

FORTHCOMING SERVICES

Sunday 27th June – Fourth Sunday after Trinity

8.30am	Online	Morning Prayer
10am	Helmdon	Holy Communion
	Syresham & Whitfield	No Service – travel to Lois Weedon
11am	Plumpton	Patronal Festival Matins
11.15am	Wappenham	Holy Communion
6pm	Lois Weedon	Patronal Service and Benefice Evensong

Sunday 4th July – Fifth Sunday after Trinity

8.30am	Online	Morning Prayer
9.30am	Whitfield	Holy Communion
10am	Helmdon	Morning Worship
11am	Lois Weedon	Holy Communion TBC
	Syresham	<i>No Service – travel to Whitfield</i>
11.15am	Wappenham	Morning Worship

Sunday 11th July – Sixth Sunday after Trinity

8.30am	Online	Morning Prayer
9.30am	Lois Weedon	Matins
10am	Helmdon	Holy Communion
10-12	Whitfield	Private Prayer
11am	Syresham	Morning Worship
11.15am	Wappenham	B'fast Church/M Worship

Sunday 18th July – Seventh Sunday after Trinity

8.30am	Online	Morning Prayer
10.30am	Helmdon	Benefice Communion & Patronal Festival of St Mary Magdalene



Online Benefice Prayer Meeting

Please join Revd Diane on Monday evenings at 6pm using the following Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85894936136?pwd=YW5qSWo4MEw5Q1dvUG9WWTdabkNjdz09>

Meeting ID: 890 3407 6266 Passcode: 545720

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PEWS NEWS

The Astwell Benefice

St Mary Magdalene Helmdon with Stuchbury & St Lawrence Radstone, St James the Great Syresham with St John the Evangelist Whitfield, St Mary & St Peter Lois Weedon with Weston & Plumpton, and St Mary the Virgin Wappenham.

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Sunday 20th June 2021 Third Sunday after Trinity

Today's Services:

8.30am	Online	Morning Prayer
9.30am	Lois Weedon	Holy Communion
9.30am	Whitfield	Morning Worship
10am	Helmdon	Prayer & Praise
11am	Syresham	Morning Worship
11.15am	Wappenham	Prayer & Praise

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Services will be available on Facebook approximately one hour after 'live-stream' on Zoom.

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NOTICES:

Please note that Revd Diane's day off is Friday - please contact your churchwarden or Sarah Rudkin in her absence.

▪ **Midweek Holy Communion Services will be held at Helmdon at 10am on Wednesday 9th, 16th, 23rd & 30th June.**

▪ **St James the Great, Syresham will be open on Sundays only until further notice.**

The Collects and Readings for Third Sunday after Trinity

Collect:

Almighty God,
you have broken the tyranny of sin
and have sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts
whereby we call you Father:
give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service,
that we and all creation may be brought
to the glorious liberty of the children of God;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Old Testament Reading: 1 Samuel 17: (1a, 4-11, 19-23,) 32-49

³²David said to Saul, 'Let no one's heart fail because of him; your servant will go and fight with this Philistine.' ³³Saul said to David, 'You are not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him; for you are just a boy, and he has been a warrior from his youth.' ³⁴But David said to Saul, 'Your servant used to keep sheep for his father; and whenever a lion or a bear came, and took a lamb from the flock, ³⁵I went after it and struck it down, rescuing the lamb from its mouth; and if it turned against me, I would catch it by the jaw, strike it down, and kill it. ³⁶Your servant has killed both lions and bears; and this uncircumcised Philistine shall be like one of them, since he has defied the armies of the living God.' ³⁷David said, 'The Lord, who saved me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear, will save me from the hand of this Philistine.' So Saul said to David, 'Go, and may the Lord be with you!' ³⁸Saul clothed David with his armour; he put a bronze helmet on his head and clothed him with a coat of mail. ³⁹David strapped Saul's sword over the armour, and he tried in vain to walk, for he was not used to them. Then David said to Saul, 'I cannot walk with these; for I am not used to them.' So David removed them. ⁴⁰Then he took his staff in his hand, and chose five smooth stones from the wadi, and put them in his shepherd's bag, in the pouch; his sling was in his hand, and he drew near to the Philistine.

⁴¹The Philistine came on and drew near to David, with his shield-bearer in front of him. ⁴²When the Philistine looked and saw David, he disdained him, for he was only a youth, ruddy and handsome in appearance. ⁴³The Philistine said to David, 'Am I a dog, that you come to me with sticks?' And the Philistine cursed David by his gods. ⁴⁴The Philistine said to David, 'Come to me, and I will give your flesh to the birds of the air and to the wild animals of the field.' ⁴⁵But David said to the Philistine, 'You come to me with sword and spear and javelin; but I come to you in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. ⁴⁶This very day the Lord will deliver you into my hand, and I will strike you down and cut off your head; and I will give

the dead bodies of the Philistine army this very day to the birds of the air and to the wild animals of the earth, so that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel,⁴⁷and that all this assembly may know that the Lord does not save by sword and spear; for the battle is the Lord's and he will give you into our hand.'

48 When the Philistine drew nearer to meet David, David ran quickly towards the battle line to meet the Philistine. ⁴⁹David put his hand in his bag, took out a stone, slung it, and struck the Philistine on his forehead; the stone sank into his forehead, and he fell face down on the ground.

