

FUTURE SERVICES

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JULY

Sunday 6th July – Third Sunday after Trinity

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| 10.30am | Helmdon | Benefice Holy Communion |
| 3.30pm | Wappenham | Messy Church (Note change of date) |

Sunday 13th July – Fourth Sunday after Trinity

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| 9.00am | Wappenham | Breakfast Church |
| 9.30am | Lois Weedon | Morning Prayer |
| 11.15am | Helmdon | Holy Communion |
| 11.15am | Syresham | Morning Prayer |

Sunday 20th July – Fifth Sunday after Trinity

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| 9.30am | Lois Weedon | Holy Communion |
| 9.30am | Helmdon | Praise & Prayer |
| 11.15am | Syresham | Holy Communion & Patronal Festival of St James |
| 11.15am | Wappenham | Praise & Prayer |

Sunday 27th July – Sixth Sunday after Trinity

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| 9.30am | Lois Weedon | Matins |
| 9.30am | Helmdon | Morning Prayer & Patronal Festival of St Mary Magdalene |
| 9.30am | Whitfield | Holy Communion |
| 11.15am | Syresham | Praise & Prayer |
| 11.15am | Wappenham | Holy Communion |

AUGUST

Sunday 3rd August – Seventh Sunday after Trinity

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| 10.30am | Radstone | Benefice Holy Communion & Patronal Festival of St Lawrence |
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Sunday 10th August – Eighth Sunday after Trinity

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| 9.00am | Wappenham | Breakfast Church |
| 9.30am | Lois Weedon | Morning Prayer |
| 11.15am | Helmdon | Holy Communion |
| 11.15am | Syresham | Morning Prayer |

Sunday 17th August – Ninth Sunday after Trinity

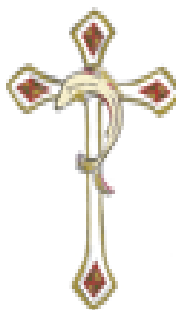
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| 9.30am | Lois Weedon | Holy Communion |
| 9.30am | Helmdon | Praise & Prayer |
| 11.15am | Syresham | Holy Communion |
| 11.15am | Wappenham | Praise & Prayer & Patronal Festival of St May the Virgin |

Sunday 24th August – Tenth Sunday after Trinity

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

Sunday 31st August – Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

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| 10.30am | Wappenham | Benefice Holy Communion |
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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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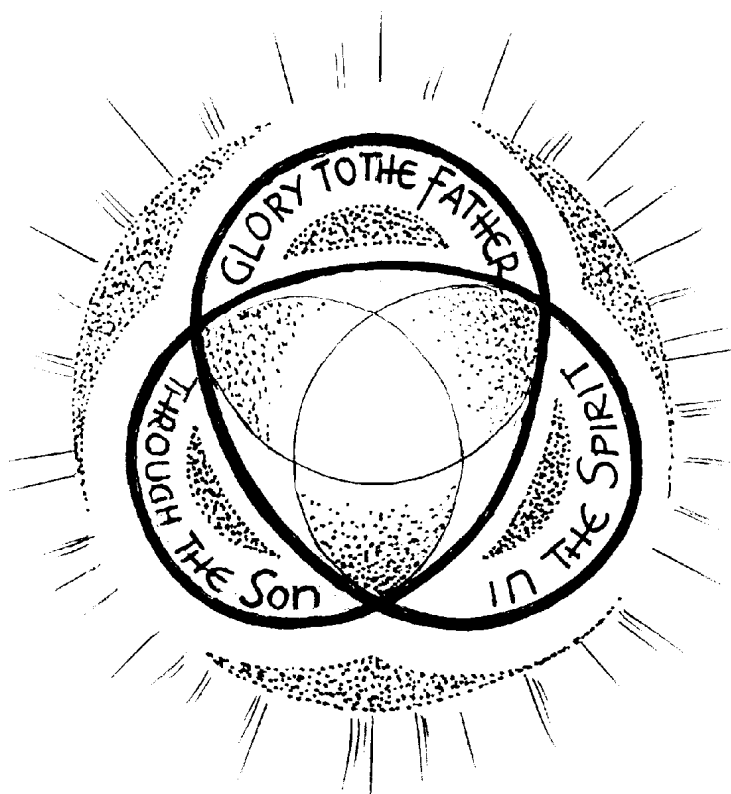
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Sunday 29th June 2025

