

FUTURE SERVICES

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JUNE 2026

Sunday 21st June - Third Sunday after Trinity

9.30am	Lois Weedon	Holy Communion
10.30am	Helmdon	Praise & Prayer
10.30am	Plumpton	Children's Matins, followed by 'Plant Up'
11.15am	Syresham	Holy Communion
11.15am	Wappenham	Praise & Prayer

Sunday 28th June - Fourth Sunday after Trinity

9.30am	Lois Weedon	Matins
9.30am	Whitfield	Holy Communion
10.30am	Helmdon	Morning Prayer
11.15am	Syresham	Praise & Prayer (Theme: Brother Lawrence)
11.15am	Wappenham	Holy Communion

JULY 2026

Sunday 5th July - Fifth Sunday after Trinity

10.30am	Lois Weedon	Benefice Holy Communion & Patronal Festival for St Peter
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Sunday 12th July - Sixth Sunday after Trinity

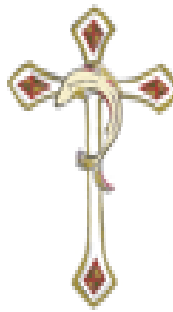
9am	Wappenham	Breakfast Church
9.30am	Lois Weedon	Morning Prayer
10.30am	Helmdon	Holy Communion
11.15am	Syresham	Morning Prayer

Sunday 19th July - Seventh Sunday after Trinity

9.30am	Lois Weedon	Holy Communion
10.30am	Helmdon	Praise & Prayer
11.15am	Syresham	Holy Communion
11.15am	Wappenham	Praise & Prayer

Regular Coffee Mornings

- **Helmdon** - Tuesdays, 10 am-12 noon in Reading Room
- **Whitfield** - first Tuesday of the month, 10am-12 noon, in Village Hall.
- **Wappenham** - first Wednesday of the month, 10 am-12 noon, in Village Hall.
- **Syresham Coffee Morning** is held each Thursday, 10 am-12 noon in the Village Hall.
- **Lois Weedon** - 10am until 12 noon, first Friday of the month, in Village Hall.



PEWS NEWS

The Astwell Benefice

St Mary Magdalene Helmdon with Stuchbury & St Lawrence Radstone, St James the Great Syresham, 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 June 2026

Second Sunday after Trinity

9.30am Lois Weedon Morning Prayer

10.30am Helmdon Holy Communion

11.15am Syresham Morning Prayer

NB. NO SERVICE AT WAPPENHAM



Collects & Readings for Second Sunday after Trinity

Collect:

Lord, you have taught us that all our doings without love are nothing worth: send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the true bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whoever lives is counted dead before you. Grant this for your only Son 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: Exodus 19:2-8a

² They had journeyed from Rephidim, entered the wilderness of Sinai, and camped in the wilderness; Israel camped there in front of the mountain. ³ Then Moses went up to God; the Lord called to him from the mountain, saying, 'Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the Israelites: ⁴ You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. ⁵ Now therefore, if you obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession out of all the peoples. Indeed, the whole earth is mine, ⁶ but you shall be for me a priestly kingdom and a holy nation. These are the words that you shall speak to the Israelites.'

⁷ So Moses came, summoned the elders of the people, and set before them all these words that the Lord had commanded him. ⁸ The people all answered as one: 'Everything that the Lord has spoken we will do.'

New Testament Reading: Romans 5:1-8

¹ Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ² through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³ And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴ and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵ and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

⁶ For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷ Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. ⁸ But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 9:35-10:8

⁹³⁵ Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. ³⁶ When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷ Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; ³⁸ therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest.'

¹⁰¹ Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. ² These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; ³ Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax-collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; ⁴ Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

⁵ These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: 'Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, ⁶ but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. ⁷ As you go, proclaim the good news, "The kingdom of heaven has come near." ⁸ Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment.

Post Communion Collect:

Loving Father,
we thank you for feeding us at the supper of your Son:
sustain us with your Spirit,
that we may serve you here on earth
until our joy is complete in heaven,
and we share in the eternal banquet
with Jesus Christ our Lord.



Intercessions for Second Sunday after Trinity

Holy God, St. Matthew reminds us of the privilege of suffering for Christ. We know that to share the work of Christ we have to share the sacrifice of Christ. Help us when Christianity is hard, and teach us to say to ourselves that when we suffer, we are following in the footsteps of Jesus.

