

FUTURE SERVICES

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NOVEMBER 2024

Saturday 2nd November

All Souls' Service at Helmdon, 4pm

Monday 4th November

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

Sunday 10th November – Remembrance Sunday

10am	Helmdon	Act of Remembrance
10.50am	Wappenham	Holy Communion & Act of Remembrance (with the Royal British Legion)
10.50am	Whitfield	Act of Remembrance at the Memorial
10.55am	Lois Weedon	Act of Remembrance
10.55am	Syresham	Act of Remembrance at the Stone

Sunday 17th November – Second Sunday before Advent

9.30am	Lois Weedon	Holy Communion
9.30am	Whitfield	Morning Prayer
10am	Helmdon	Praise & Prayer – Pets Service
11.15am	Syresham	Holy Communion
11.15am	Wappenham	Praise & Prayer

Sunday 24th November – Christ the King

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

'TIME TO PRAY'

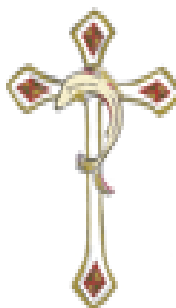
Every Thursday:

**10 - 10.30am at
Syresham Church**

And

**12 - 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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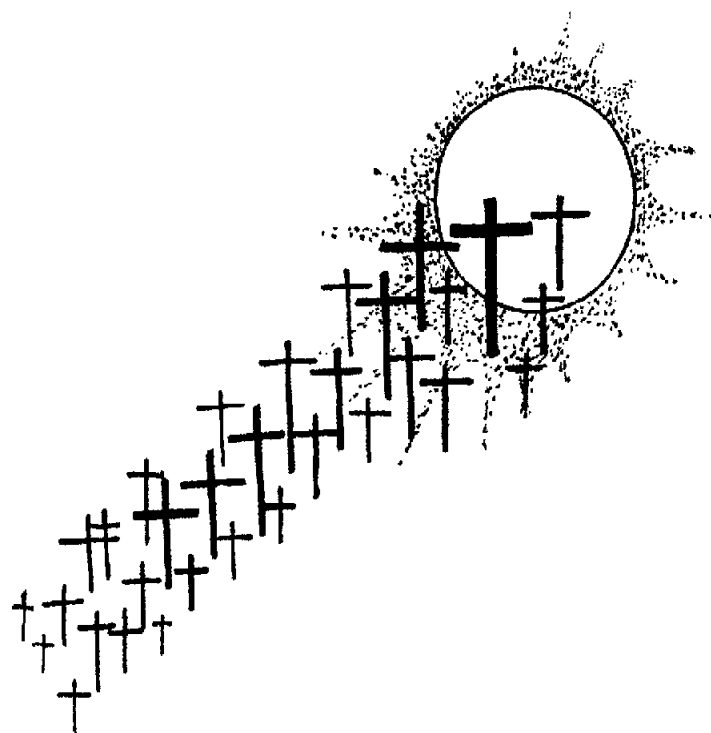
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Sunday 3rd November 2024

All Saints' Day

Services in the Benefice:

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)



Collects and Readings for All Saints' Day

Collect:

Almighty God,
you have knit together your elect
in one communion and fellowship
in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord:
grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints
in all virtuous and godly living
that we may come to those inexpressible joys
that you have prepared for those who truly love
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.

Psalm: 24. 1-6

Old Testament Reading: Wisdom 3:1-9

¹ But the souls of the righteous are in the hand of God,
and no torment will ever touch them.
² In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died,
and their departure was thought to be a disaster,
³ and their going from us to be their destruction;
but they are at peace.
⁴ For though in the sight of others they were punished,
their hope is full of immortality.
⁵ Having been disciplined a little, they will receive
great good,
because God tested them and found them worthy of
himself;
⁶ like gold in the furnace he tried them,
and like a sacrificial burnt-offering he accepted them.
⁷ In the time of their visitation they will shine forth,
and will run like sparks through the stubble.
⁸ They will govern nations and rule over peoples,
and the Lord will reign over them for ever.
⁹ Those who trust in him will understand truth,
and the faithful will abide with him in love,
because grace and mercy are upon his holy ones,
and he watches over his elect.

