

DIARY DATES 2018

AUGUST

Wed 29th **NO MIDWEEK BENEFICE COMMUNION**

SEPTEMBER

Sat 1st **Wedding Blessing at Plumpton 11am**
Wappenham Fete 2pm

Sun 2nd **Whitfield Fete, 2-4.30pm, Old Rectory**
Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity
Benefice Communion

10.30am, St Mary & St Peter, Lois Weedon

Mon 3rd **Helmdon Worship Cttee Mtg**

10am, 48 Wapp Rd

BPCC Worship Cttee Mtg

7.30pm, The Rectory

Wed 5th **Midweek Benefice Communion**

10am, St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon

Thurs 6th **Rector on holiday till 16th**

Sat 8th **Helmdon Fundraiser – Last Night of the Proms**

Sun 9th **Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity**

Breakfast Church

9am, St Mary the Virgin, Wappenham

Matins

9.30am, St Mary & St Peter, Lois Weedon

Parish Communion

10am, St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon

Parish Communion

11.15am, St James the Great, Syresham

Messy Church

3.30pm, St James the Great, Syresham

Mon 10th **Helmdon House Group**

2.30pm, 9 Wappenham Rd

Wed 12th **Midweek Benefice Service of the Word (WS)**

10am, St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon

Sat 15th **Pastoral Care Training**

10am, St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon

Sun 16th **Prayerbook Communion**

8am, St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon

Breakfast, 9 – 10am followed by

Prayer & Praise

10am, St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon

Holy Communion

9.30am, St Mary & St Peter, Lois Weedon

Village Prayer & Praise

10.30am, St James the Great, Syresham

Parish Communion

11.15am, St Mary the Virgin, Wappenham

Mon 17th **Helmdon House Group**

2.30pm, 9 Wappenham Rd, Helmdon

Wed 19th **Benefice Midweek Communion**

10am, St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon

Sat 22nd **First Round Astwell Benefice /Village Quiz**

7.30pm, Syresham V Hall

Sun 23rd **Benefice Communion &**

Rev'd Carole's Leaving Service

10.30am, St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon

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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 19th August 2018

Twelfth Sunday after Trinity Services in the Benefice today:

8am **Prayerbook Communion**
St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon

9 – 10am **Breakfast, followed by.....**
10am **Prayer & Praise**
St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon

9.30am **Holy Communion**
St Mary & St Peter, Lois Weedon

11.15am **Holy Communion & Baptism**
St James the Great, Syresham

11.15am **Parish Communion**
St Mary the Virgin, Wappenham

Today's Bible Readings:

Proverbs 9. 1-6

Ephesians 5. 15-20

Gospel: John 6. 51-58

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 22nd August 2018
NO BENEFICE MIDWEEK COMMUNION

Sunday 26th August 2018
Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

10am **Holy Communion**
St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon

11.15am **Holy Communion**
St James the Great, Syresham

11.15am **Village Praise & Prayer**
St Mary the Virgin, Wappenham

6pm **Evensong**
St Mary & St Peter, Lois Weedon

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, Philip Gulliver, Peter Payne, Jason Holt, Emma, Jon and baby Ellouise.

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, Sheena Warren.

For those known to us:

Gill Goodwin, Marjorie Baxter, Pauline Collis, Christopher Carr, Evelyn Johnson, Alison Wilson, Jonnie D'Arcy, James Smillie, Roberta Estes, Peter Sheen, Dick White.

Please pray for those bereaved:

Brenda, & the family & friends of Colin Goode; Jean Bearman; the family, friends and parishioners of the Rev'd Roger Bellamy; Ruth & the family and friends of Rex Jessett; Sue James, Colin & family; Jill Pinder and family; Julia and Malcolm and the friends & family of Celia Terrey; 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 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 & family; Tricia French; 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.*

Please pray for:

Michael Birchall & Helen Tims

who are getting married at Sulgrave on
Saturday 8th September 2018
(with banns at St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon)

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

AUGUST

Mon 20th Rector on Retreat until 25th
Tues 21st Helmdon Café 10am – 12 noon, Reading Room
Hope Centre Food Delivery 1pm
Wed 22nd **NO MIDWEEK BENEFICE COMMUNION**
Thur 23rd Syresham Café 10.30-12.30pm,
V Hall
NB: No Benefice Choir Practices until 30th August
Fri 24th Lois Weedon BRICC Cheese & Wine Party
Sat 25th Bellringing Practice 9.30 – 10.30am, Helmdon

Thoughts from the Astwell Benefice

As Christians we are called to daily renew and strengthen our relationship with God, through Christ. But this can be hard.

With all the many different pulls in our lives, family, work, hobbies, even "the Church", it is often hard to find time to simply "be" with God for more than few moments.

Jesus understood the need for this one-on-one time and often took himself away to a quiet place to pray. He always returned refreshed and renewed by the Spirit and it is a lesson we should all heed. Next week I'm off on Retreat, spending quality time alone with God and I am really looking forward to recharging my spiritual batteries.

But "Retreats" aren't just for priests.

There are Retreat Houses all over this country and abroad, who will offer anything from a day to a fortnight. There are silent retreats, monastic retreats, musical ones, artistic ones and even walking ones, so they cater for every taste, but they share the same goal: to allow you to spend quality time with God, without the day-to-day distractions that can get in the way.

So why not put "retreat" in your search engine and book to go away with God this year!

Amen!

Rev'd Carole

Is there something you would like advertised?

Is there an event coming up?

Is there a charity you are passionate about?

Or are you part of a group or society linked to the church that you would like to tell others about?

Now is your chance!

From October, we are opening up this spot to you as well as regular updates from your representatives and Churchwardens about the Interregnum. We would like to hear from you!

Please send all contributions to Sarah Rudkin at:
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BAPTISMS

Please pray for Georgia Byles who was baptised on Wednesday 14th August at Syresham
and
for Olivia Wade, who will be baptised today, also at Syresham