

# FUTURE SERVICES

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## AUGUST

### Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> August

1pm Syresham Wedding

### Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> August – Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

10.30am Wappenham Benefice Pet Service  
(Holy Communion to be offered elsewhere – venue and time TBC!)

## SEPTEMBER

### Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September

10am Helmdon Midweek Benefice  
Holy Communion

### Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> September

1pm Whitfield Wedding

### Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> September – Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

10.30am Whitfield Benefice Holy  
Communion

### Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September – Thirteenth 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 21<sup>st</sup> September – Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

9.30am Lois Weedon Holy Communion  
9.30am Helmdon Praise & Prayer  
11.15am Syresham Holy Communion  
11.15am Wappenham Harvest Praise & Prayer  
(followed by a buffet lunch in the Church)  
6pm Plumpton Summer Evensong

### Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> September – Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

9.30am Lois Weedon Matins  
9.30am Helmdon Morning Prayer  
9.30am Whitfield Holy Communion  
11.15am Syresham Harvest Praise & Prayer  
with speaker Mike Yallop  
11.15am Wappenham Holy Communion

## OCTOBER

### Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October – Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

10.30am Syresham Benefice Holy  
Communion  
11am Plumpton Harvest Festival Matins



# 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 24<sup>th</sup> August 2025

### Tenth Sunday after Trinity

### Services in the Benefice:

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



## ***Collects & Readings for Tenth Sunday after Trinity***

### ***Collect:***

Let your merciful ears, O Lord,  
be open to the prayers of your humble servants;  
and that they may obtain their petitions  
make them to ask such things as shall please you;  
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.

### ***Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 58. 9b-end***

<sup>9b</sup> If you remove the yoke from among you,  
the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,  
<sup>10</sup> if you offer your food to the hungry  
and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,  
then your light shall rise in the darkness  
and your gloom be like the noonday.  
<sup>11</sup> The Lord will guide you continually,  
and satisfy your needs in parched places,  
and make your bones strong;  
and you shall be like a watered garden,  
like a spring of water,  
whose waters never fail.  
<sup>12</sup> Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;  
you shall raise up the foundations of many  
generations;  
you shall be called the repairer of the breach,  
the restorer of streets to live in.  
<sup>13</sup> If you refrain from trampling the sabbath,  
from pursuing your own interests on my holy day;  
if you call the sabbath a delight  
and the holy day of the Lord honourable;  
if you honour it, not going your own ways,  
serving your own interests, or pursuing your own  
affairs;  
<sup>14</sup> then you shall take delight in the Lord,  
and I will make you ride upon the heights of the  
earth;  
I will feed you with the heritage of your ancestor  
Jacob,  
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

### ***New Testament Reading: Hebrews 12. 18-end***

<sup>18</sup> You have not come to something that can be  
touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a  
tempest, <sup>19</sup> and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice  
whose words made the hearers beg that not another  
word be spoken to them. <sup>20</sup> (For they could not endure  
the order that was given, 'If even an animal touches  
the mountain, it shall be stoned to death.' <sup>21</sup> Indeed, so  
terrifying was the sight that Moses said, 'I tremble  
with fear.') <sup>22</sup> But you have come to Mount Zion and to  
the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and  
to innumerable angels in festal gathering, <sup>23</sup> and to the  
assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven,

and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the  
righteous made perfect, <sup>24</sup> and to Jesus, the mediator of  
a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks  
a better word than the blood of Abel.

<sup>25</sup> See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking;  
for if they did not escape when they refused the one  
who warned them on earth, how much less will we  
escape if we reject the one who warns from  
heaven! <sup>26</sup> At that time his voice shook the earth; but  
now he has promised, 'Yet once more I will shake not  
only the earth but also the heaven.' <sup>27</sup> This phrase 'Yet  
once more' indicates the removal of what is shaken—  
that is, created things—so that what cannot be shaken  
may remain. <sup>28</sup> Therefore, since we are receiving a  
kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by  
which we offer to God an acceptable worship with  
reverence and awe; <sup>29</sup> for indeed our God is a  
consuming fire.

