

DIARY DATES 2018

OCTOBER

- Mon 22nd Helmdon Worship Group**
10.30am, 48 Wappenham Rd
- Wed 24th Midweek Communion by Ext (WS)**
10am, St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon
- Sat 27th Pastoral Training Day**
10am-4pm, St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon
- Sun 28th Last Sunday after Trinity**
Holy Communion (By Extension)
10am, St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon
Family Service
11.15am, St James the Great, Syresham
Village Praise & Prayer
11.15am, St Mary the Virgin, Wappenham
Harvest Songs of Praise & Supper
6pm, St John the Evangelist, Whitfield
Evensong
6pm, St Mary & St Peter, Lois Weedon
- Mon 29th Syresham & Whitfield Joint All Souls Service**
7pm, St James the Great, Syresham
- Wed 31st Midweek Benefice Service of the Word (WS)**
10am, St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon

NOVEMBER

- Sat 3rd All Souls Service**
4pm, St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon
- Sun 4th All Saints Day**
Benefice Communion for All Saints Day (by Extension), with preacher: Pete Squires, Giving Officer for the Diocese of Peterborough
10.30am, St James the Great, Syresham
- Wed 7th Midweek Benefice Service of the Word (WS)**
10am, St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon
- Sat 10th Benefice Remembrance Concert**
8pm, St James the Great, Syresham

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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 14th October 2018 Twentieth Sunday after Trinity

Services in the Benefice today:

- 9am Breakfast Church**
St Mary the Virgin, Wappenham
- 9.30am Matins**
St Mary & St Peter, Lois Weedon
- 10am Parish Communion by Extension**
St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon
- 3.30pm Messy Church – Preparing for Harvest**
St James the Great, Syresham
- 4.30pm Lois Weedon & Wappenham Joint Harvest in the Barn**
Manor Farm Barn, Wappenham

Today's Bible Readings:

Amos 5. 6-7, 10-15
Hebrews 4. 12-end
Gospel: Mark 10. 17-31

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 17th October 2018
Midweek Benefice Service of the Word
10am, St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon

Sunday 21st October 2018
Twenty-first Sunday after Trinity

- 9-10am Breakfast, followed by...**
- 10am Prayer & Praise – Service for Pets**
St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon
- 9.30am Holy Communion (Rev'd Peter Allen)**
St Mary & St Peter, Lois Weedon
- 11.15am Parish Communion (Rev'd Peter Allen)**
St Mary the Virgin, Wappenham
- 5pm Harvest Service with Supper & Auction**
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.

Please pray for all the family and friends of Dennis Hackett whose funeral will be held at St John the Evangelist, Whitfield on Thursday 18th October at 10.30am.

Please also continue to pray for Gerald, Michelle, Jenny, Jake and Ben, and all the family and friends of Jason Holt of Helmdon.

Also

From Helmdon:

Joyce Beech, Philip Gulliver, Peter Payne, 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 & Ann Widdowson.

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

OCTOBER

Mon 15th	Helmdon House Group	2.30pm, 9 Wapp Rd, Helmdon
	Special Benefice PCC Meeting	7.30pm, St Loys School Hall, Lois Weedon
	Syresham BRICC	7.30pm, The Priory
Tues 16th	Helmdon Café	10am – 12 noon, Reading Room
	Helmdon Lunch	1pm, Reading Room
	Hope Centre Food Delivery	1pm
Wed 17th	Midweek Benefice Service of the Word (WS)	10am, St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon
	Mums & Tots	10am-noon, Syresham V Hall
Thurs 18th	Helmdon Parents & Tots	10am-12noon, St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon
	Benefice Choir Practice	6.30-7.30pm, St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon
	Deanery Synod Service & Archdeacon to become new Rural Dean	7.15pm, Middleton Cheney
Sat 20th	Bellringing Practice	9.30 – 10.30am, Helmdon

What is the ?

Mothers' Union is a worldwide Christian organisation. Membership is open to all, single people, married, with or without children, those who are divorced and also men. The main criterion is that you have been baptised and believe in the importance of family life. It was started 142 years ago by Mary Sumner. Born Mary Heyward in Swinton, Lancashire, she moved with her family to Colwell in Herefordshire in 1832, where her mother held meetings for mothers. A year later, Mary's 6 week old brother died. Maybe her mother's faith, the women's meetings and her brother's death inspired Mary, much later in her life, to start the Mothers' Union. Educated at home, young Mary learned to speak three foreign languages and to sing well. To complete her musical education, she travelled with her mother and sister to Rome where she met her future husband George Sumner. He was the son of the Bishop of Winchester and also a relative of William Wilberforce. The couple were married in 1848, eighteen months after George was ordained, and in 1851 George was given the living of Arlesford in Hampshire. Mary dedicated herself to raising their three children and helping her husband in his ministry by providing music and Bible classes. Her eldest daughter Margaret gave birth to a grandchild in 1876. This reminded Mary of how difficult she had found the burden and worry of motherhood and she called a meeting of mothers in the parish to help them support each other and to realise what an important job it was to raise a family. The first meeting was held at the rectory but Mary was so nervous that her husband had to speak for her. He invited the women to come back the next week and this time Mary overcame her nervousness and led her own meeting. Mary continued holding the meetings in her own parish. In 1885 Mary was in the audience at the Portsmouth church conference where Bishop of Newcastle had been asked to address women churchgoers, but he felt he had little to say to the women and invited Mary to speak instead. Although nervous she gave a passionate talk about national morality and the importance of mothers to change the nation for the better. A number of women went back to their parishes and formed groups similar to Mary's. The Bishop of Winchester made the Mothers' Union a diocesan organisation and so from Mary's first meeting a world-wide organisation was born. Mary died in August 1921 and is buried in the grounds of Winchester Cathedral.

(written by Ann Smith, Astwell Benefice Branch of Mothers' Union)