

FUTURE SERVICES

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JULY 2024

Sunday 21st July – Eighth Sunday after Trinity

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

Sunday 28th July – Ninth Sunday after Trinity

9.30am	Lois Weedon	Matins
10am	Helmdon	Holy Communion & Patronal Festival of St Mary Magdalene
11.15am	Syresham	Patronal Praise & Prayer for the Festival of St James
11.15am	Wappenham	Holy Communion

AUGUST 2024

Sunday 4th August – Tenth Sunday after Trinity

9.30am	Whitfield	Holy Communion
10am	Helmdon	Morning Prayer
11.15am	Syresham	Holy Communion
11.15am	Wappenham	Morning Prayer

Wednesday 7th August

10am	Helmdon	Midweek Holy Communion
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Sunday 11th August – Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

9am	Wappenham	Breakfast Church
9.30am	Lois Weedon	'Battle of Britain' Matins
10am	Radstone	Holy Communion & Patronal Festival of St Lawrence
11.15am	Syresham	Praise & Prayer

Sunday 18th August – Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

9.30am	Whitfield	Morning Prayer
9.30am	Lois Weedon	Holy Communion
10am	Helmdon	Praise & Prayer
11.15am	Syresham	Holy Communion
11.15am	Wappenham	Patronal Praise & Prayer for the Festival of St Mary the Virgin

Sunday 25th August – Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

9.30am	Lois Weedon	Morning Prayer
10am	Helmdon	Holy Communion
11.15am	Syresham	Morning Prayer
11.15am	Wappenham	Holy Communion

'TIME TO PRAY'

Every Thursday:

10 to 10.30am at Syresham Church

and

12 to 12.30pm at Helmdon Reading Room



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 14th July 2024

Seventh Sunday after Trinity

Services in the Benefice:

9am	Wappenham	Breakfast Church
9.30am	Lois Weedon	Morning Prayer
10am	Helmdon	Holy Communion & Children's Church
11.15am	Syresham	Morning Prayer



'TIME TO PRAY'

A new weekly prayer meeting will be held on Thursdays from 12 to 12.30pm at Helmdon Reading Room, beginning on 25th July.

ALL WELCOME!

For further information, please contact Reverend Hugh on Tel: 01869 347889, Email: rectorastwell@gmail.com

Collects and Readings for Seventh Sunday after Trinity

Collect:

Lord of all power and might,
the author and giver of all good things:
graft in our hearts the love of your name,
increase in us true religion,
nourish us with all goodness,
and of your great mercy keep us in the same;
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.

Psalm 85. 8-end

Old Testament Reading: Amos 7:7-15

⁷ This is what he showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb-line, with a plumb-line in his hand. ⁸ And the Lord said to me, 'Amos, what do you see?' And I said, 'A plumb-line.' Then the Lord said,

'See, I am setting a plumb-line
in the midst of my people Israel;
I will never again pass them by;

⁹ the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate,
and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste,
and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with
the sword.'

¹⁰ Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, 'Amos has conspired against you in the very centre of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. ¹¹ For thus Amos has said,

"Jeroboam shall die by the sword,
and Israel must go into exile
away from his land."

¹² And Amaziah said to Amos, 'O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; ¹³ but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom.'

¹⁴ Then Amos answered Amaziah, 'I am no prophet, nor a prophet's son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycomore trees, ¹⁵ and the Lord took me from following the flock, and the Lord said to me, "Go, prophesy to my people Israel."

New Testament Reading: Ephesians 1:3-14

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴ just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. ⁵ He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, ⁶ to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. ⁷ In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace ⁸ that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight ⁹ he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his

good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, ¹⁰ as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. ¹¹ In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, ¹² so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³ In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; ¹⁴ this is the pledge of our inheritance towards redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

Gospel Reading: Mark 6:14-29

¹⁴ King Herod heard of it, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, 'John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him.' ¹⁵ But others said, 'It is Elijah.' And others said, 'It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old.' ¹⁶ But when Herod heard of it, he said, 'John, whom I beheaded, has been raised.'

¹⁷ For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. ¹⁸ For John had been telling Herod, 'It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife.' ¹⁹ And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, ²⁰ for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. ²¹ But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. ²² When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, 'Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it.' ²³ And he solemnly swore to her, 'Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom.' ²⁴ She went out and said to her mother, 'What should I ask for?' She replied, 'The head of John the baptizer.' ²⁵ Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, 'I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter.' ²⁶ The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. ²⁷ Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, ²⁸ brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. ²⁹ When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

Post Communion Collect:

Lord God, whose Son is the true vine and the source of life, ever giving himself that the world may live:
may we so receive within ourselves
the power of his death and passion
that, in his saving cup, we may share his glory and be
made perfect in his love;
for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Prayers for Seventh Sunday after Trinity

To God the Father who created the world, To God the Son who redeemed the world, To God the Holy Spirit who sustains the world; be all praise and glory now and forever.