New Testament Reading: Revelation 21:1-6

¹ Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the
first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and
the sea was no more. ² And I saw the holy city, the new
Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God,
prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³ And I
heard a loud voice from the throne saying,
'See, the home of God is among mortals.
He will dwell with them;
they will be his peoples,
and God himself will be with them;
⁴ he will wipe every tear from their eyes.
Death will be no more;

mourning and crying and pain will be no more,
for the first things have passed away.'

⁵ And the one who was seated on the throne said, 'See, I
am making all things new.' Also he said, 'Write this, for
these words are trustworthy and true.' ⁶ Then he said
to me, 'It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the
beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as
a gift from the spring of the water of life.'

Gospel Reading: John 11:32-44

³² When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she
knelt at his feet and said to him, 'Lord, if you had been
here, my brother would not have died.' ³³ When Jesus
saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also
weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply
moved. ³⁴ He said, 'Where have you laid him?' They said
to him, 'Lord, come and see.' ³⁵ Jesus began to
weep. ³⁶ So the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!' ³⁷ But
some of them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes
of the blind man have kept this man from dying?'

³⁸ Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb.
It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹ Jesus
said, 'Take away the stone.' Martha, the sister of the
dead man, said to him, 'Lord, already there is a stench
because he has been dead for four days.' ⁴⁰ Jesus said to
her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would
see the glory of God?' ⁴¹ So they took away the stone.
And Jesus looked upwards and said, 'Father, I thank you
for having heard me. ⁴² I knew that you always hear me,
but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing
here, so that they may believe that you sent
me.' ⁴³ When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice,
'Lazarus, come out!' ⁴⁴ The dead man came out, his
hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face
wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, and
let him go.'

Post Communion Collect:

God, the source of all holiness and giver of all good
things:
may we who have shared at this table
as strangers and pilgrims here on earth
be welcomed with all your saints
to the heavenly feast on the day of your kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

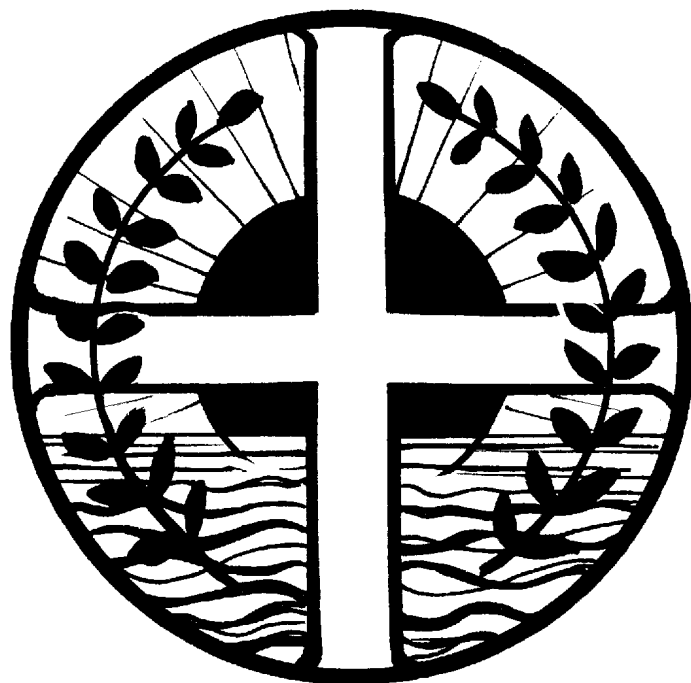
Readings for All Souls' Services

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New Testament Reading: 1 Peter 1:3-9

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴ and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵ who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶ In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, ⁷ so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honour when Jesus Christ is revealed. ⁸ Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, ⁹ for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.



Gospel Reading: John 6:37-40

³⁷ Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and anyone who comes to me I will never drive away; ³⁸ for I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of him who sent me. ³⁹ And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. ⁴⁰ This is indeed the will of my Father, that all who see the Son and believe in him may have eternal life; and I will raise them up on the last day.'

