

## FUTURE SERVICES

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### JUNE 2026

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

10.00am Helmdon Quiet Holy Communion  
(Let's Shine Festival)

#### Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June

1pm Radstone Wedding

#### Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June – First Sunday after Trinity

9.00am Wappenham Breakfast & Walk  
(Let's Shine Festival)

10.30am Wappenham Benefice Holy  
Communion

#### Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June - Second Sunday after Trinity

9.00am Wappenham Breakfast Church

9.30am Lois Weedon Morning Prayer

10.30am Helmdon Holy Communion

11.15am Syresham Morning Prayer

#### Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> 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 28<sup>th</sup> June – Fourth Sunday after Trinity

9.30am Lois Weedon Matins

9.30am Whitfield Holy Communion

10.30am Helmdon Morning Prayer

11.15am Syresham Morning Prayer

11.15am Wappenham Holy Communion

**DON'T FORGET!!**

**LET'S SHINE FESTIVAL**

**SATURDAY 30<sup>th</sup> May to  
SUNDAY 7<sup>th</sup> JUNE**

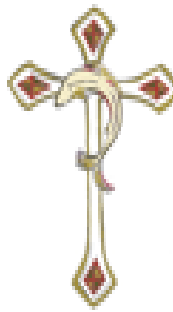
**EVENTS HAPPENING  
ACROSS THE BENEFICE!**

**TO FIND OUT MORE, GO TO:**

<https://www.letsshinetogether.co.uk/>

**If you are not online, please call:**

**07395 045800**



# 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 31<sup>st</sup> May 2026

### Trinity Sunday

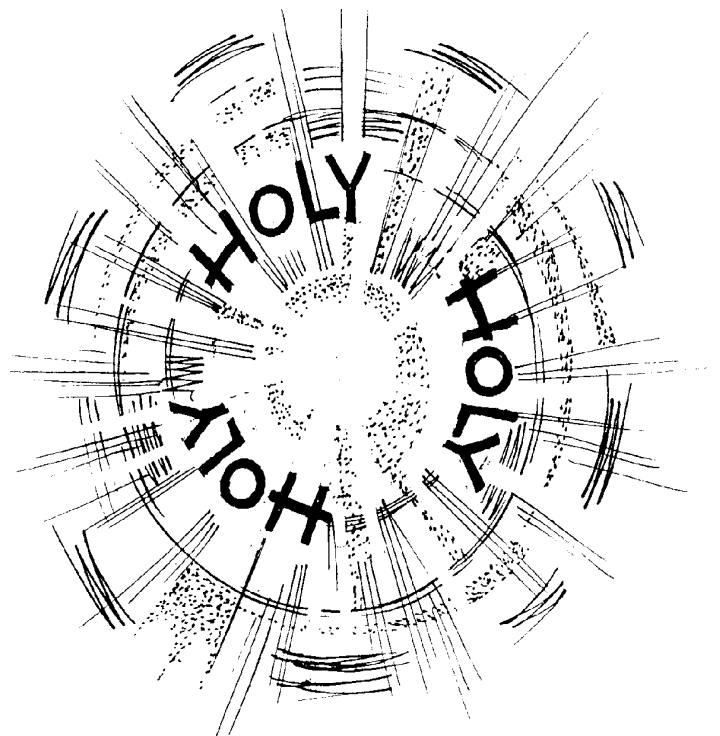
### Services in the Benefice:

### Benefice Holy Communion

**10.30am**

**at**

**Radstone**



## *Collects & Readings for Trinity Sunday*

### *Collect:*

Almighty and everlasting God,  
you have given us your servants grace,  
by the confession of a true faith,  
to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity  
and in the power of the divine majesty to worship  
the Unity:  
keep us steadfast in this faith,  
that we may evermore be defended from all  
adversities;  
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 40. 12-17, 27- end*