Lord, in your Mercy: **Hear our Prayer**

Everlasting God, look down with love upon our Church here in the Astwell Benefice as day by day we struggle to be a body worthy of Jesus' name. We pray especially for the Christian churches who face daily persecution. Strengthen, comfort and encourage all those who suffer harassment, violence, imprisonment and even death for being followers of Jesus

Lord, in your Mercy: **Hear our Prayer**

Creator God, we live in a world becoming more secular and less religious every day, help us as Christians to stand up for Jesus against world opinion in the sure knowledge that he stands up for us before you, our Father in heaven.

Lord, in your Mercy: **Hear our Prayer**

Father God, at times your son offers us hard choices; to choose sometimes between the closest ties of earth and loyalty to him. Free us from making decisions that are for our comfort or for the approval of others. Help us to understand that good choices don't always lead to the easiest outcomes.

Lord, in your Mercy: **Hear our Prayer**

Gracious God, we pray for the sick and the suffering. For those undergoing treatments and surgery, for those convalescing and those who are recovered, that through our intercessions they may all experience a full recovery. As we also pray for those who will not recover, we remember the words of Jesus that "Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it."

Lord, in your Mercy: **Hear our Prayer**

Merciful God, through the death of your son Jesus Christ you have freed us from the grip of the tomb. We pray for those who have departed this life and ask you, through your loving kindness, to have mercy on their souls and uphold and sustain those bereaved by their passing.

Lord, in your Mercy: **Hear our Prayer**

Faithful God, in the week that lies before us, may we reflect your love in our families, our church and our community and in doing so, show everyone we meet that we are followers of Christ with a true desire to draw them into our Christian faith.

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, Margaret Seckington, Anna Mackaness and Clyde Burbidge.

From Syresham: George Summers and Suzanne Prestcott.

From Wappenham: Judy King, Dorothy & David Nicholson, Edwin & Phyllis King, Charlotte & Arif Supple.

For those known to us:

Margaret Reardon, Pauline Collis, 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:

Andrew Jackson, Alan Jones, Linda and Will Adams, Ailsa Williams, Jonathan Sayers, Joan McCann, Maralynn Hunter, Ann Smith, John Thorne and Eileen Watson.

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 refugees fleeing persecution and all victims of hatred, terrorism, and war.

Dates for your Diary

JUNE

Sat 20th Syresham Summer Fete, with events around the village, 10am - 4pm

Mon 22nd Finance committee Mtg, 11am at Vine Cottage.

JULY

Thurs 9th Deanery Walk within the Benefice (more information to follow)

Mon 13th BPC Meeting, 7pm, Wappenham Village Hall

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Benefice Bulletin 14th June 2026

It may surprise you that across the Benefice we have 'on the books' as regular Sunday worshippers nearly 30 children. This includes Syresham's Messy Church, for younger children. These 30 don't, of course, all attend every Sunday, but the number shows that there is a considerable interest in coming to Church among families with young children. There's also Secret Keepers (a religious 'club') that meets at Syresham School and has 17 regular members. At Syresham a team of us leads a weekly Assembly at which there are about 100 children present. My guess is that Helmdon Church will see an increasing involvement with Helmdon School come September. So, a lot going on for pre-primary and primary age children. There's more we could do, though, such as devise children-friendly services and prepare primary age children for reception of Holy Communion. I think we might benefit by appointing someone to help us with this primary-age work and also, crucially, to lead a continuing engagement with our children as they go on to Secondary School.

That mention of child-friendly services leads me to reiterate here a request I made of our parishes at the APCM last month that they should send me suggestions as to new kinds of worship they might like to try. I've also had something from the Diocese about training for worship leaders which some of you might be interested in; I'll circulate that to those who currently lead worship and anyone else who gets in touch with me.

Finally on worship, David Wright and I are going to meet soon to consider the merits of a new hymn book, *The Revised English Hymnal*.

Blessings,

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Saturday 20th June 2026

In conjunction with Syresham Open Gardens, Syresham St James Church has put on a number of activities for your enjoyment to raise much needed funds, including.

Teas, Coffees, Sweet Treats & Ploughman's

Plus, photo display from the TAP 'tapestry'

Chapel Schoolroom

11am – 4pm

BBQ & Soft Drinks

Try Bell Ringing & view our
Miniature Garden Competition

Syresham Church

From 12pm

Enjoy The Priory Rose Garden, entering from
the secret gate just before the Church path.

Games, Plants, Toy Stall & Teddy Tombola

Vine Cottage 8 Broad Street

10am – 4pm

Plant Stall

The Laurels, Bell Lane, 10am – 4pm