

## FORTHCOMING SERVICES

### Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> September – 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

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

### Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> September – 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

8.30am	Online	Morning Prayer
10am	Helmdon	Holy Communion
10 -12	Whitfield	Private Prayer
11am	Syresham	Prayer & Praise
11.15am	Wappenham	Harvest Festival & Holy Communion
6pm	Lois Weedon	Benefice Evensong

*Midweek Holy Communion Services will be held at Helmdon at 10am on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> September.*

### Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> October – 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

8.30am	Online	Morning Prayer
9.30am	Whitfield	Holy Communion
10am	Helmdon	Morning Worship
11am	Syresham	Harvest Festival & Baptism
11.15am	Wappenham	Morning Worship

To access online services, please use this Zoom link:

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

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

<https://www.facebook.com/astwellbenefice/>



### 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>

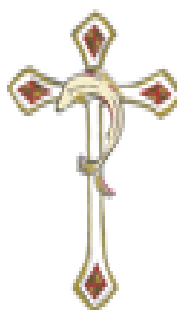
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## PEWS NEWS

### 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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## Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2021

### 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

### Today's Services:

8.30am	Online	Morning Prayer
9.30am	Lois Weedon	'Battle of Britain' Matins
10am	Helmdon	Holy Communion
10 -12	Whitfield	Private Prayer
11am	Syresham	Morning Worship
11.15am	Wappenham	Breakfast Church/ Morning Worship
11.30am	Lois Weedon	Baptism of Beresford and Erasmus children
2pm	Whitfield	Baptism of George Cooper
6.30pm	Plumpton	Summer Evensong

### A Message from Revd Diane

*Thank you all very much for your welcome at my Induction Service on Sunday - and especial thanks to Malcolm and the rest of the team who organised the service and the lunch afterwards. It felt really special to know that you are all so supportive - I am tempted to recommend that all incumbents have their induction service delayed, as it was lovely to look around the church and recognise everyone - that isn't usually the case as the Induction service is usually held at the beginning of ministry not one year in!*

*I am also delighted to announce that all of the parishes of the Astwell Benefice have voted with more than a two-thirds majority to continue the United Benefice scheme that we have been trialling for almost four years. This was confirmed in the open meeting we held on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September. The next stage will be to present this to the Diocese for ratification by the Bishop. When we have that confirmation, it seems to me that we should have another special celebration!*

*I am really looking forward to continuing my ministry among you and getting to know even more of you as the time goes by.*

God Bless

Revd Diane

## ***The Collect and Readings for 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity***

### ***Collect:***

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit  
upon your Church in the burning fire of your love:  
grant that your people may be fervent  
in the fellowship of the gospel  
that, always abiding in you,  
they may be found steadfast in faith and active in  
service;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

### ***Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 50:4-9a***

<sup>4</sup> The Lord God has given me  
the tongue of a teacher,  
that I may know how to sustain  
the weary with a word.  
Morning by morning he wakens—  
wakens my ear  
to listen as those who are taught.  
<sup>5</sup> The Lord God has opened my ear,  
and I was not rebellious,  
I did not turn backwards.  
<sup>6</sup> I gave my back to those who struck me,  
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;  
I did not hide my face  
from insult and spitting.  
<sup>7</sup> The Lord God helps me;  
therefore I have not been disgraced;  
therefore I have set my face like flint,  
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;  
<sup>8</sup> he who vindicates me is near.  
Who will contend with me?  
Let us stand up together.  
Who are my adversaries?  
Let them confront me.  
<sup>9</sup> It is the Lord God who helps me;  
who will declare me guilty?  
All of them will wear out like a garment;  
the moth will eat them up.

### ***New Testament Reading: James 3. 1-12***

<sup>1</sup>Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness.<sup>2</sup>For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. <sup>3</sup>If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. <sup>4</sup>Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. <sup>5</sup>So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! <sup>6</sup>And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. <sup>7</sup>For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, <sup>8</sup>but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. <sup>9</sup>With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. <sup>10</sup>From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. <sup>11</sup>Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? <sup>12</sup>Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

### ***Gospel Reading: Mark 8:27-38***

<sup>27</sup> Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that I am?'<sup>28</sup>And they answered him, 'John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.' <sup>29</sup>He asked them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Peter answered him, 'You are the Messiah.' <sup>30</sup>And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.  
<sup>31</sup> Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. <sup>32</sup>He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. <sup>33</sup>But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.'  
<sup>34</sup> He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>35</sup>For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. <sup>36</sup>For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? <sup>37</sup>Indeed, what can they give in return for their life?<sup>38</sup>Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'