Prayers for All Saints' Day

God of All the Saints we ask that we might be a holy church, a praying church, a giving church, a serving church. May the saints in heaven be an example for us today as we reassess our pledges and refocus our giving mindful of the Mission here in the Astwell Benefice.

Lord in your mercy-Hear our prayer

God of Peace we thank you for your world and remember that you entrusted it to our care as stewards. Give us wisdom to manage our money and personal finances well and to practice heartfelt generosity. As we live each day, help us to treat our world fairly whilst accepting its goodness gratefully. Help us to remember that you are the giver of all we have and to put aside pride of ownership

Lord in your mercy- Hear our prayer

God of Compassion, bring healing and peace to the nations in conflict and where there is political instability. Protect those who are poor and hungry and give them hope. Move those with plenty to share with those who have little and help all people to love their neighbour as themselves.

Lord in your mercy-Hear our prayer

God of Communities, we thank you for those who helped us on our journey of faith and encouraged us to keep going when we felt like giving up; for all those who taught us the faith; for those who made the ultimate sacrifice of their lives, striving for a better world following the example of your only son, Jesus Christ

Lord in your mercy-Hear our prayer

God of Healing, we pray for all who bear the burdens of pain, bereavement, anxiety and depression. We pray for those whose illness stems from financial problems. We pray that they may have an awareness of your presence and an understanding that you are bearing those burdens with them and always working towards their healing and wholeness.

Lord in your mercy-Hear our prayer.

God of Eternity, we thank you for all the saints – those recognised by the Church and those known only to a few, and to you. We praise you for their example and rejoice that they now live with you heaven enjoying your everlasting peace

Lord in your mercy-Hear our prayer.

Lord as we go out from church today, we give thanks for the love you have shown to the world through all your saints. May we, week by week continue to celebrate our communion with them whenever and wherever we worship.

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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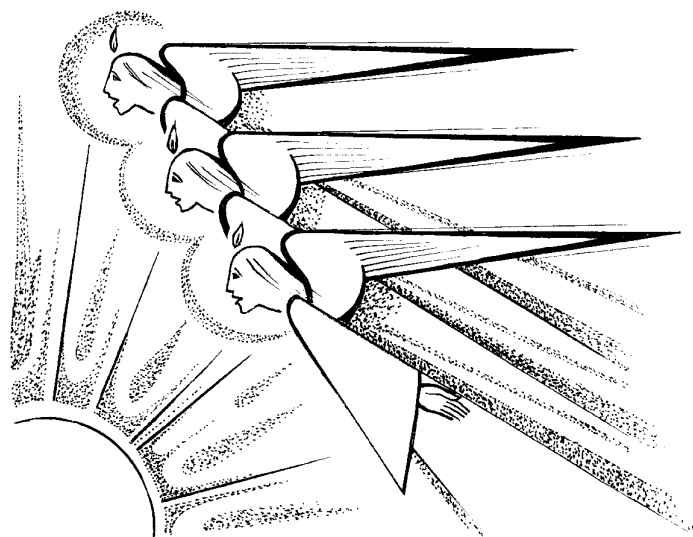
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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

NOVEMBER

Sat 16th 'Crafts in the Church', Helmdon Church,
10am - 4pm

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

Sat 30th Helmdon Christmas Fair, Reading Room,
2-4.30pm

DECEMBER

Sun 1st Christmas Trail & Tea, 1-4pm
(start at the Chapel Sunday School)

Fri 13th Syresham Church Christmas Fair, in Church,
3.30-5pm

Fri 20th Words & Music, Helmdon, 7pm

Save the Date!

**Friday 30th May - Sunday 8th June
2025**

ASTWELL FESTIVAL

*Events held across the Benefice,
with proceeds to Save the Children 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

Crafts in the Church

A Craft Day will be held
at Helmdon Church

on

**Saturday 16th November
from 10am - 4pm**

There will be a wide variety of art
and crafts for sale and refreshments
are available throughout the day.

Do come and join us!