New Testament Reading: 2 Corinthians 6. 1-13

¹As we work together with him,* we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. ²For he says, 'At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you.' See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! ³We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, ⁴but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, ⁵beatings, imprisonments, riots, labours, sleepless nights, hunger; ⁶by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, ⁷truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; ⁸in honour and dishonour, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; ⁹as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; ¹⁰as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

¹¹We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians; our heart is wide open to you. ¹²There is no restriction in our affections, but only in yours. ¹³In return—I speak as to children—open wide your hearts also.

Gospel Reading: Mark 4:35-41

³⁵On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, 'Let us go across to the other side.' ³⁶And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. ³⁷A great gale arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. ³⁸But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, 'Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?' ³⁹He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, 'Peace! Be still!' Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. ⁴⁰He said to them, 'Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?' ⁴¹And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, 'Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?'



Post Communion Collect:

O God, whose beauty is beyond our imagining and whose power we cannot comprehend: show us your glory as far as we can grasp it, and shield us from knowing more than we can bear until we may look upon you without fear; through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Prayers by Florence Gundle

For a better world and a better society, we pray for our country, for the health of our democracy, for wisdom and good leadership in our government, for equality, and for charity amongst our people. For a merciful world: where all are treated with respect and love; where those in mourning and pain are comforted, let us pray.

We pray for those on the fringes of society, those afflicted by addiction and mental illness; refugees and displaced persons; for those without food or water. Shine your light into our darkness. We thank you for the light of the gospel, the gift of community, the joy of the arts. May those who live in poverty and in isolation see hope in your light. Bless us that we may Love as you love! That we may show patience, tolerance, kindness, caring and love to all. Grant compassion unto us; that we may help all fellow souls in need.

Lord, your heart is full of wisdom, truth and love. You lead us to enjoy the beauty in creation, to engage each day with love in our hearts. You teach us to live lives brimming with your love and goodness. We are blessed to live in your care. Thank you that you guide us into true love and happiness by your gentle hand. We choose to give our lives to you each day.



TO HOLD IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

We bring before our loving heavenly Father those in our villages and others we know who are unwell, recovering from illness and all those who need our prayers for any reason during this difficult time:

From Helmdon: Joyce Beech, Philip Gulliver, Emma, Jon, Ellouise, Lilly & James, Barbara Buxton, Diane Thorpe, Vanessa Vicars, John Thorne, Alison & Cara, Margaret Reardon, David Bowen-Jones, Kirsten, David & baby Anna, and Claire & family.

From Lois Weedon & Weston: Joan Jacobs, Lis Cockrell, Jeremy "Jez" Wilcox, Jenni Liversidge, John Maleham, Elsie Hatton & family, and John Busby.

From Syresham: Derek Hollyoake, Peter Sims, John Widdowson & 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, Roger Cane, Penny Bonnymeade, Barbara Whitlock, Ollie Dotterill, Marina & Froede Amundsen, Cara Wilson, Chloë Fletcher, Sam & Jackie Cowlshaw.

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

Andy Seckington, Win Wood, Liz Threlfall, Ernie Wheeler, Dennis Read, Gillian Clube, Barry Pocock, Doris Street, Stan Howell, Doug Hatton, Jayden Shaler, Winnie Varney, Alex Paterson, Ann Widdowson, Christine Cason, Jack Hawkins, John Snow, Pat Johnson, David Sheppard, Steve Goodwin, Dorothy D'Alton (nee Abbot), Sally Gore, Teresa Fleetwood, 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. 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, Northampton Women's Aid and The Women's Refuge. We also continue to pray for all refugees fleeing persecution, all victims of terror, and all those affected by the Covid-19 virus.

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PLEASE NOTE:

DUE TO THE DELAY IN THE LIFTING OF COVID RESTRICTIONS, THE ASTWELL BENEFICE GARDEN PARTY HAS NOW BEEN POSTPONED UNTIL 25th JUNE 2022

2021 Diary Dates

All events are subject to the prevailing Covid-19 restrictions

June

Wed 23rd Mothers Union Musical Evening, 7pm, Helmdon Church

Astwell Benefice Garden Party - NOW POSTPONED UNTIL 25th June 2022

Mon 28th Meeting of Churchwardens, 7pm, The Rectory

July

Sat 3rd Wedding of Lauren Foster & Patrick McGillicuddy, 2pm, Syresham

Mon 5th Benefice PCC Meeting, 7pm, Wappenham V Hall

Thu 22nd Wedding of Laura Waddilove & Fraser Turner, 2pm, Helmdon

August

Sun 8th Baptism of Kit Williams, Helmdon, 2pm

Sat 14th Wedding of Constance Watson & Charles Mawle, 2pm, Helmdon

Sat 21st Astwell Benefice Barn Dance, Manor Farm, Wappenham

September

Sun 5th Induction of Revd Diane Whittaker, 11am, Benefice Service at Syresham

Mon 6th Open Meeting for Final Vote on United Benefice, 7pm, Venue TBC

Sat 11th Wappenham Village Fete

Sun 12th Baptism of George Cooper, Whitfield

Regular Events:

- Mums & Tots at Helmdon Church - Thursdays 10am – 12pm during term time

Please send details of Benefice committee meetings, fetes, fund-raising events and all regular gatherings to rectorastwellbenefice@aol.co.uk



Scan this QR code to link to the 'Giving Page' of the Benefice website. All donations go directly to supporting mission and ministry in the Benefice

FOOD BANK VOUCHERS

Revd Diane can provide vouchers for Brackley and Towcester Food Banks for anyone in need in Helmdon, Lois Weedon & Weston, Radstone, Syresham, Wappenham, Whitfield and the surrounding area.

Please contact her for details