### ***Gospel Reading: Luke 13:10-17***

<sup>10</sup> Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the  
sabbath. <sup>11</sup> And just then there appeared a woman with  
a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She  
was bent over and was quite unable to stand up  
straight. <sup>12</sup> When Jesus saw her, he called her over and  
said, 'Woman, you are set free from your  
ailment.' <sup>13</sup> When he laid his hands on her, immediately  
she stood up straight and began praising God. <sup>14</sup> But the  
leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had  
cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, 'There  
are six days on which work ought to be done; come on  
those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath  
day.' <sup>15</sup> But the Lord answered him and said, 'You  
hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie  
his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away  
to give it water? <sup>16</sup> And ought not this woman, a  
daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen  
long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath  
day?' <sup>17</sup> When he said this, all his opponents were put to  
shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the  
wonderful things that he was doing.

### ***Post Communion Collect:***

God of our pilgrimage,  
you have willed that the gate of mercy  
should stand open for those who trust in you:  
look upon us with your favour  
that we who follow the path of your will  
may never wander from the way of life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## ***Prayers for Tenth Sunday after Trinity***

Almighty and Ever-Loving God, in faith we bring our prayers to you; for the Church, the world and ourselves, rejoicing in the certain knowledge that you will hear and answer our prayers.

Father of all, we come here today to worship you on this Sabbath day, like thousands of others across the world. But we know there are many people, in many places, who do not have the same privilege. We ask for your protection on those who are in real danger of persecution or imprisonment simply by declaring your name. Fill them with hope and dignity as they faithfully serve you and may we stand alongside them as they suffer in your most holy name.

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, we pray for all those students who have received their results in the last few weeks, that whatever the results, they may find fulfilment in their choices for the future. Give rest to those who teach and guide our children and prepare all students, whatever their age, to look forward to searching for knowledge and discovering the wonders and mysteries of life.

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

God of Justice, we thank you for the beauty we see around us; the sunshine and the rain, the sounds that delight us, the taste of good food and the joy of time spent with friends and family.

We pray for men, women and children throughout the world who lack what we have in abundance.

- For people who have no peace or security in their lives.
- For families who have no homes and who lack clean water, fresh food and adequate medical equipment and supplies.
- For refugees living in temporary shelters who hoped to find new lives but instead feel unwelcome, unwanted and forgotten.
- For volunteer medical staff who risk their lives to save and treat victims of war and terrorism.
- For all who work to bring peace and reconciliation into places of violent conflict.

Guide the decisions and actions of those in positions of power and may we always be compassionate and ready to defend the poor and suffering.

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:***

Joan McCann, 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.***

## ***Race Night Fundraiser***

**on behalf of Lois Weedon Church and  
Lois Weedon Village Hall.**

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September** in the Village Hall,  
doors open 7:00pm; first race : 7:30pm  
Tickets £10 per person to include supper.

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for more information



## Dates for your Diary

### SEPTEMBER

- Fri 12<sup>th</sup>** *Race Night Fundraiser on behalf of Lois Weedon Church and Lois Weedon Village Hall. in the Village Hall, doors open 7:00pm; first race 7:30pm*
- Sat 13<sup>th</sup>** *Ride & Stride, in aid of the Northamptonshire Historic Churches Trust*

### 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.

### Benefice Bulletin No 6.

- In a previous Bulletin I suggested it might be good to send a group to the *Leading Your Church into Growth* conference at Swanwick which takes place from the 13th-15th October this year. I asked anyone interested to get in touch with me as soon as possible. The Diocese is providing generous subsidies for attendees and the Benefice would also offer financial help. I haven't heard from anyone yet, but perhaps this repeat call will prompt some replies. I do hope we'll be able to form a group.
- No one yet has got in touch, either, about the possibility of Zoom services, which might prove helpful to some.

Is there anyone out there?!

*Hugh*