

FORTHCOMING SERVICES

OCTOBER

Sunday 17th October – 20th Sunday after Trinity

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| 8.30am | Online | Morning Prayer |
| 9.30am | Whitfield | Morning Worship |
| 9.30am | Syresham | Holy Communion |
| 10am | Helmdon | Prayer & Praise |
| 11am | Lois Weedon | Harvest Holy Communion, followed by lunch in the church |
| 11.15am | Wappenham | Prayer & Praise/Morning Worship |

Sunday 24th October – Last Sunday after Trinity

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| 8.30am | Online | Morning Prayer |
| 10am | Helmdon | Holy Communion |
| 10-12 | Whitfield | Private Prayer |
| 11am | Syresham | Prayer & Praise |
| 11.15am | Wappenham | Holy Communion |
| 4pm | Lois Weedon | Evensong with presentation & blessing of kneelers |

Sunday 31st October – All Saints

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| 8.30am | Online | Morning Prayer |
| 10.30am | Lois Weedon | Benefice Holy Communion |

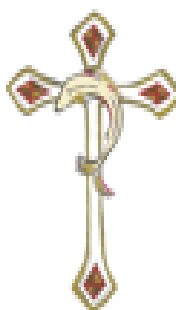
NOVEMBER

Sunday 7th November – Third Sunday before Advent

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| 8.30am | Online | Morning Prayer |
| 9.30am | Lois Weedon | Private Prayer |
| 9.30am | Whitfield | Holy Communion |
| 10am | Helmdon | Morning Worship |
| 11am | Syresham | Holy Communion & Baptism |
| 11.15am | Wappenham | Morning Worship |

Sunday 14th November – Remembrance Sunday

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| 8.30am | Online | Morning Prayer |
| 10am | Helmdon | Remembrance Service |
| 10.40am | Helmdon | Act of Remembrance at Memorial |
| 10am | Wappenham | Holy Communion & Act of Remembrance |
| 10.50am | Syresham | Act of Remembrance at Stone |
| 10.50am | Whitfield | Act of Remembrance at Memorial |
| 10.55am | Lois Weedon | Act of Remembrance |



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 10th October 2021

19th Sunday after Trinity

Today's Services:

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| 8.30am | Online | Morning Prayer |
| 9am | Wappenham | Breakfast Church |
| 9.30am | Lois Weedon | Matins |
| 10am | Helmdon | Holy Communion & Harvest |
| 11am | Syresham | Morning Worship |
| 11am | Plumpton | Harvest Festival Matins |
| 6pm | Whitfield | Harvest Festival & Supper |

To access online services, please use this Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85894936136?pwd=YW5qSWo4MEw5Q1dvUG9WWTdabkNjdz09>

Meeting ID: 858 9493 6136

Passcode: 011195

Services will be available on Facebook approximately one hour after 'live-stream' on Zoom.

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NOTICES:

Please note that Revd Diane's day off is Friday - please contact your churchwarden or Sarah Rudkin in her absence.

- Midweek Holy Communion Services will be held at Helmdon at 10am on Wednesday 13th, 20th and 27th October.

Online Benefice Prayer Meeting

Please join Revd Diane on Monday evenings at 6pm using the following Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85894936136?pwd=YW5qSWo4MEw5Q1dvUG9WWTdabkNjdz09>

Meeting ID: 890 3407 6266

Passcode: 545720

The Collects and Readings for 19th Sunday after Trinity

Collect:

O God, forasmuch as without you
we are not able to please you;
mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit
may in all things direct and rule our hearts;
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: Amos 5:6-7, 10-15

⁶ Seek the Lord and live,
or he will break out against the house of Joseph like
fire,

and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it.

⁷ Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood,
and bring righteousness to the ground!

¹⁰ They hate the one who reproves in the gate,
and they abhor the one who speaks the truth.

¹¹ Therefore, because you trample on the poor
and take from them levies of grain,
you have built houses of hewn stone,
but you shall not live in them;
you have planted pleasant vineyards,
but you shall not drink their wine.

¹² For I know how many are your transgressions,
and how great are your sins—
you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe,
and push aside the needy in the gate.

¹³ Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time;
for it is an evil time.

¹⁴ Seek good and not evil,
that you may live;
and so the Lord, the God of hosts, will be with you,
just as you have said.

¹⁵ Hate evil and love good,
and establish justice in the gate;
it may be that the Lord, the God of hosts,
will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

New Testament Reading: Hebrews 4:12-16

¹² Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper
than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul
from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the
thoughts and intentions of the heart. ¹³And before him
no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to
the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

¹⁴ Since, then, we have a great high priest who has
passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us
hold fast to our confession. ¹⁵For we do not have a high
priest who is unable to sympathize with our
weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has

been tested as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶Let us therefore
approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we
may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of
need.

Gospel Reading: Mark 10:17-31

¹⁷ As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and
knelt before him, and asked him, 'Good Teacher, what
must I do to inherit eternal life?' ¹⁸Jesus said to him, 'Why
do you call me good? No one is good but God
alone. ¹⁹You know the commandments: "You shall not
murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not
steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not
defraud; Honour your father and mother." ' ²⁰He said to
him, 'Teacher, I have kept all these since my
youth.' ²¹Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, 'You
lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the
money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven;
then come, follow me.' ²²When he heard this, he was
shocked and went away grieving, for he had many
possessions.

