

FUTURE SERVICES

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OCTOBER

Saturday 18th October

6.00pm Helmdon Harvest Festival Service

Sunday 19th October – Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

9.30am Lois Weedon Holy Communion

11.15am Syresham Holy Communion

11.15am Wappenham Praise & Prayer

NB: NO SERVICE AT HELMDON

Saturday 25th October

Time TBC Lois Weedon Harvest Supper in Village Hall

Sunday 26th October – Last Sunday after Trinity

9.30am Whitfield Holy Communion

9.30am Helmdon Morning Prayer

11.15am Syresham Praise & Prayer

11.15am Wappenham Holy Communion

6pm Lois Weedon Harvest Evensong

NOVEMBER

Saturday 1st November

4pm Helmdon All Souls Service

Sunday 2nd November – Fourth Sunday before Advent

9.00am Wappenham Breakfast Church

9.30am Lois Weedon Morning Prayer

10.30am Helmdon Holy Communion & Children's Church (Please note new time!)

11.15am Syresham Morning Prayer

Saturday 3rd November

7pm Syresham All Souls Service (with Whitfield)

Sunday 9th November – Remembrance Sunday

10.00am Helmdon Remembrance Service & Act of Remembrance at Memorial

10.50am Wappenham Holy Communion & Act of Remembrance (with Royal British Legion)

10.50am Whitfield Act of Remembrance at Memorial

10.55am Syresham Act of Remembrance at Stone

10.55am Lois Weedon Act of Remembrance

Sunday 16th November – Second Sunday before Advent

9.30am Lois Weedon Holy Communion

10.30am Helmdon Praise & Prayer (Please note new time!)

11.15am Syresham Holy Communion

11.15am Wappenham Praise & Prayer



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 12th October 2025

Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

Services in the Benefice:

9.00am Wappenham Breakfast Church

9.30am Lois Weedon Morning Prayer

11.15am Helmdon Holy Communion & Children's Church

11.15am Syresham Morning Prayer

5pm Whitfield Harvest Festival & supper in V Hall



Collects & Readings for Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

Collect:

Almighty God,
you have made us for yourself,
and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in
you:
pour your love into our hearts and draw us to
yourself,
and so bring us at last to your heavenly city
where we shall see you face to face;
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: 2 Kings 5.1-3,7-15c

¹Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favour with his master, because by him the Lord had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy. ²Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. ³She said to her mistress, 'If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy.'

⁷When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, 'Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me.'

⁸But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, 'Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel.' ⁹So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. ¹⁰Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, 'Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean.' ¹¹But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, 'I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy! ¹²Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?' He turned and went away in a rage. ¹³But his servants approached and said to him, 'Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, "Wash, and be clean"?' ¹⁴So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

¹⁵Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company; he came and stood before him and said, 'Now I know that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel.'

New Testament Reading: 2 Timothy 2:8-15

⁸Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David—that is my gospel, ⁹for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. ¹⁰Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. ¹¹The saying is sure:

If we have died with him, we will also live with him;

¹² if we endure, we will also reign with him;

if we deny him, he will also deny us;

¹³ if we are faithless, he remains faithful—for he cannot deny himself.

¹⁴Remind them of this, and warn them before God that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening. ¹⁵Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

Gospel Reading: Luke 17:11-19

¹¹On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. ¹²As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, ¹³they called out, saying, 'Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!' ¹⁴When he saw them, he said to them, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' And as they went, they were made clean. ¹⁵Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. ¹⁶He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷Then Jesus asked, 'Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? ¹⁸Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?' ¹⁹Then he said to him, 'Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.'

Post Communion Collect:

Lord, we pray that your grace
may always precede and follow us,
and make us continually to be given to all good works;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.



Prayers for Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

Sisters and brothers in Christ, God invites us to hold the needs of friends and loved ones before Him. And so, loving our neighbours as ourselves, we offer our thanksgivings and our petitions on behalf of the church and the world.

Lord hear us; Lord graciously hear us.

Almighty God, at a time when many question the relevance of the Church, assist us to be witnesses in, and to, the world and, through our witness, strengthen the presence of Christ in our church. Make us a welcoming body of Christ here in the Astwell Benefice, recognised as the real church, the people of God.

Lord hear us; Lord graciously hear us.

Creator God, drive away despair from our politics, revive our dreams of justice and truth, and restore our passion for what is good and right. Establish your just and gentle rule throughout the world especially where there is conflict; where peace seems so far away and so many have lost everything, even the faint hope of a peaceful future.

