

FUTURE SERVICES

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OCTOBER 2024

Thursday 24th October

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2.15pm Helmdon Helmdon School
Harvest Festival

Sunday 27th October – Last Sunday after Trinity

9.30am Lois Weedon Matins
10am Helmdon Holy Communion
11.15am Syresham Praise & Prayer
11.15am Wappenham Harvest
Holy Communion

NOVEMBER 2024

Saturday 2nd November

All Souls' Service at Helmdon, 4pm

Sunday 3rd November – All Saints Day

9.30am Whitfield Holy Communion
10am Helmdon Morning Prayer
11.15am Syresham Holy Communion
11.15am Wappenham Morning Prayer -
All Souls' Service
(with Lois Weedon)

Monday 4th November

All Souls' Service at Syresham, (with Whitfield), 7pm

All Souls' Services

If you wish to have the name of a loved one read out at an All Souls' Service, please complete the form included with this issue and leave it in your church or contact to your Churchwarden/
Parish Representative.

NEW!

HOW to Pray, with Revd Hugh
at Helmdon Reading Room

Monday 21st October, 11:00-12:00
(Main Hall)

and

at Syresham Chapel Room

Wednesday 23rd October, 7 – 8pm

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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Sunday 20th October 2024

Twenty-first Sunday after Trinity

Services in the Benefice:

9.30am Lois Weedon Holy Communion

10am Helmdon Praise & Prayer

11.15am Syresham Holy Communion

**11.15am Wappenham Morning Prayer (NB:
change of service)**

**3pm Helmdon Evensong, with the
Choir, including a
celebration for to
'Blankets Ukraine'**



Collects and Readings for Twenty-first Sunday after Trinity

Collect:

Grant, we beseech you, merciful Lord,
to your faithful people pardon and peace,
that they may be cleansed from all their sins
and serve you with a quiet mind;
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: 91. 9-end

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 53. 4 - end

⁴ Surely he has borne our infirmities
and carried our diseases;
yet we accounted him stricken,
struck down by God, and afflicted.
⁵ But he was wounded for our transgressions,
crushed for our iniquities;
upon him was the punishment that made us whole,
and by his bruises we are healed.
⁶ All we like sheep have gone astray;
we have all turned to our own way,
and the Lord has laid on him
the iniquity of us all.
⁷ He was oppressed, and he was afflicted,
yet he did not open his mouth;
like a lamb that is led to the slaughter,
and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent,
so he did not open his mouth.
⁸ By a perversion of justice he was taken away.
Who could have imagined his future?
For he was cut off from the land of the living,
stricken for the transgression of my people.
⁹ They made his grave with the wicked
and his tomb with the rich,
although he had done no violence,
and there was no deceit in his mouth.
¹⁰ Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him with
pain.
When you make his life an offering for sin,
he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days;
through him the will of the Lord shall prosper.
¹¹ Out of his anguish he shall see light;
he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge.
The righteous one, my servant, shall make many
righteous,
and he shall bear their iniquities.
¹² Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great,
and he shall divide the spoil with the strong;
because he poured out himself to death,
and was numbered with the transgressors;
yet he bore the sin of many,
and made intercession for the transgressors.

New Testament Reading: Hebrews 5:1-10

¹ Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. ² He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness; ³ and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. ⁴ And one does not presume to take this honour, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was. ⁵ So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,
'You are my Son,
today I have begotten you';
⁶ as he says also in another place,
'You are a priest for ever,
according to the order of Melchizedek.'
⁷ In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. ⁸ Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; ⁹ and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, ¹⁰ having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek

Gospel Reading: Mark 10: 35-45

³⁵ James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, 'Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.' ³⁶ And he said to them, 'What is it you want me to do for you?' ³⁷ And they said to him, 'Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.' ³⁸ But Jesus said to them, 'You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?' ³⁹ They replied, 'We are able.' Then Jesus said to them, 'The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; ⁴⁰ but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.'
⁴¹ When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. ⁴² So Jesus called them and said to them, 'You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. ⁴³ But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴ and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. ⁴⁵ For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.'

Post Communion Collect:

Father of light,
in whom is no change or shadow of turning,
you give us every good and perfect gift
and have brought us to birth by your word of truth:
may we be a living sign of that kingdom
where your whole creation will be made perfect
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Prayers for Twenty-first Sunday after Trinity

Heavenly Father, empower by your spirit all Christian people and the work of your church in every land. Give us grace to proclaim the gospel joyfully, not only by word but especially by deed and by the way in which we live our lives

Lord, in your mercy: hear our prayer.

Creator God, we pray that you will guide those who administer justice that they may be honest and merciful in all that they do and give wisdom to all who make laws, ensuring that the laws that they make may always prevail for the common good.

Lord, in your mercy: hear our prayer.

Father God, we pray that children may be brought up in the knowledge of faith and with a sense of respect and responsibility for others. Bless the parents of our children, and teachers who serve the communities we live in.

Lord, in your mercy: hear our prayer.

Everlasting God, be present in all places where there is suffering, violence or pain. We especially pray for those people living through war or oppression and the many who are forced to leave their homes to seek refuge elsewhere. Be with those who are trying to bring peace in areas of warfare and terrorism and for the relief agencies trying so hard to bring food and medicine to those suffering.

Lord, in your mercy: hear our prayer.

Gracious God, we pray for those we know who are passing through illness. Bless those who care for the sick, encourage all that is being done for their good and surround them your healing care

Lord, in your mercy: hear our prayer.

Loving God, we remember in these prayers those who have died, those we have known and loved and those known only to you. Help us to leave them with you in perfect trust, knowing that you care for them and for us with infinite love

Lord, in your mercy: hear our prayer.

Faithful God, we commend ourselves and all for whom we have prayed to your mercy and protection

**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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'TIME TO PRAY'

Every Thursday:

**10 - 10.30am at
Syresham Church**

And

**12 - 12.30pm at
Helmdon Reading Room**

All Welcome!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

OCTOBER

Thurs 24th Helmdon School Harvest Festival,
2 for 2.15pm, Helmdon Church

NOVEMBER

Mon 25th **BPCC Finance Comm Mtg, 11am at Vine
Cottage**

Save the Date!

**Saturday 31st May – Sunday 8th June
2025**

ASTWELL FESTIVAL

**Events held across the Benefice,
with proceeds to Christian Aid and local
children's charities**

More information to follow!

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