²³ Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples,
'How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter
the kingdom of God!' ²⁴And the disciples were perplexed
at these words. But Jesus said to them again, 'Children,
how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵It is easier
for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for
someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of
God.' ²⁶They were greatly astounded and said to one
another, 'Then who can be saved?' ²⁷Jesus looked at
them and said, 'For mortals it is impossible, but not for
God; for God all things are possible.'

²⁸ Peter began to say to him, 'Look, we have left
everything and followed you.' ²⁹Jesus said, 'Truly I tell
you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or
sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my
sake and for the sake of the good news, ³⁰who will not
receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers
and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with
persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. ³¹But
many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.'

Post Communion Collect:

Holy and blessed God,
you have fed us with the body and blood of your Son
and filled us with your Holy Spirit:
may we honour you,
not only with our lips
but in lives dedicated to the service
of Jesus Christ our Lord.



Prayers by Florence Gundle

Lord, so many people in this world are prevented from reaching their true potential, whether by being oppressed by others, or by lacking confidence in their own abilities. Reach out to them, Lord, and lift them. Show them that you love and value them for who they are, not what they have, or have not done. You were able to use ordinary people like fishermen and bring out the best in them, in order to spread your word of love, peace, joy and justice. Be close to the oppressed, those seeking justice, those whose lives are torn apart by wars and those who are being bullied.

We pray for all those who are held against their will or forced into situations they can't control. Especially we pray for the Muslims in China and the migrants from the Middle East and Mexico. May they all find compassion and solace, along with a general recognition of our shared humanity. For those in Greece, the Canary Islands and other places affected by natural disasters we pray for swift aid, relief and compassion from countries across the world.

We hold and release into Your Love every nation and person in the world as we all continue to live with the pandemic. For those sick and those caring for them. For those who are grieving and those who are afraid. For those who are lonely and feel hopeless. May we feel and embody courage, creativity, compassion, connection, and care.



The first meeting to discuss the book 'Bouncing Forwards' by Patrick Regan will be held on Thursday 21st October, at 3pm in Helmdon Church. More information on The Big Church Read can be found at: <https://thebigchurchread.co.uk/>

Revd Diane

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, Barbara Buxton, Diane Thorpe, Vanessa Vicars, John Thorne, Margaret Reardon, David Bowen-Jones.

From Lois Weedon & Weston: Joan Jacobs, Lis Cockrell, Jeremy "Jez" Wilcox, Jenni Liversidge, John Maleham, Elsie Hatton & family, Lloyd Callaghan and Jean Parks.

From Syresham: Derek Hollyoake, John Widdowson, Collette Andrewartha and Victor Brooks.

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, Penny Bonnymeade, Barbara Whitlock, Ollie Dotterill, Marina Amundsen, Cara Wilson, Sam & Jackie Cowlshaw and Francis Potsoni.

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

John Busby, Peter Sims, Irene Holgate, Bob Wallace, Baby Anna, Andy Seckington, Win Wood, Liz Threlfall, Ernie Wheeler, Dennis Read, Gillian Clube, Barry Pockock, Doris Street, Stan Howell, Doug Hatton, Jayden Shaler, Winnie Varney, Alex Paterson, Ann Widdowson, Christine Cason, Jack Hawkins, John Snow, Pat Johnson, David Sheppard, Steve Goodwin, Dorothy D'Alton (nee Abbot), Sally Gore, Margaret Hinton, Judith Allen, Marcus Durant, Tom Samways, Greg Oles, Mike Durant, Stewart Gundle, Ian Kidd, Richard Tims, Jason Holt & Shirley Holt, Mark Kilby, Keith Hawkins. Also, for 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.

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2021 Diary Dates

All events are subject to the prevailing
Covid-19 restrictions

October

- Mon 11th** Churchwardens' Meeting, 7pm, The Priory
Tues 12th School Harvest Festival, 2pm, Helmdon Church
Mon 18th School Harvest Festival, am, Lois Weedon Church
Thurs 21st The Big Church Read, 3pm, Helmdon Church
Sun 24th Helmdon Friends' Car Treasure Hunt
Wed 27th MU Meeting, 7pm, Helmdon Church - Chris Bazeley will talk about '*What the Poppy means to me*', with emphasis on the history of the British Legion Standard in the church.

November

- Mon 8th** BPCC Worship Comm Meeting, 7pm, Helmdon Church
Sun 14th **Remembrance Services**
Helmdon - 10am at Church/10:40am at Memorial
Wappenham - 10am at Church (inc Communion)
Syresham - 10:50am at Stone
Whitfield - 10:50am at Memorial
Lois Weedon - 10:55am at Church
Mon 15th Syresham BRICC meeting, The Priory
Helmdon BRICC meeting
Sun 21st Wilson & Wakeman Band, Helmdon Church
Mon 22nd Finance Comm Mtg, 11am, Vine Cottage, Syresham

December

- Sat 4th** St Nicholas Fair, 2-4pm, Syresham Church
Sat 11th Helmdon Christmas Fair, Reading Room
Mon 13th Helmdon School Nativity Rehearsal, pm, Helmdon Church
St Loys School Nativity, time tbc, Lois Weedon Church
Tues 14th Helmdon School Nativity, 2pm, Helmdon Church
Syresham School Nativity, 2pm, Syresham Church
Wed 15th Helmdon School Nativity, 2pm, Helmdon Church
Helmdon School Carol Concert, 6pm, Helmdon Church
Syresham School Nativity, 6pm, Syresham Church

Regular Events:

After Half-Term Mums & Tots will be held in Helmdon Reading Room - Thursdays 10am – 12pm, during term time



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