

DIARY DATES 2018

OCTOBER

- Wed 3rd Midweek Benefice Service of the Word (WS)**
10am, St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon
LW BRICC Mtg
2.30pm, Croft Farm
- Sat 6th Helmdon & Radstone Harvest Festival Supper & Auction**
6pm, Reading Room, Helmdon
- Sun 7th Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity Benefice Communion by Extension**
10.30am, St Mary the Virgin, Wappenham
- Mon 8th St Loys School Harvest Festival**
2.30pm, St Mary & St Peter, Lois Weedon
- Wed 10th Midweek Benefice Service of the Word (WS)**
10am, St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon
Bingo Evening
7.30 for 8pm, Whitfield V Hall
- Thurs 11th Benefice Fundraiser – Floral Festival**
St Mary the Virgin, Wappenham
- Sat 13th 'Equipped for the Task' Training**
9am-12.45pm, Wellingborough
Lois Weedon & Wappenham Joint Harvest in the Barn
4.30pm, Venue tbc
- Sun 14th Breakfast Church**
9am, St Mary the Virgin, Wappenham
Matins
9.30am, St Mary & St Peter, Lois Weedon
Parish Communion By Extension
10am, St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon
Messy Church – Preparing for Harvest
3.30pm, St James the Great, Syresham
- Mon 15th Helmdon House Group**
2.30pm, 9 Wappenham Rd, Helmdon
- Wed 17th Midweek Benefice Service of the Word (WS)**
10am, St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon
- Thurs 18th St Loys School breaks up for Half Term Deanery Synod Service**
7.15pm, Middleton Cheney

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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 23rd September 2018 Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

Services in the Benefice today:

Benefice Communion &

Rev'd Carole's Leaving Service, followed by refreshments

10.30am, St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon

Today's Bible Readings:

Ruth 1. 16-17

1 Corinthians. 13

Gospel: John 16 1-24

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 26th September 2018 Midweek Benefice Service of the Word *10am, St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon*

Sunday 30th September 2018 Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

9.30am Village Praise & Prayer
St Mary & St Peter, Lois Weedon

10am Parish Communion
*St John the Evangelist, Whitfield
(with Revd Peter Allen)*

**11.15am Parish Communion for the Feast
Day of St Mary the Virgin**
*St Mary the Virgin, Wappenham
(with Revd Peter Allen)*

6pm Choral Evensong
St James the Great, Syresham

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:

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:

Angela, Jo & Erik and the family and friends of Dennis Hackett; Susan & Sally, daughters of Dick Wilson; Gillian & the family & friends of David Wyness; 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.

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

SEPTEMBER

Tues 25th	Helmdon Café	10am – 12 noon, Reading Room
	Hope Centre Food Delivery	1pm
Wed 26th	Midweek Benefice Service of the Word (WS)	10am, St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon
	Mums & Tots	10am-noon, Syresham V Hall
	BPCC Finance Comm Mtg	6.30pm, Vine Cottage
Thur 20th	Helmdon Parents & Tots	10am-12noon, St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon
	Benefice Choir Practice	6.30-7.30pm, St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon
Sat 22nd	Bellringing Practice	9.30 – 10.30am, Helmdon

Thoughts from the Astwell Benefice

This will be my last chance to write to you all as your Rector, and firstly I want to thank you for five amazing years. What a journey we have been on and what work we have done for Christ and his Kingdom.

I have loved being with you!

Thank you for being open to change, for adding your own "twists" and personalities to our lay-led worship and both our PCCs and now our BPCC and BRICC activities.

Thank you for worshipping alongside me and making the past five years such a privilege to serve you here in the Astwell Benefice.

When one door closes, another opens and our new Benefice Structure, which is now half way through the first of its 3 years, is viewed by the Diocese and beyond as leading the way in finding a solution to the problems that beset the Rural Church.

It certainly will set this Benefice out from the crowd, (which is crucial with 3 other Benefices locally also advertising for a new incumbent), and there is confidence that this will ensure a short interregnum.

But for this to happen everyone needs to keep supporting the work of the BPCC, your Benefice Reps and your BRICC chairs as they continue collaborating to keep this "ship" steady till the new "pilot" arrives.

I am careful not to say "Captain", as our role as priests is simply to steer, to educate, inform and at times, I hope, entertain!

The pattern of services will remain as is, until the new Rector arrives, so hopefully you will only be asked to share communion with another church in extremis during the interregnum. But if you do, please do be open and willing to support each other by travelling.

And speaking of travelling..... I leave you with sadness in my heart, but also great pride that I have been your Rector.

And so, for the last time here, a prayer...

May we all begin our new journeys taking with us every blessing we have received together here:

Blessings of friendship, of memories, of knowledge, of care, of understanding

and blessings of faith shared and grown together.

May we all be safe in the knowledge that we will meet new challenges, new places and new people with you always at our centre.

May we continue to grow and learn to live in Christ, with Christ and through Christ, And may God bless us all this day and through all the days to come.

Amen.

Rev'd Carole

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