

## DIARY DATES 2020

### FEBRUARY

- Mon 24<sup>th</sup>** **Lois Weedon BRICC**  
2.30pm, Lois Weedon Farm
- Tues 25<sup>th</sup>** Syresham 'Friends' Pancake Lunch  
12.30pm, Syresham School
- Wed 26<sup>th</sup>** **Ash Wednesday Services (Revd D Painter)**  
10am, St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon and  
7.30pm, St Mary & St Peter, Lois Weedon
- Sat 29<sup>th</sup>** **Helmdon Pancake Day**  
11am, Helmdon Reading Room  
**Whitfield Italian Evening**  
7.30pm, Whitfield V Hall

### MARCH

- Sun 1<sup>st</sup>** **First Sunday of Lent**  
**Benefice Communion Service**  
**(Revd Doug Spenceley)**  
10.30am, St Mary the Virgin, Wappenham
- Wed 4<sup>th</sup>** **Benefice Midweek Service (WS)**  
10am, St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon  
**Secret Keepers**  
7-8pm, Chapel Schoolroom, Syresham
- Sun 8<sup>th</sup>** **Second Sunday of Lent**  
**Breakfast Church**  
9am, St Mary the Virgin, Wappenham  
**Matins**  
9.30am, St Mary & St Peter, Lois Weedon  
**Parish Communion (with Archdeacon**  
**Richard Ormston to bless Altar Frontal)**  
10am, St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon  
**Parish Communion by Ext (WS)**  
11.15am, St James the Great, Syresham  
**Baptism (with Revd David Painter)**  
12noon, St Mary the Virgin, Wappenham  
**Messy Mothering Sunday Preparation**  
3.30-4.30pm, St James the Great Syresham
- Wed 11<sup>th</sup>** **Benefice Midweek Service (WS)**  
10am, St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon  
**Benefice Bingo Night**  
7.30 for 8pm, Lois Weedon V Hall
- Sat 14<sup>th</sup>** **Bishop's Bible Day**  
9.30am - 4pm, Northampton High School  
(contact your Churchwarden, Bill Elkington or  
Wiggy for more details)
- Sun 15<sup>th</sup>** **Third Sunday of Lent**  
**Prayerbook Communion (Revd J Roberts)**  
8am, St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon  
**9-10am Breakfast, followed by ...**  
**Prayer & Praise**  
10am, St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon  
**Parish Communion (Revd D 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 D Painter)**  
11.15am, St Mary the Virgin, Wappenham
- Wed 18<sup>th</sup>** **Benefice Midweek Service (WS)**  
10am, St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon
- Sat 21<sup>st</sup>** **BENEFICE QUIZ NIGHT**  
6.30-10.30pm, Lois Weedon V Hall
- Sun 22<sup>nd</sup>** **Mothering Sunday (Third Sunday of Lent)**  
**Holy Communion (Revd J Roberts)**  
9am at St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon  
**Mothering Sunday Services**  
10am at St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon  
10.30am at St James the Great, Syresham/TBC  
(with the Chapel & Whitfield congregation)  
11.15am at Wappenham  
**Benefice Evensong**  
6pm at St Mary & St Peter, Lois Weedon
- Tues 24<sup>th</sup>** **Brackley Deanery Lady Day Service**  
Time? Venue?
- Wed 25<sup>th</sup>** **Benefice Midweek Communion Service by**  
**Ext (WS)**  
10am, St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon



## 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 16<sup>th</sup> February 2020

### Second Sunday Before Lent

- 8am** **Prayerbook Communion**  
**(Revd J Roberts)**  
St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon
- 9-10am** **Breakfast, followed by .....**
- 10am** **Prayer & Praise**  
St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon
- 9.30am** **Parish Communion (Revd D Painter)**  
St Mary & St Peter, Lois Weedon
- 11am** **Morning Worship (WS)**  
St John the Evangelist, Whitfield
- 11.15am** **Parish Communion (Revd D Painter)**  
St Mary the Virgin, Wappenham
- 6pm** **Village Prayer & Praise with the Chapel**  
Syresham Chapel (*note new date & venue*)

### Today's Readings:

Genesis 1.1-2.3

Romans 6. 18-25

Gospel: Matthew 6.25-end

### SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE

### NEXT WEEK

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2020**  
**Benefice Midweek Service of the Word**  
**10am, St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon**

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2020**  
**Sunday Next before Lent**

- 10am** **Holy Communion (Revd J Roberts)**  
St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon
- 11.15am** **All Age Service**  
St James the Great, Syresham
- 11.15am** **Village Praise & Prayer**  
St Mary the Virgin, Wappenham
- 6pm** **Benefice 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:

*Please pray for the family & friends of Teresa Fleetwood, whose funeral will be held at St James the Great, Syresham at 1pm on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February.*

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

*From Lois Weedon:* Joan Jacobs, Lis Cockrell, 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:*

Pauline Collis, Christopher Carr, Evelyn Johnson, Jonnie D'Arcy, James Smillie, Peter Sheen, Dick White, June Brereton, Roger Cane, Penny Bonnymeade, Matthew Smith, Barbara Whitlock, Steve Goodwin, Ollie Dotterill and Christabel Grant.

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

James Gadd, Ron Pratt, Margaret Hinton, Judith Allen, Marcus Durant, Tom Samways, Greg Oles, Mike Durant, Stewart Gundle, Ian Kidd, Richard Tims, Peter Payne, Ivan Hathaway, Robin Oliver, Sue Corbishley, Jason Holt & Shirley Holt, Dennis Hackett, Dick Wilson, Mark Kilby, 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

### FEBRUARY

<b>Mon 17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>HALF TERM</b>	
<b>Tues 18<sup>th</sup></b>	Helmdon Café	10am -12 noon, Reading Rm
	Hope Centre Run	1pm
<b>Wed 19<sup>th</sup></b>	Benefice Midweek Service	10am
	Secret Keepers	St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon 7-8pm, Chapel Schoolroom Syresham
<b>Thur 20<sup>th</sup></b>	Syresham Coffee Morning	10.30-12.30pm, V Hall
	<b>NO CHOIR PRACTICE</b>	
<b>Sat 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	Bell Ringing Practice	9.30 – 10.30am, Helmdon

## CAN YOU HELP?



We are looking for a volunteer who could take out a personal TENS license on behalf of the Benefice. (A TEN (Temporary Events Notice) can be used to hold one-off licensable events at unlicensed premises without the need for a premises **licence** or the presence of a personal **licence** holder, provided certain criteria are met.)

This would involve completing some documentation, attending a course (possibly on April 7<sup>th</sup>) funded by the Benefice and then overseeing the set-up of all Benefice events at which TENS licenses are required.

This could save the Benefice a lot of money in individual licenses currently required for each event.

***If you are interested or willing to help, please talk to Alice Palmer or Bill Elkington***

***(see below for contact details)***

## CONTACT US:

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