

DIARY DATES 2019

DECEMBER

- Tues 24th CHRISTMAS EVE**
Christingle Service
4.30pm, *St James the Great, Syresham*
Carols by Candlelight (Paul Stothard)
6pm, *St Mary the Virgin, Wappenham*
Christingle Service (Revd D Painter)
6.30pm, *St John the Evangelist, Whitfield*
Communion for Christmas Eve (Revd J Roberts)
9.30pm, *St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon*
Midnight Mass (Bishop Ed Condry)
11.30pm, *St James the Great, Syresham*
'Welcome to Christmas' Service
11.30pm, *St Mary & St Peter, Lois Weedon*
- Wed 25th CHRISTMAS DAY**
Communion for Christmas Morning at:
9am, *St John the Evangelist, Whitfield*
9.30am, *St Mary & St Peter, Lois Weedon*
10am, *St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon*
11.15am, *St Mary the Virgin, Wappenham*
Christmas Morning Service (no Communion):
10.30am, *St James the Great, Syresham*
- Sun 29th FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS**
Benefice Communion Service (Revd D Painter)
10.30am, *St Mary the Virgin, Wappenham*

JANUARY 2020

- Wed 1st NEW YEAR'S DAY**
NB: NO MIDWEEK BENEFICE SERVICE
- Sun 5th EPIPHANY**
Benefice Communion Service (Hon Bishop Ed Condry)
10.30am, *St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon*
- Wed 8th Benefice Midweek Service (Ann Smith)**
10am, *St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon*
BENEFICE BINGO NIGHT
7.30 for 8pm, *Syresham Sports & Soc Club*
- Sun 12th Baptism of Christ**
Breakfast Church
9am, *St Mary the Virgin, Wappenham*
Matins
9.30am, *St Mary & St Peter, Lois Weedon*
Parish Communion by Ext (WS)
10am, *St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon*
Parish Communion by Ext (WS)
11.15am, *St James the Great, Syresham*
- Mon 13th BPC Pastoral Care Mtg**
10.30am, *48 Wappenham Road, Helmdon*
- Wed 15th Benefice Midweek Service (WS)**
10am, *St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon*
- Sat 18th Wappenham BRICC Mtg**
9am, *Astwell Mill*
Syresham Branch Bellringers' AGM, Ringing & Tea
From 3pm, *St James the Great, Syresham*
Helmdon Race Night
7 for 7.30pm, *Reading Room*
- Sun 19th Second Sunday of Epiphany**
Prayerbook Communion (Revd J Roberts)
8am, *St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon*
9-10am Breakfast, followed by Prayer & Praise
10am, *St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon*
Holy Communion (Revd David Painter)
9.30am, *St Mary & St Peter, Lois Weedon*
Village Prayer & Praise
10.30am, *St James the Great, Syresham*
Morning Worship (WS)
11am, *St John the Evangelist, Whitfield*
Parish Communion (Revd David Painter)
11.15am, *St Mary the Virgin, Wappenham*



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.

Services in the Benefice today:

Sunday 15th December 2019

Third Sunday of Advent

- 8am Prayerbook Communion (Revd J Roberts)**
St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon
- 9.30am Parish Communion (Revd D Painter)**
St Mary & St Peter, Lois Weedon
- 10.30am Village Prayer & Praise**
St James the Great, Syresham
- 11am Morning Worship (WS)**
St John the Evangelist, Whitfield
- 11.15am Parish Communion (Revd Viv Baldwin)**
St Mary the Virgin, Wappenham
- 4 for 4.30pm Messy Christingle (WS)**
St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon

Today's Readings:

Isaiah 35.1-10

James 5.7-10

Gospel: Matthew 11.2-11

SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE NEXT WEEK

Wednesday 18th December 2019

Benefice Midweek Service

(Revd David Painter)

10am, *St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon*

Friday 20th December

Carols by Candlelight (WS)

7.30pm, *St Mary of Magdalene, Helmdon*

Saturday 21st December

Carols by Candlelight (Paul Stothard)

7pm, *St John the Evangelist, Whitfield*

Sunday 22nd December 2019

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Benefice Carols and Communion

(Revd David Painter)

10.30am, *St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon*

Joint Carol Service with the Chapel

6pm, *Syresham Chapel*

Carol Service

6pm, *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.

Please pray for Ann Samways, daughters Gill & Jo and all the family and friends of Tom Samways, whose funeral will be held on Thursday 19th December at 12 noon, at St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon.

Please continue to pray for all the family and friends of Marcus Durant, whose funeral will be held on Friday 20th December at 12 noon at Holy Cross Church, Church Walk, Daventry NN11 4BL, and afterwards at Cherwell Golf Club.

From Helmdon: Joyce Beech, Philip Gulliver, Emma, Jon & Ellouise, Claire & Freya, Barbara Buxton, Diane Thorpe & Vanessa Vicars.

From Lois Weedon: Joan Jacobs, Lis Cockrell, Judith Allen, Jeremy "Jez" Wilcox, Ernie Wheeler & David Jones.

From Syresham: Derek Hollyoake, Peter Sims, John & Ann Widdowson and Collette Andrewartha.

From Wappenham: Judy King and Claire Kennett

For those known to us:

Gill Goodwin, Marjorie Baxter, Pauline Collis, Christopher Carr, Evelyn Johnson, Jonnie D'Arcy, James Smillie, Peter Sheen, Dick White, June Brereton, Roger Cane, Penny Bonnymeade, Matthew Smith and Barbara Whitlock.

Please pray for those bereaved, and the family & friends of:

Greg Oles, Mike Durant, Stewart Gundle, Ian Kidd, Richard Tims, Peter Payne, Ivan Hathaway, Robin Oliver, Doreen Moreland, Sue Corbishley, Jason Holt & Shirley Holt, Dennis Hackett, Dick Wilson, David Wyness, Rev'd Roger Bellamy, Rev'd David Randell, Mark Kilby, Alan Clube, Keith Hawkins and Neil Carruthers. And also for the Bearman family, Susan Clarke & family, Kathryn and Peter Oliver, & Geoff and Jo Abbey.

Also, please pray 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

DECEMBER

Mon 16th		
Tues 17th	Helmdon Café	10am -12 noon, Reading Rm
	Hope Centre Food Delivery	1pm
Wed 18th	Benefice Midweek Service (Revd D Painter)	10am
	St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon	
	Syresham Mums & Tots	10am-noon Village Hall
Thur 19th	Helmdon Parents & Tots	10am-noon
	St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon	
	Syresham Coffee Morning	10.30-12.30pm, V Hall
Fri 20th	St Loys' Christingle Service	9.30am
	St Mary & St Peter, Lois Weedon	
Sat 21st	Bell Ringing Practice	9.30 - 10.30am, Helmdon



Christingle Services in the Astwell Benefice 2019

Helmdon – Messy Christingle
Sunday 15th December, at 4pm

Lois Weedon – St Loys Christingle Service
Friday 20th December, at 9.30am

Syresham – Christingle Service
Christmas Eve, at 4.30pm

Whitfield – Christingle Service
Christmas Eve, at 6.30pm

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