Second Sunday after Trinity

Services in the Benefice:

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| 9.00am | Manor Farm, Wappenham NN12 8PH | Breakfast Church (NB. change of venue) |
| 9.30am | Lois Weedon | Morning Prayer & Patronal Festival for St Peter |
| 11.15am | Helmdon | Holy Communion |
| 11.15am | Syresham | Morning Prayer |



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: 1 Kings 19. 15-16, 19-end

¹⁵ Then the Lord said to him, 'Go, return on your way
to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you
shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. ¹⁶ Also you shall
anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you
shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as
prophet in your place.

¹⁹ So he set out from there, and found Elisha son of
Shaphat, who was ploughing. There were twelve yoke
of oxen ahead of him, and he was with the twelfth.
Elijah passed by him and threw his mantle over
him. ²⁰ He left the oxen, ran after Elijah, and said, 'Let
me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will
follow you.' Then Elijah said to him, 'Go back again; for
what have I done to you?' ²¹ He returned from
following him, took the yoke of oxen, and slaughtered
them; using the equipment from the oxen, he boiled
their flesh, and gave it to the people, and they ate.
Then he set out and followed Elijah, and became his
servant.

New Testament Reading: Galatians 5. 1, 13-25

¹ For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm,
therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

¹³ For you were called to freedom, brothers and
sisters; only do not use your freedom as an
opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love
become slaves to one another. ¹⁴ For the whole law is
summed up in a single commandment, 'You shall love
your neighbour as yourself.' ¹⁵ If, however, you bite
and devour one another, take care that you are not
consumed by one another.

¹⁶ Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the
desires of the flesh. ¹⁷ For what the flesh desires is
opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is
opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each
other, to prevent you from doing what you want. ¹⁸ But
if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the
law.

¹⁹ Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication,
impurity, licentiousness, ²⁰ idolatry, sorcery, enmities,
strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions,
factions, ²¹ envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things
like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before:
those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom
of God.

²² By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace,
patience, kindness, generosity,
faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, and self-control. There is no
law against such things. ²⁴ And those who belong to
Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions
and desires. ²⁵ If we live by the Spirit, let us also be
guided by the Spirit.

Gospel Reading: Luke 9. 51-end

⁵¹ When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he
set his face to go to Jerusalem. ⁵² And he sent
messenger ahead of him. On their way they entered a
village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; ⁵³ but
they did not receive him, because his face was set
towards Jerusalem. ⁵⁴ When his disciples James and
John saw it, they said, 'Lord, do you want us to
command fire to come down from heaven and consume
them?' ⁵⁵ But he turned and rebuked them. ⁵⁶ Then they
went on to another village.

⁵⁷ As they were going along the road, someone said to
him, 'I will follow you wherever you go.' ⁵⁸ And Jesus
said to him, 'Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have
nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his
head.' ⁵⁹ To another he said, 'Follow me.' But he said,
'Lord, first let me go and bury my father.' ⁶⁰ But Jesus
said to him, 'Let the dead bury their own dead; but as
for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of
God.' ⁶¹ Another said, 'I will follow you, Lord; but let me
first say farewell to those at my home.' ⁶² Jesus said to
him, 'No one who puts a hand to the plough and looks
back is fit for the kingdom of God.'

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.



Collects and Readings for the Patronal Festival of St Peter

Collect:

Almighty God,
who inspired your apostle Saint Peter
to confess Jesus as Christ and Son of the living God:
that in unity and peace it may proclaim one truth
and follow one Lord, your Son our Saviour Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you.
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one god, now and for ever.

Psalm 125

New Testament Reading: 1 Peter 2. 19-end

¹⁹ For it is to your credit if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. ²⁰ If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, where is the credit in that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. ²¹ For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

²² 'He committed no sin,
and no deceit was found in his mouth.'

