wappenham</i> <b>Helmdon School Easter Service</b> <i>9.30am St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon</i> <b>St Loys School Easter Service</b> <i>2pm, St Mary &amp; St Peter, Lois Weedon</i> <b>Benefice Seder Passover Meal,</b> <i>6.30pm St James the Great, Syresham</i> <b>Followed by Communion at table &amp; Stripping of the Altar</b>
<b>Fri 30<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Good Friday</b> <b>Stations of the Cross</b> <i>8am, St John the Evangelist, Whitfield</i> <i>9am, St Lawrence, Radstone</i> <i>10.30am, St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon</i> <i>Noon, St James the Great, Syresham</i> <i>2pm, St Mary the Virgin, Wappenham</i> <i>3pm, St Mary &amp; St Peter, Lois Weedon</i>

### Don't forget our new pattern for Sunday services across the Benefice starts in May!

Our Benefice Worship Committee has been listening to our congregations and has come up with a new pattern of services across the Benefice, which will appeal to everyone.

The new pattern provides regular sustained Parish worship that appeals to our communities and allows us to join together once a month for a Benefice Eucharist at the slightly earlier time of 10.30am, something many people have requested. Visit our website Calendar to check how the services at your church are changing from May 1<sup>st</sup>!