

FORTHCOMING SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE

OCTOBER 2020

Sunday 18th October – 19th Sunday after Trinity

8.30am	Online	Morning Prayer
9.30am	Lois Weedon	Harvest Holy Communion with Revd Diane
10am	Helmdon	Prayer & Praise
10.30am	Syresham	Morning Worship
11am	Whitfield	Harvest Holy Communion with Revd Diane
3.30pm	Wappenham	Harvest Festival

Sunday 25th October – Bible Sunday

8.30am	Online	Morning Prayer
10am	Helmdon	Harvest Morning Worship
10-12 noon	Whitfield	Private Prayer
10.30am	Syresham	Prayer & Praise
11.15am	Wappenham	Holy Communion with Revd Diane
6pm	Lois Weedon	Benefice Evensong

NOVEMBER 2020

Sunday 1st November – All Saints Day

8.30am	Online	Morning Prayer
10-12 noon	Helmdon	Private Prayer
10-12 noon	Wappenham	Private Prayer
10.30am	Lois Weedon	<i>No Service – Travel to Syresham</i>
10.30am	Syresham	Holy Communion with Revd Diane
11am	Whitfield	Morning Worship
4pm	Online	All Souls Service

Sunday 8th November – Remembrance Sunday

8.30am	Online	Morning Prayer
10am & 10.50am	Helmdon	Remembrance Service & Act of Remembrance at Memorial
10.50am	Lois Weedon	Remembrance Service
10.50am	Wappenham	Remembrance Service
10.50am	Syresham	Act of Remembrance at Memorial
10.50am	Whitfield	Remembrance Service

Sunday 15th November – 2nd Sunday before Advent

8.30am	Online	Morning Prayer
9.30am	Lois Weedon	Holy Communion with Revd Diane
10am	Helmdon	Prayer & Praise
10-12 noon	Wappenham	Private Prayer
10.30am	Syresham	Morning Worship
11am	Whitfield	Holy Communion with Revd Diane



PEWS NEWS

The Astwell Benefice

St Mary Magdalene Helmdon with Stuchbury and St Lawrence Radstone, St James the Great Syresham with St John the Evangelist Whitfield, St Mary & St Peter Lois Weedon with Weston and Plumpton, and St Mary the Virgin Wappenham.

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Sunday 18th October 2020 *Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity*

Please remember to wear your mask and observe all social distancing and hygiene guidelines whilst in church.

To access Revd Diane's online Morning Worship from 8.20am every Sunday, please use this link to Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85894936136?pwd=YW5qSjU0MEw5Q1dvUG9WWTdabkNjdz09>

Meeting ID: 858 9493 6136

Passcode: 011195

The Collects and Readings for Today

Collect:

Eternal God,
you crown the year with your goodness
and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season:
grant that we may use them to your glory,
for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being;
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.

Post Communion Collect:

Lord of the harvest,
with joy we have offered thanksgiving for your love in
creation and have shared in the bread and the wine of the
kingdom: by your grace plant within us a reverence for all
that you give us and make us generous and wise stewards
of the good things we enjoy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Old Testament Reading: Deuteronomy 8:7-18

⁷For the Lord your God is bringing you into a good land, a land with flowing streams, with springs and underground waters welling up in valleys and hills, ⁸a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, ⁹a land where you may eat bread without scarcity, where you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron and from whose hills you may mine copper. ¹⁰You shall eat your fill and bless the Lord your God for the good land that he has given you.

¹¹Take care that you do not forget the Lord your God, by failing to keep his commandments, his ordinances, and his statutes, which I am commanding you today. ¹²When you have eaten your fill and have built fine houses and live in them, ¹³and when your herds and flocks have multiplied, and your silver and gold is multiplied, and all that you

Old Testament Reading: Deuteronomy 8:7-18
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have is multiplied, ¹⁴then do not exalt yourself, forgetting the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, ¹⁵who led you through the great and terrible wilderness, an arid waste-land with poisonous snakes and scorpions. He made water flow for you from flint rock, ¹⁶and fed you in the wilderness with manna that your ancestors did not know, to humble you and to test you, and in the end to do you good. ¹⁷Do not say to yourself, 'My power and the might of my own hand have gained me this wealth.' ¹⁸But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, so that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your ancestors, as he is doing today.