²³ When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. ²⁴ He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. ²⁵ For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

Or

New Testament Reading: Acts 12:1-11

¹ About that time King Herod laid violent hands upon some who belonged to the church. ² He had James, the brother of John, killed with the sword. ³ After he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded to arrest Peter also. (This was during the festival of Unleavened Bread.) ⁴ When he had seized him, he put him in prison and handed him over to four squads of soldiers to guard him, intending to bring him out to the people after the Passover. ⁵ While Peter was kept in prison, the church prayed fervently to God for him.

⁶ The very night before Herod was going to bring him out, Peter, bound with two chains, was sleeping between two soldiers, while guards in front of the door were keeping watch over the prison. ⁷ Suddenly an angel of the Lord appeared and a light shone in the cell. He tapped Peter on the side and woke him, saying, 'Get up quickly.' And the chains fell off his wrists. ⁸ The angel said to him, 'Fasten your belt and put on your sandals.' He did so. Then he said to him, 'Wrap your cloak around you and follow me.'

⁹ Peter went out and followed him; he did not realize that what was happening with the angel's help was real; he thought he was seeing a vision. ¹⁰ After they had passed the first and the second guard, they came before the iron gate leading into the city. It opened for them of its own accord, and they went outside and walked along a lane, when suddenly the angel left him. ¹¹ Then Peter came to himself and said, 'Now I am sure that the Lord has sent his angel and rescued me from the hands of Herod and from all that the Jewish people were expecting.'

Gospel Reading: Matthew 16. 13-19

¹³ Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' ¹⁴ And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' ¹⁵ He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' ¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' ¹⁷ And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. ¹⁸ And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. ¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.'

Post Communion Collect:

Almighty God,
who on the day of Pentecost
Sent your Holy Spirit to the apostles
with the wind from heaven and in tongues of flame,
filling them with joy and boldness to preach the gospel:
by the power of the same Spirit
strengthen us to witness to your truth
and to draw everyone to the fire of your love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.



Prayers for Second Sunday after Trinity

Holy God, thank you for giving us Your Son to bring us into relationship with You. Thank you for giving us the Scriptures so that we can know you better and thank you for giving us your Spirit to guide us into the truth of what we need to know about you and your great love.

Lord, in your mercy: hear our prayer

Faithful God, we give thanks for our Benefice and its people, and gladly acknowledge all the gifts you have given us through its life; we ask you to open wide our hearts that we may welcome the stranger and share our faith with others. We pray too for our Rector, our Reader and Wardens and the retired priests without whose valuable support our Benefice would struggle at times. Support them as they lead, teach & guide us.

Lord, in your mercy: hear our prayer

Creator God, as we pray for our World we pray for our King, Charles and all of the Royal Family. We pray for everyone in government and authority, internationally, nationally and locally. Grant them wisdom so that their judgements may always selflessly benefit those that they represent.

Lord, in your mercy: hear our prayer

Father God, thank You for welcoming us into Your circle of love. May we share Your love with someone in our community today and every day. Thank you for those who include us in their circle and thank you for their friendship which brings so much joy to our lives.

Lord, in your mercy: hear our prayer

Loving God, in a moment of silence before You we remember all who are in need of our prayers, including all those known to us personally, and all whose names are named on the Pews News.

Lord, in your mercy: hear our prayer

Merciful God, when someone we love dies help us to remember that Your Son is preparing a place for us to live with You. Thank You that it will be more than just a wonderful place. It is where we will live with You and know You forever.

Lord, in your mercy: hear our prayer

Gracious God, thank You for Your Word and its powerful influence in our lives. Help us to learn to put its truth into practice as we go from this church and out into the world to live the week ahead.

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.

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:

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.

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Dates for your Diary

JUNE

Mon 30th BPCC Finance Comm Meeting, 11am at Vine Cottage

JULY

Mon 14th BPCC Meeting, (note change of date) 7pm, venue to be announced.

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.

Love
IS
the
greatest

1 Cor. 13:13