

FUTURE SERVICES

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JULY

Sunday 20th July – Fifth Sunday after Trinity

9.30am	Lois Weedon	Holy Communion
9.30am	Helmdon	Praise & Prayer
11.15am	Syresham	Holy Communion & Patronal Festival of St James
11.15am	Wappenham	Praise & Prayer
6pm	Plumpton	Summer Evensong

Sunday 27th July – Sixth Sunday after Trinity

9.30am	Lois Weedon	Matins
9.30am	Helmdon	Morning Prayer & Patronal Festival of St Mary Magdalene
9.30am	Whitfield	Holy Communion
11.15am	Syresham	Praise & Prayer
11.15am	Wappenham	Holy Communion

AUGUST

Sunday 3rd August – Seventh Sunday after Trinity

10.30am	Radstone	Benefice Holy Communion & Patronal Festival of St Lawrence
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Wednesday 6th August

10am	Helmdon	Midweek Benefice Holy Communion
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Sunday 10th August – Eighth Sunday after Trinity

9.00am	Wappenham	Breakfast Church
9.30am	Lois Weedon	Morning Prayer
11.15am	Helmdon	Holy Communion
11.15am	Syresham	Morning Prayer

Sunday 17th August – Ninth Sunday after Trinity

9.30am	Lois Weedon	Holy Communion
9.30am	Helmdon	Praise & Prayer
11.15am	Syresham	Holy Communion
11.15am	Wappenham	Praise & Prayer & Patronal Festival of St Mary the Virgin
6pm	Plumpton	Summer Evensong

Sunday 24th August – Tenth Sunday after Trinity

9.30am	Lois Weedon	Matins
9.30am	Helmdon	Morning Prayer
9.30am	Whitfield	Holy Communion
11.15am	Syresham	Praise & Prayer
11.15am	Wappenham	Holy Communion

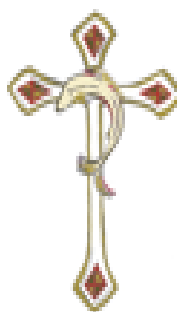
SEPTEMBER

Wednesday 3rd September

10am	Helmdon	Midweek Benefice Holy Communion
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Sunday 7th September – Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

10.30am	Whitfield	Benefice Holy Communion
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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 13th July 2025

Fourth Sunday after Trinity

Services in the Benefice:

9.00am Wappenham Breakfast Church

9.30am Lois Weedon Morning Prayer

11.15am Helmdon Holy Communion (Messy Mass)

11.15am Syresham Morning Prayer

3.30pm Wappenham Messy Church

Let's Shine Together Festival 2025

We hope everybody enjoyed the events they attended as part of the Festival. We aimed to provide a range of events that would appeal to a wide range of interests and the feedback has been very good. Thank you for your support by attending the events, buying tickets for the grand draw and for making donations. Also, a huge thank you to those of you who helped in any way with the festival by selling grand draw tickets, cooking food, decorating the churches or in some other way. As a result, not only did we cover the costs of the events we provided for free, but have shown a healthy surplus in excess of £15,000 which has gone into the Community Fund. We will be meeting shortly to discuss how we can best use the fund, whilst holding back some funds to support the Festival in 2026. If you have any ideas on how the Community Fund could be best put to use, please email info@letsshinetogether.co.uk or speak to Hugh, Sheena or Paul.

Collects & Readings for Fourth Sunday after Trinity

Collect:

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that with you as our ruler and guide we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not our hold on things eternal; grant this, heavenly Father, for our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Old Testament Reading: Deuteronomy 30:9-14

⁹ and the Lord your God will make you abundantly prosperous in all your undertakings, in the fruit of your body, in the fruit of your livestock, and in the fruit of your soil. For the Lord will again take delight in prospering you, just as he delighted in prospering your ancestors, ¹⁰ when you obey the Lord your God by observing his commandments and decrees that are written in this book of the law, because you turn to the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

¹¹ Surely, this commandment that I am commanding you today is not too hard for you, nor is it too far away. ¹² It is not in heaven, that you should say, 'Who will go up to heaven for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?' ¹³ Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, 'Who will cross to the other side of the sea for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?' ¹⁴ No, the word is very near to you; it is in your mouth and in your heart for you to observe.

New Testament Reading: Colossians 1:1-14

¹ Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,

² To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

³ In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁴ for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, ⁵ because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel ⁶ that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. ⁷ This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow-servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf, ⁸ and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

⁹ For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be

filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, ¹⁰ so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. ¹¹ May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully ¹² giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. ¹³ He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Gospel Reading: Luke 10:25-37

²⁵ Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. 'Teacher,' he said, 'what must I do to inherit eternal life?' ²⁶ He said to him, 'What is written in the law? What do you read there?' ²⁷ He answered, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbour as yourself.' ²⁸ And he said to him, 'You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.' ²⁹ But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, 'And who is my neighbour?' ³⁰ Jesus replied, 'A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. ³¹ Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. ³² So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³ But a Samaritan while travelling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. ³⁴ He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. ³⁵ The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, "Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend." ³⁶ Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?' ³⁷ He said, 'The one who showed him mercy.' Jesus said to him, 'Go and do likewise.'

Post Communion Collect:

Eternal God,
comfort of the afflicted and healer of the broken,
you have fed us at the table of life and hope:
teach us the ways of gentleness and peace,
that all the world may acknowledge
the kingdom of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.



Prayers for Fourth Sunday after Trinity

Everlasting God, at the start of another week, we offer our lives to you; give us strength to carry out our work and duties faithfully; deepen our trust in you, and help us to build your kingdom, today and always.

Lord, in your mercy: hear our prayer

Holy God, we pray for our Benefice, and all the churches in our local community, and ask that there will be a growing desire to meet together. We give you thanks for those who come up with fresh ways of making your name known to the wider community and for those who work so hard to make fellowship and fund-raising events so pleasurable and financially successful.

Lord, in your mercy: hear our prayer

Creator God, we pray for our troubled world. Give wisdom to all world leaders to seek some way out of the sufferings of the Middle East. May they strive to seek for a deep and lasting peace which reconciles Muslim, Jew and Christian, peoples who share so much of the background to their faith.

Lord, in your mercy: hear our prayer

Father God, we thank you for the communities of which we are part and ask you to guide us to be more aware of our neighbours' needs and ways in which we might help.

Lord, in your mercy: hear our prayer

Gracious God, we pray for those who are ill at home or in hospital, for those who are experiencing extreme pain and for those anxiously awaiting a diagnosis, treatment, procedure or an operation.

Lord, in your mercy: hear our prayer

Mighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the light of the World, a light which no darkness can quench. We remember before You those who have died and pray that they are now experiencing that light of Christ which eternally shines and brings hope and comfort to the bereaved.

Lord, in your mercy: hear our prayer

Almighty God, receive these prayers, and transform us through them, that as we go from our worship today, we may have eyes to see and hearts to understand not only what you do on our behalf, but what you call us to do on Your behalf.

Merciful father: **accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour, 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:

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.

Benefice Midweek Communion

**A service of Holy Communion will be held at 10am on the first Wednesday of each month
at St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon**

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Dates for your Diary

JULY

Mon 14th BPCC Meeting, (note change of date and venue) 7pm, Helmdon Church

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.