<sup>12</sup>Who has measured the waters in the hollow of his hand  
and marked off the heavens with a span,  
enclosed the dust of the earth in a measure,  
and weighed the mountains in scales  
and the hills in a balance?  
<sup>13</sup>Who has directed the spirit of the Lord,  
or as his counsellor has instructed him?  
<sup>14</sup>Whom did he consult for his enlightenment,  
and who taught him the path of justice?  
Who taught him knowledge,  
and showed him the way of understanding?  
<sup>15</sup>Even the nations are like a drop from a bucket,  
and are accounted as dust on the scales;  
see, he takes up the isles like fine dust.  
<sup>16</sup>Lebanon would not provide fuel enough,  
nor are its animals enough for a burnt-offering.  
<sup>17</sup>All the nations are as nothing before him;  
they are accounted by him as less than nothing and  
emptiness.

<sup>27</sup>Why do you say, O Jacob,  
and speak, O Israel,  
'My way is hidden from the Lord,  
and my right is disregarded by my God?'  
<sup>28</sup>Have you not known? Have you not heard?  
The Lord is the everlasting God,  
the Creator of the ends of the earth.  
He does not faint or grow weary;  
his understanding is unsearchable.  
<sup>29</sup>He gives power to the faint,  
and strengthens the powerless.  
<sup>30</sup>Even youths will faint and be weary,  
and the young will fall exhausted;  
<sup>31</sup>but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their  
strength,  
they shall mount up with wings like eagles,  
they shall run and not be weary,  
they shall walk and not faint.

## *New Testament Reading: 2 Corinthians 13. 11- end*

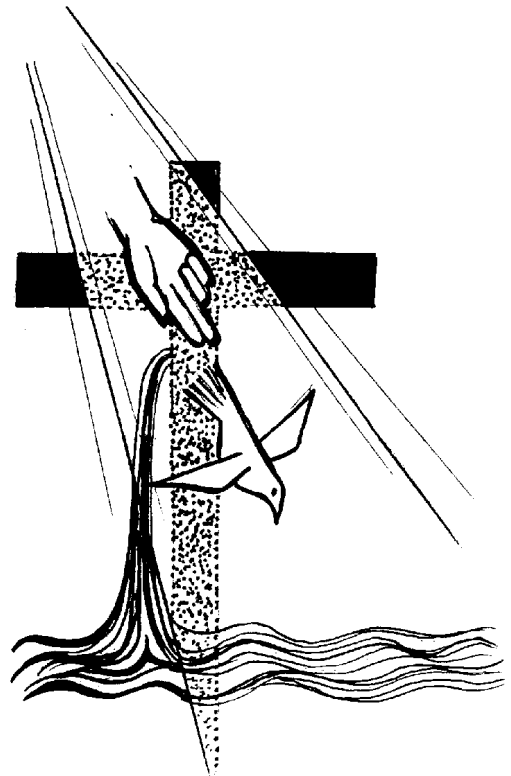
<sup>11</sup> Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. <sup>12</sup> Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you.  
<sup>13</sup> The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

### *Gospel Reading: Matthew 28. 16-end*

<sup>16</sup> Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. <sup>17</sup> When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. <sup>18</sup> And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup> Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'

### *Post Communion Collect:*

Almighty and eternal God,  
you have revealed yourself as Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and live and reign in the perfect unity of love:  
hold us firm in this faith,  
that we may know you in all your ways  
and evermore rejoice in your eternal glory,  
who are three Persons yet one God,  
now and for ever.



## *Intercessions for Trinity Sunday*

God in three persons, blessed Trinity, on this special day, we have come before you to offer our praise and adoration. You are God, the creator, giving us richly all things to enjoy. You are Christ the Saviour of the world, made flesh to set us free. You are the Spirit of truth and love, willing to dwell in us. You are holy and blessed.

One God, eternal Trinity, be near to us the people formed in your image, and close to the world, your love brings to life.

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

God in three persons, blessed Trinity, we pray for your church throughout the world, for those that are thriving and those which have lost a sense of direction. 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.

You, Lord, have chosen men and women to serve you in the ministry of your church and have given

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

God in three persons, blessed Trinity, we remember all who bear the responsibility of leadership, for heads of state, ambassadors and political advisers; we think today particularly of all in authority that they may never be tempted to abuse or misuse their power; let your will for our world be accomplished through the decisions they make and give them a vision of peace and reconciliation. For you Lord can find a way when men and women are lost.