Everlasting God, we pray that all who come into our church may be enabled to renew their relationship with you and may find in you rest, peace, strength, grace and most of all your abiding presence. Help us as a congregation to be outward looking that through our fellowship we may share our faith and the Gospel of your Son Jesus Christ with those who we love and live amongst.

Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer

Creator God, we pray for the people of our world who are less fortunate than we are, especially those who live in the third world, in countries where there is very little governmental stability and in countries where there is drought or famine. Help us to remember those who are weary with the relentless struggle to keep alive; for those who can never look forward to a good meal and a comfortable bed, and those who barely have the necessities of life, much less so many material luxuries which we so often take for granted.

Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer

Father God, may the needs of our families, friends and neighbours be made clear to us today, and may we find that in our giving to them we grow closer to you. We thank you for all those whose work sustains our community here in the Astwell Benefice - for those who grow and provide our food, for those who, day and night, maintain public services; for the police, and emergency services, and for all whose work is in the health service

Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer

Healing God, we raise before you those who are sick. We ask that you will ease their pain and heal the damage done to them in body, mind or spirit. Be present with them through the support of friends and in the care of doctors and nurses, fill them with the warmth of your love now and always.

Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer

Merciful God, we commend into your hands those whom we have loved and now have lost. You gave them breath, and loved and cared for them throughout their lives. Receive them now in your eternal kingdom and "May they rest peace and rise in glory".

Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer

Faithful God, we dedicate all these people and petitions to your loving care. Give us the strength and courage to walk alongside those in need, to fight for justice for the oppressed and to allow others to see you in us and in all that we do in the coming week. 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 during this difficult time.

From Helmdon: Barbara Buxton, Diane Thorpe, John Thorne, Margaret Reardon, Eileen Watson & Jean Spendlove.

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

From Syresham: George Summers.

From Wappenham: Judy King, Claire Kennett, and Dorothy & David Nicholson.

For those known to us:

Pauline Collis, Christopher Carr, Evelyn Johnson, Ollie Dotterill, Sam & Jackie Cowlshaw, Francis Potsoni, Chloë Fletcher, Mary Coates, Emily Barthelamy, May Oliver, Lily & Theo Wright, Christobel Grant and Diane Snow.

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

Vic Butler, Philip Gulliver, Jean Parks, Alice Hathaway, Jean Mackaness, Diane Watts, Peter Stubbs, Nicholas Reynell, Linda Smalley, Tony Wilmot, John Maleham, Betty Stubbs, Wendy Procter, Derek Morris, Penny Bonnymeade, David Brookhouse, Jonathan Miller, David Powell, Joyce Beech, Julia O'Brian, James Smillie.

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.

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 Mornings** -will be held from 10am until 12 noon on the first Friday of each month, in Lois Weedon Village Hall

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

JULY

Mon 15th Pastoral Care Comm Mtg, 10:30am, at 24 Wappenham Road, Helmdon.

Sat 20th Breakfast in Whitfield Churchyard 10am – 12 Noon (in the village hall if wet)

Sat 27th Wappenham Dog Stroll & Show, 9am – 1pm, Wappenham Village Hall

AUGUST

Sat 10th Curry Night – 7pm, Whitfield Village Hal

Fri 16th Cheese and Wine Evening in Clyde Burbidge's garden at Home Close, Lois Weedon, at 6.00pm

SEPTEMBER

Fri 20th Helmdon Horse Race Evening – details to Follow

Wappenham Dog Stroll & Show

Saturday 27th July 2024



9am until 1pm by Village Hall

9am till 10.30 am - a short guided dog stroll with new doggie friends (and owners...)

10.30 Tea / cakes / Hot Rolls from the Village hall

11 am The big event..... The Big Show with the following classes:

- Dog With The Waggiest Tail
- Best Paw Shaker
- Best Child Handler
- Best Biscuit Catcher
- Musical Mats
- Strictly Come Dog Dancing
- Doggy egg & Spoon Race
- Dog the judges would most like to take home - 1 yr +



Some of last year's winners

All proceeds to Friends of St. Mary's Church,

Entry just £5 per dog & human please confirm entry by email to: wappenhamfundraising@gmail.com
(please confirm dog & human names)

Show entries 50p per class on the day

Well behaved dogs (and owners) only please, all entries are at owners (and dogs) risk.