New Testament Reading: 2 Corinthians 9:6-15

⁶ The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. ⁷Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. ⁹As it is written, 'He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures for ever.'

¹⁰He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. ¹¹You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; ¹²for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. ¹³Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your sharing with them and with all others, ¹⁴while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. ¹⁵Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

Gospel Reading: Luke 12:16-30

¹⁶Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. ¹⁷And he thought to himself, "What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?" ¹⁸Then he said, "I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry." ²⁰But God said to him, "You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?" ²¹So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich towards God.'

²² He said to his disciples, "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. ²³For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. ²⁴Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! ²⁵And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? ²⁶If then you are not able to do so small a thing as that, why do you worry about the rest? ²⁷Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. ²⁸But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you—you of little faith! ²⁹And do not keep striving for what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not keep worrying. ³⁰For it is the nations of the world that strive after all these things, and your Father knows that you need them.

Harvest Prayers by Hannah Fowles

'Let us offer our prayers to God for the life of the world and for all God's people in their daily life and work. God, the beginning and end of all things, in your providence and care you watch unceasingly over all creation; we offer our prayers that in us and in all your people your will may be done, according to your wise and loving purpose in Christ our Lord.

Lord of all life:
hear our prayer.

We pray for all through whom we receive sustenance and life; for farmers and agricultural workers, for packers, distributors and company boards; as you have so ordered our life that we depend upon each other, enable us by your grace to seek the well-being of others before our own.

Lord of all creation:
hear our prayer

We pray for governments and aid agencies, and those areas of the world where there is disaster, drought and starvation.

By the grace of your Spirit, touch our hearts and the hearts of all who live in comfortable plenty, and make us wise stewards of your gifts.

Lord of all justice:
hear our prayer.'



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 illness and all those who need our prayers for any reason during this difficult time:

From Helmdon: Joyce Beech, Philip Gulliver, Emma, Jon, Ellouise, Lilly & James, Barbara Buxton, Diane Thorpe, Vanessa Vicars, John Thorne, Alison & Cara, Margaret Reardon, David Bowen-Jones & Kathy Quiney.

From Lois Weedon: Joan Jacobs, Lis Cockrell, Jeremy "Jez" Wilcox, Ernie Wheeler & Colin James.

From Syresham: Derek Hollyoake, Peter Sims, John & Ann Widdowson & Collette Andrewartha.

From Wappenham: Judy King and Claire Kennett.

For those known to us:

Pauline Collis, Christopher Carr, Evelyn Johnson, Jonnie D'Arcy, James Smillie, Peter Sheen, Roger Cane, Penny Bonnymeade, Barbara Whitlock, Ollie Dotterill, Marina & Froede Amundsen and Cara Wilson.

Please pray for those bereaved, and the family & friends of:

Christine Cason, Jack Hawkins, John Snow, Pat Johnson, Maurice Tucker, David Sheppard, Steve Goodwin, Dorothy D'Alton (nee Abbot), Sally Gore, Teresa Fleetwood, James Gadd, Ron Pratt, Margaret Hinton, Judith Allen, Marcus Durant, Tom Samways, Greg Oles, Mike Durant, Stewart Gundle, Ian Kidd, Richard Tims, Peter Payne, Ivan Hathaway, Robin Oliver, Sue Corbishley, Jason Holt & Shirley Holt, Dennis Hackett, Dick Wilson, Mark Kilby, Keith Hawkins. Also, for the Bearman family, Susan Clarke & family, Kathryn and Peter Oliver, & Geoff and Jo Abbey.

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 terror, and all those affected by the Covid-19 virus.



A Time to Remember

An 'Online' All Souls Service Sunday 1st November, 4pm

Revd Diane will be taking an 'online' All Souls Service this year. The names of departed loved ones will be read out, and those who 'log on' will be encouraged to light their own candles at home. If you would like Revd Diane to read out the name of a departed relative or friend, please send the information to her by email at diane.whittaker7@btinternet.com, ring her on 01327 226245, or complete the form attached to this issue of Pews News and return to the Rectory by Thursday 29th Oct.

***The Online Service (via Zoom) can
be joined by attending:***

***St. Mary Magdalene, Helmdon, or
St. Mary and St. Peter, Lois Weedon
or alternatively from home:***

Meeting ID:873 0460 0616; Passcode: 730600

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