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

God in three persons, blessed Trinity, we pray for peace in the world, in our communities and our families: create in us a love for peace, not peace that is absent from struggle, nor peace that is blind to injustice but the peace that makes whole what now is broken.

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

God in three persons, blessed Trinity, we remember this morning those who are sick, sad or lonely and those who are brave and patient when things are going wrong. We pray that they may be aware of your comforting presence and know that in your hands they are safe and loved.

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

God in three persons, blessed Trinity, we remember before God, those who have died and we pray for all whose life is saddened by the death of a loved one. Be with them in their loneliness and let them know that Jesus Christ is the light of the world, a light which no darkness can quench.

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

Father God, lead us into the coming week, Son of God, help us to believe that you are close to us, Spirit of God, keep us from making mistakes, Triune God, help us never to disappoint you, and when we face hard decisions or difficult work, when we enjoy ourselves and have fun with others, may we know that you share these times with us.

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*

### **MAY**

**Sat 30<sup>th</sup> to** **2026 'Let's Shine' Festival begins**  
[www.letsshinetogether.co.uk](http://www.letsshinetogether.co.uk)  
or Tel: 07395 045800

### **JUNE**

**Sun 7<sup>th</sup> Mon 22<sup>nd</sup>** **'Let's Shine' Festival ends**  
**Finance committee Mtg, 11am**  
**at Vine Cottage.**

### **JULY**

**Thurs 9<sup>th</sup>** **Deanery Walk within the Benefice**  
**(more information to follow)**

## **CRAFT FAIR**

**St Mary Magdalene Church, Helmdon**  
**Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> May from 10-4pm**  
**A wide variety of Crafts and Gifts**  
**to enjoy and buy!**  
**Refreshments available**

***Part of the Let's Shine Festival!***

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## Benefice Bulletin 31<sup>st</sup> May 2026

As the *Let's shine Together* Festival approaches, I'm getting jittery. My deepest concern is whether I have, in the words of the Book of Common Prayer, 'left undone those things that I ought to have done'. It would be a very bad thing and personally humiliating were one or more of the Festival occasions for which I have a particular responsibility not to happen because I have failed to give the performers the right information about time and place, say. Might two acts converge on the same venue at the same time on the same day? I don't think such a thing will happen but, in these matters, I'm more confident of the competence of my colleagues to arrange things properly than I am of my own.

Arrangements for the events have been checked and rechecked pretty assiduously, but you never quite know... There's likely to be a high incidence of crossed fingers and bitten nails among the organisers, and also, when things get started, a lot of things for those organisers to run about and do.

You don't have to be a festival organiser, of course, to feel jittery and under pressure to get things right, sometimes at speed. Perhaps it's inevitable for pretty much everyone from time to time. However, there's a place for quietness and stillness and the laying down of anxiety in everyone's life, despite our perennial busyness.

Our Festival offers two occasions for getting to that place. On Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June at 10.00am there's a service of Holy Communion at Helmdon Church in which spoken words will be kept to a minimum and on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June Bishop John Stroyan will lead a Quiet Day (Weston Chapel, 10.00am -3.30pm, bring your lunch).

Do come; you'll be glad you did!

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Festival events  
**free** of charge

# Let's shine FESTIVAL

Building strong and kind communities  
30 May - 7 June 2026

We are **delighted** to invite you to the Festival. From Frankie Valli & The Four Seasons tribute band, to drama, history, art & crafts, nature & sport. Over 9 days and 30 events the festival '**shines a light**' on what **connects** us and brings **joy** into our precious and beautifully diverse communities.

**free** of charge



Please take a look at the **Festival** events and activities, the Grand Draw and inspiring Community Fund:  
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The Astwell Bandside - A group of six parish churches situated in South Northamptonshire, working as one, in mission and in ministry, to share the love of God

Let's shine

**With over 30 events to explore look, book and enjoy!**