Lord hear us; Lord graciously hear us.

Father God, we pray for our own local community, confessing our own failings and lack of compassion and love. Help us see the good in each other, without bearing grudges and forgiving all grievances. Help us not to define ourselves by what we do for you, but by what you have done for us. Show us how we can show your love to others.

Lord hear us; Lord graciously hear us.

Loving God, heal those who are sick and strengthen those who are weak, help them sense the love that you give to each and every one of us, In your goodness and mercy grant them health of body, soundness of mind and peace of heart.

Lord hear us; Lord graciously hear us.

Merciful God, as we remember those who have left us, keep happy thoughts with us, of the times we shared together when they were alive and a living, loving presence in our lives.

Lord hear us; Lord graciously hear us.

Faithful God, in the week that lies before us may we reflect Yours love in our families, our church and our community; so that the world can see that we are followers of Christ and children of the most High God, and draw others into his loving care.

Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your son Jesus Christ, Amen

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 injury or illness and all those who need our prayers for any reason.

From Helmdon: Barbara Buxton, Diane Thorpe and Joan Hadfield.

From Lois Weedon & Weston: Joan Jacobs, Lis Cockrell, Caroline Hunt and Margaret Seckington.

From Syresham: George Summers and Suzanne Prestcott.

From Wappenham: Judy King, Dorothy & David Nicholson, and Edwin & Phyllis King.

For those known to us:

Margaret Reardon, Pauline Collis, Christopher Carr, Evelyn Johnson, Ollie Dotterill, Francis Potsoni, Mary Coates, Emily Barthelamy, May Oliver, Lily & Theo Wright, Christobel Grant and Diane Snow.

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

Jonathan Sayers, Joan McCann, Maralynn Hunter, Ann Smith, John Thorne, Eileen Watson, Geoff Abbey, Jean Spendlove, Vic Butler, Philip Gulliver, Jean Parks, Jean Mackaness, Diane Watts, Peter Stubbs, Nicholas Reynell, Linda Smalley, Tony Wilmot, John Maleham, Betty Stubbs, Wendy Procter, Derek Morris, David Brookhouse, Jonathan Miller, David Powell, Joyce Beech.

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 war and terror, and all those affected by the Covid-19 virus.

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🎵 ENJOY CHRISTMAS SINGING? 🎵

If you love singing carols and Christmas music, come and join our Christmas Choir. We will be singing at events and services locally.

Whatever age or voice – all are welcome!

Come and give us a try...



Practice nights are Thursday evenings (in Helmdon church) at 6.15pm for one hour

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Dates for your Diary

NOVEMBER

Wed 12th **Togetherness Tea Party, 2-4pm,**

Helmdon Reading Room

Sat 15th **Open Meeting to discuss Astwell Benefice as a 'single parish' – time & venue details TBC**

Regular events held in the Benefice:

- **Helmdon Coffee Morning** is held each Tuesday, 10 am-12 noon in the Reading Room
- **Syresham Coffee Morning** is held each Thursday, 10 am-12 noon in the Village Hall.
- **Whitfield Coffee Morning** is held on the first Tuesday of the month, 10am-12 noon in the Village Hall.
- **St Mary's, Wappenham Coffee Morning**, is held on the first Wednesday of the month, 10 am-12 noon, in the Village Hall.
- **St Mary & St Peter, Lois Weedon Coffee Morning** is held from 10am until 12 noon on the first Friday of each month, in Lois Weedon Village Hall.

Benefice Bulletin No. 13

I'm picking up the odd comment about my suggestion that people think about making an additional payment to the Benefice so that we can pay our Share to the Diocese in full. One person was comfortable with the idea and even proposed that something similar should be put before the non-regular churchgoers of our Benefice, many of whom do come occasionally, for instance around Christmas. We might try that. Other responses have been less positive. I've heard that an extra pound a day till the end of the year is a bit steep and there was a concern that those who could not manage this amount might feel guilty. I apologise if what I wrote caused anyone distress. No one need feel guilty if for any reason they don't want to accept the challenge I made; after all, most Pews News readers are already contributing to Church funds and have every right to say enough is enough. I hope, though, that those of you who do find yourselves able to give more will enjoy doing that; yes, *enjoy* - after all God, we are told by St Paul, loves a cheerful giver and you will be doing a good thing from which you are entitled to take satisfaction.

I'm very glad to be able to say that money in response to the challenge is beginning to come in - a big 'thank you' to the donors.

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