### ***Post Communion Collect:***

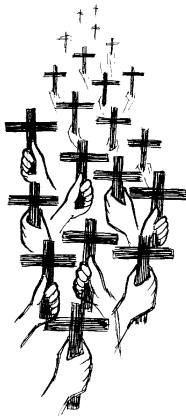
Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your perpetual mercy; and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall, keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## Prayers by Florence Gundle

How we long for the peace that only you can give: the Godly peace in which our hearts long to live. As we wake up to another day, another hour, we wish that you would give us some kind of power - a power to help, a power to heal, a power to care. We are unaware of so much in our world and so we ask for your presence to go out to all who call your name and need you.

Sometimes we have no idea where we are going and cannot see the road ahead of us. But we place our trust in you Lord. In your way we ask that you guide us in times of trouble and despair, helping us to find the road again. We thank you that you will never leave us to face our perils alone and that as a community we are never without someone to turn to.

We thank you for looking beyond our faults and for loving us unconditionally. Forgive us when we fail to love others in the same way. Give us eyes to see the needs of all in our lives, but especially those we may overlook or find it hard to care for. Show us how to meet those needs in ways which emulate your love. Give us the strength to do your will.



## The Big Church Read

This year, I would like us to join in with the 'Big Church Read' which begins this month. The idea is for us to read the suggested book and meet to discuss it - there are resources and videos online. The book we will be reading is: 'Bouncing Forwards' by Patrick Regan. More information can be found at:

<https://thebigchurchread.co.uk/>

If you would like to join me, please let me know and I will organise meeting dates and times when I know how many are interested.

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, Emma, Jon, Ellouise, Lilly & James, Barbara Buxton, Diane Thorpe, Vanessa Vicars, John Thorne, Alison & Cara, Margaret Reardon, David Bowen-Jones, and Claire & family.

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

**From Syresham:** Derek Hollyoake, Peter Sims, 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 & Froede Amundsen, Cara Wilson, Chloë Fletcher, Sam & Jackie Cowlshaw, Francis Potsoni and his father.

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

Irene Holgate, Bob Wallace, Baby Anna, Andy Seckington, Win Wood, Liz Threlfall, Ernie Wheeler, Dennis Read, Gillian Clube, Barry Pocock, 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, 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.**

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## **2021 Diary Dates**

*All events are subject to the prevailing  
Covid-19 restrictions*

### **September**

**Sun 12<sup>th</sup>** Baptism of Beresford & Erasmus children,  
11.30am, Lois Weedon  
Baptism of George Cooper, 2pm, Whitfield

**Mon 13<sup>th</sup>** BPCC Meeting, 7.15pm, Wappenham V Hall

**Wed 15<sup>th</sup>** Deanery Synod, 6 to 7.45pm, St Peter's,  
Brackley - Evening Prayer will be followed  
by a speaker, Dr Peter Brotherton, who will  
talk about "The Church's response to the  
crisis of climate change and nature loss".

**Wed 22<sup>nd</sup>** Mother's Union Wave of Prayer service led by  
Diane, 7pm at St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon.  
All are welcome to attend.

**Sun 26<sup>th</sup>** Harvest Festival, 11.15am, Wappenham

### **October**

**Sun 3<sup>rd</sup>** Harvest Festival (and Baptism), 11am,  
Syresham

**Sun 10<sup>th</sup>** Harvest Festival, 10am, Helmdon

Harvest Festival & Supper, 6pm, Whitfield

**Sun 17<sup>th</sup>** Harvest Festival, 9.30am, Lois Weedon

### **Regular Events:**

- Mums & Tots at Helmdon Church - Thursdays  
10am – 12pm during term time

*Please send details of Benefice committee  
meetings, fetes, fund-raising events and all  
regular gatherings to  
[rectorastwellbenefice@aol.co.uk](mailto:rectorastwellbenefice@aol.co.uk)*



*Scan this QR code to link to the 'Giving Page' of the  
Benefice website. All donations go directly to  
supporting mission and ministry  
in the Benefice*

### **FOOD BANK VOUCHERS**

*Revd Diane can provide vouchers for  
Brackley and Towcester Food Banks  
for anyone in need in Helmdon, Lois Weedon & Weston,  
Radstone, Syresham, Wappenham, Whitfield and the  
surrounding area.*

*Please contact her for details*