

FORTHCOMING SERVICES

Sunday 16th May – Seventh Sunday of Easter

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

Saturday 22nd May

1pm Wedding of Emily Blackledge & Chris McHugh at Syresham

Sunday 23rd May – Pentecost

8.30am	Online	Morning Prayer
10am	Helmdon	Holy Communion
11am	Whitfield	Pentecost Praise
	Syresham	No Service – travel to Whitfield for joint service
11.15am	Wappenham	Holy Communion
6pm	Lois Weedon	Benefice Evensong

Saturday 29th May

3pm Wedding of Thomas Gladdle & Jessica Wong at Plumpton

Sunday 30th May – Trinity Sunday

8.30am	Online	Morning Prayer
10am	Radstone	Benefice Communion



Online Benefice Prayer Meeting

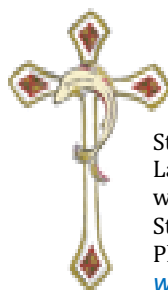
The Online Prayer Meeting will re-start on Monday 10th May at 6pm

Please join Revd Diane using the following Zoom link
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89034076266?pwd=NmZSanZ6NUQ2K0YwQ1NRV2xUQ0IvQT09>

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 9th May 2021 Sixth Sunday of Easter

Today's Services:

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	Morning Worship

To access the online service, please use this Zoom link:

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

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Passcode: 011195

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

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PLEASE NOTE:

Midweek Holy Communion Services will be held at Helmdon at 10am on Wednesday 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th May.

and

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



The Collects and Readings for Today

Collect:

God our redeemer,
you have delivered us from the power of darkness
and brought us into the kingdom of your Son:
grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life,
so by his continual presence in us he may raise us
to eternal joy;
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.

New Testament Reading: Acts 10:44-48

⁴⁴ While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. ⁴⁵The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, ⁴⁶for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, ⁴⁷'Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?' ⁴⁸So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

New Testament Reading: 1 John 5:1-6

¹Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. ²By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. ³For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, ⁴for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. ⁵Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?
⁶ This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

Gospel Reading: John 15:9-17

⁹As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

¹² 'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. ¹⁶You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. ¹⁷I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

Post Communion Collect:

God our Father,
whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life:
may we thirst for you,
the spring of life and source of goodness,
through him who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.



Prayers by Florence Gundle

Globally, people from all walks of life and cultures continue to suffer, whether it be due to COVID, war or something else entirely. We thank you for your loving kindness and heart of sweet compassion and thank you that in times of distress and suffering, you walk with us through the different seasons of our lives, to comfort and encourage, to help and to advise. Allow us to act in this same way to others who suffer around the world. In any way we can, let us be hands to help, arms to support and hearts filled with love. May you and we all, never forsake or leave those who need comfort, but draw alongside them, offering comfort and solace.

Lord, help those who are consumed with anguish. Take them into your arms, heal their broken hearts and bind up their wounds. Those who grieve are among those who need the greatest comfort and strength. Allow us to offer this in the best way we can, being constant understanding companions. Help us to guard against sorrow and bring joy into their everyday lives.

God, your son, Jesus Christ, healed all kinds of sickness; continue his work among us; bless and heal the sick, give to all doctors, surgeons, nurses, and all carers wisdom and skill, sympathy and patience. Send down your blessing on all who work to relieve suffering and pain, through Jesus Christ our Lord. We thank you that you watch over us in our hours of darkness and bring us into the safety and light of a new day.



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

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:

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, Maurice Tucker, 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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Astwell Benefice Group of Churches

We might be in 'Lockdown' but we are still very much here for you all, so if you need to talk to someone please do ring one of us.

Hopefully, in the not-too-distant future, we will be able to actually visit you!

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2021 Diary Dates

All events subject to the prevailing Covid restrictions

May

Mon 17th Astwell Benefice APCM, 7.30pm, Helmdon Church/
via Zoom

June

Mon 7th BPCC Worship Comm Mtg, 7pm, via Zoom tbc

Sat 12th Wedding of Claire Elkington & Mike Ludwig,
12.30pm, Helmdon

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

Sat 26th Astwell Benefice Garden Party, Lois Weedon House

July

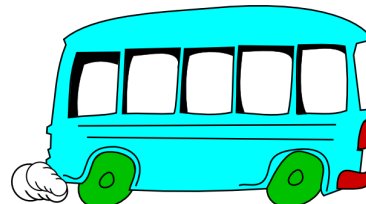
Thur 22nd Wedding of Laura Waddilove & Fraser Turner,
2pm, Helmdon

August

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

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

As restrictions are gradually lifted, please let me know of any Benefice committee meetings, fetes, fund-raising events and regular gatherings you have planned.



ABILITY Community Bus Service

- We are a **not-for-profit** community bus service.
- Anyone can travel on our buses, but over 65s with a **concessionary** bus pass travel **completely free**.
- All passengers **must be registered** with us prior to travelling.
 - Online registration at www.abilitycic.org.uk
- We do **regular weekly shopping trips** into Banbury and Brackley. Passengers can do their shopping and access other essential services.
- We also offer regular **'social trips'** – days out to places a bit further afield. These are also **free** for anyone with a concessionary bus pass.
- Anyone looking to find out more should call the office on **01327 604123**.