

FUTURE SERVICES

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SEPTEMBER 2024

Sunday 22nd September – Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

9.30am	Lois Weedon	Matins
10am	Helmdon	Holy Communion
11.15am	Wappenham	Holy Communion
4pm	Syresham	Harvest Festival, followed by High Tea

Sunday 29th September – Michael & All Angels

10am	Radstone	Benefice Holy Communion
3pm	Whitfield	Patronal Celebration for St John the Evangelist, followed by Tea

'TIME TO PRAY'

Every Thursday:

10 to 10.30am at Syresham Church

and

12 to 12.30pm at Helmdon Reading Room

All Welcome!



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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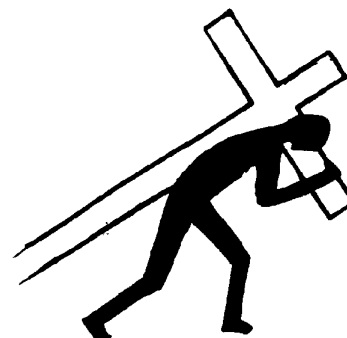
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Sunday 15th September 2024

Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

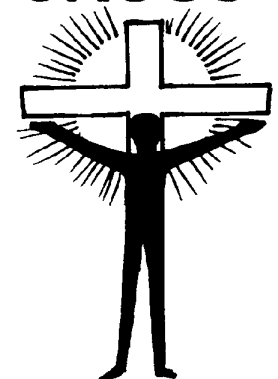
Services in the Benefice:

9.30am	Lois Weedon	Holy Communion
9.30am	Whitfield	Morning Prayer
10am	Helmdon	Praise & Prayer
11.15am	Syresham	Holy Communion
11.15am	Wappenham	Praise & Prayer
6pm	Plumpton	Evensong



BE SURE
IT WILL
BEAR
YOU

BE BRAVE
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YOUR
CROSS



Collects and Readings for Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

Collect:

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers
of your people who call upon you;
and grant that they may both perceive and know
what things they ought to do,
and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil
them;
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: 116. 1-8

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 50:4-9

⁴ The Lord God has given me
the tongue of a teacher,^[a]
that I may know how to sustain
the weary with a word.
Morning by morning he awakens—
awakens my ear
to listen as those who are taught.
⁵ The Lord God has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious,
I did not turn backwards.
⁶ I gave my back to those who struck me,
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;
I did not hide my face
from insult and spitting.
⁷ The Lord God helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;
⁸ he who vindicates me is near.
Who will contend with me?
Let us stand up together.
Who are my adversaries?
Let them confront me.
⁹ It is the Lord God who helps me;
who will declare me guilty?
All of them will wear out like a garment;
the moth will eat them up.

New Testament Reading: James 3:1-12

¹ Not many of you should become teachers, my
brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach
will be judged with greater strictness. ² For all of us
make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes
in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in
check with a bridle. ³ If we put bits into the mouths of
horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole
bodies. ⁴ Or look at ships: though they are so large that
it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are
guided by a very small rudder wherever the

will of the pilot directs. ⁵ So also the tongue is a small
member, yet it boasts of great exploits.
How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! ⁶ And the
tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our
members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole
body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on
fire by hell. ⁷ For every species of beast and bird, of
reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been
tamed by the human species, ⁸ but no one can tame the
tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. ⁹ With it
we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse
those who are made in the likeness of God. ¹⁰ From the
same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers
and sisters, this ought not to be so. ¹¹ Does a spring pour
forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish
water? ¹² Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield
olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield
fresh.

Gospel Reading: Mark 8. 27-end

²⁷ Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of
Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his
disciples, 'Who do people say that I am?' ²⁸ And they
answered him, 'John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and
still others, one of the prophets.' ²⁹ He asked them, 'But
who do you say that I am?' Peter answered him, 'You
are the Messiah.'³⁰ And he sternly ordered them not to
tell anyone about him.
³¹ Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man
must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the
elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed,
and after three days rise again. ³² He said all this quite
openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke
him. ³³ But turning and looking at his disciples, he
rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you
are setting your mind not on divine things but on
human things.'
³⁴ He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to
them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them
deny themselves and take up their cross and follow
me. ³⁵ For those who want to save their life will lose it,
and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the
sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶ For what will it profit
them to gain the whole world and forfeit their
life? ³⁷ Indeed, what can they give in return for their
life? ³⁸ Those who are ashamed of me and of my
words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them
the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in
the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'

Post Communion Collect:

Almighty God,
you have taught us through your Son
that love is the fulfilling of the law:
grant that we may love you with our whole heart
and our neighbours as ourselves;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Prayers for Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

Heavenly Father, hear our prayers and listen to the words of our mouths as we lay before your throne our hopes and fears, our joys and concerns and all the things for which we give thanks.

We pray for the Church, both here in the Astwell Benefice and throughout the world, and all who call themselves Christians, that they may go forward in unity and strength. Help us to respect the beliefs of others even if we do not share them, to celebrate what we have in common and to accept our differences. Guide us all in our ministries as we live each day.

Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer

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, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer

Gracious God, help us always to remember that in life we are "Third" and that you and our neighbour come first and second. Help us always to practice unselfishness as we try to live lives where we genuinely try to be the servant of all as our Lord commanded.

Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer

Heavenly Father, you gave your prophet Isaiah an "instructed tongue to know the word that sustains the weary" help us to comfort the weary and those who are ill with a call or a visit or a through the post with a get-well-card. Help also to be constant in our prayer for friends and family in any kind of need.

Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer

Loving Father, we pray for those who have died alone, unnoticed, and unloved. We pray for those who have committed suicide or died in accidents of their own making. We commend all the departed to your merciful love.

Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer

Faithful God, as we leave this place today and return to our homes and loved ones draw near to us, strengthen our faith, deepen our love for you and for our neighbours and open our eyes to the wonder of your creation.

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 & Eileen Watson.

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:

Lucy Goodwin, Margaret Reardon, 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:

Geoff Abbey, Jean Spendlove, 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.

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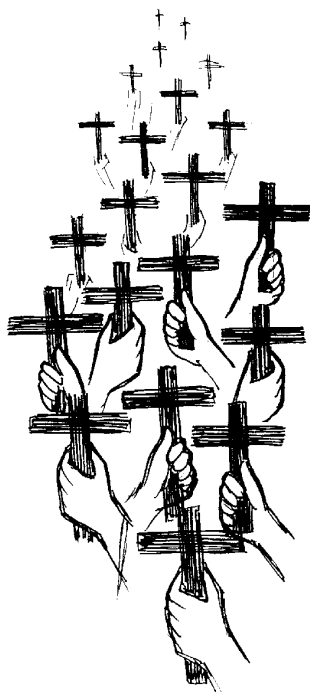
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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

SEPTEMBER

Sat 14th Mothers' Union Diocesan Festival, 2pm, Peterborough Cathedral.

Fri 20th Race Night at Helmdon, 7pm for 7.30pm – see below for details

The Friends of St John the Evangelist 'Safari Supper' – POSTPONED – PLEASE WATCH THIS SPACE!!

Sun 29th Patronal Festival Celebration of St John the Evangelist, 3pm followed by tea.

Mon 30th Benefice Worship Committee Meeting, 7pm, Wappenham Village Hall

OCTOBER

Fri 4th Visiting bell ringers at Helmdon, 5pm

Mon 7th Benefice PCC Meeting, 7pm, Wappenham Village Hall

Sun 13th Whitfield Harvest Festival Service, 5.30pm, followed by supper in the Village Hall.

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

RACE NIGHT



We're holding a race night at

Raising funds for

First race at

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