

FORTHCOMING SERVICES

(subject to the prevailing Covid restrictions)

JANUARY 2022

Sunday 23rd January – Third Sunday of Epiphany

10am	Helmdon	Holy Communion
10-12	Whitfield	Private Prayer
11am	Syresham	Prayer & Praise
11.15am	Wappenham	Holy Communion
4pm?	Lois Weedon	Benefice Evensong

Sunday 30th January – Candlemas

10.30am	Radstone	Benefice Holy Communion
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FEBRUARY

Sunday 6th February – 4th Sunday before Lent

9.30am	Whitfield	Holy Communion
9.30am	Lois Weedon	Private Prayer
10am	Helmdon	Morning Worship
11am	Syresham	Holy Communion
11.15am	Wappenham	Morning Worship

Sunday 13th February – 3rd Sunday before Lent

9am	Wappenham	Breakfast Church
9.30am	Lois Weedon	Matins
10am	Helmdon	Family Communion & Children's Church
10-12	Whitfield	Private Prayer
11am	Syresham	Morning Worship

There will be 10am Midweek Holy Communion Services at Helmdon on 19th and 26th January 2022.



Online Benefice Prayer Meeting

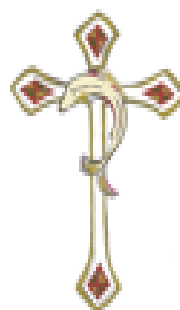
Please join Revd Diane on Monday evenings at 6pm using the following Zoom link

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Meeting ID: 890 3407 6266

Passcode: 545720



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 16th January 2022

Second Sunday of Epiphany

Services in the Benefice today

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

To access a pre-recorded service of worship for today please use the links below:

<https://youtu.be/u1mYvzc4uiY>

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

IMPORTANT NOTICE:

Due to the rising number of Covid cases, please be prepared for changes to services and events.

These will be announced on the 'Forthcoming Services' page.

THE WEARING OF FACE MASKS IS NOW MANDATORY AT ALL SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE

Thank you



Collects and Readings for the Second Sunday of Epiphany

Collect:

Almighty God,
in Christ you make all things new:
transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your
grace,
and in the renewal of our lives
make known your heavenly glory;
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 62:1-5

¹For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,
until her vindication shines out like the dawn,
and her salvation like a burning torch.
²The nations shall see your vindication,
and all the kings your glory;
and you shall be called by a new name
that the mouth of the Lord will give.
³You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord,
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.
⁴You shall no more be termed Forsaken,
and your land shall no more be termed Desolate;
but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her,
and your land Married;
for the Lord delights in you,
and your land shall be married.
⁵For as a young man marries a young woman,
so shall your builder marry you,
and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride,
so shall your God rejoice over you.

New Testament Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

¹Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do
not want you to be uninformed. ²You know that when
you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to
idols that could not speak. ³Therefore I want you to
understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God
ever says 'Let Jesus be cursed!' and no one can say 'Jesus
is Lord' except by the Holy Spirit. ⁴Now there are
varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵and there are
varieties of services, but the same Lord; ⁶and there are
varieties of activities, but it is the same God who
activates all of them in everyone. ⁷To each is given the
manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

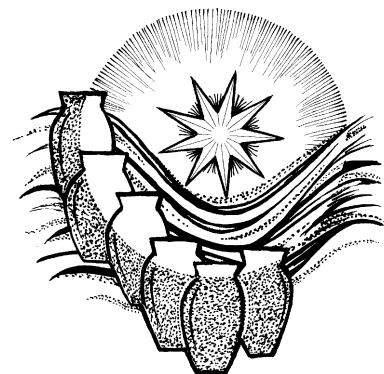
⁸To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of
wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge
according to the same Spirit, ⁹to another faith by the
same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one
Spirit, ¹⁰to another the working of miracles, to
another prophecy, to another the discernment of
spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to
another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹All these are
activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to
each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

Gospel Reading: John 2:1-11

¹On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of
Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ²Jesus and
his disciples had also been invited to the
wedding. ³When the wine gave out, the mother of
Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' ⁴And Jesus said
to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to
me? My hour has not yet come.' ⁵His mother said to
the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' ⁶Now
standing there were six stone water-jars for the
Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or
thirty gallons. ⁷Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with
water.' And they filled them up to the brim. ⁸He said
to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief
steward.' So they took it. ⁹When the steward tasted
the water that had become wine, and did not know
where it came from (though the servants who had
drawn the water knew), the steward called the
bridegroom ¹⁰and said to him, 'Everyone serves the
good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the
guests have become drunk. But you have kept the
good wine until now.' ¹¹Jesus did this, the first of his
signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and
his disciples believed in him.

Post Communion Collect

God of glory,
you nourish us with your Word
who is the bread of life:
fill us with your Holy Spirit
that through us the light of your glory
may shine in all the world.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.



Prayers by Florence Gundle

We pray for your guidance and care as we enter another stage of this pandemic. Help us to hold onto hope. Amid our waning optimism about the days and weeks ahead, let us remember how far we have come. We uplift a prayer of gratitude for the vaccines and all the lives that have been spared because of their creation and distribution. May those in spheres of power prioritize the health of those who are most vulnerable. Help us to find ways to make the vaccine accessible to all who need it.

Lord, you are the author of Creation. You have made both light and darkness so that we know you in the shining spaces and in the uncertain places of night. We ask that your Holy Spirit might descend upon all the forgotten or disregarded corners of our world. Infuse them with your abiding peace and everlasting love. Resting on the assurance that you are everywhere— in every forgotten corner - we lift the needs of the weary world to you.

We pray that you will transform our vision of the world, and make us see it in light of your hope. May we know deeply within ourselves that we are one, and may our hearts be open to the possibilities of the New Year. Fill us with the hope of new beginnings, and the divine spark to make them so.

Astwell Benefice Inter-Parish Quiz Nights

Five teams from five villages will battle it out to find the brainiest parish!

Join us and form your own teams and pit your wits against the parish teams. £10 per head for quiz entry (£8 for contestants) includes a two course Supper

Lois Weedon, 11th February
(sponsored by: Complete Ground Management)
Wappenham, 4th March
(sponsored by: The Bell Plantation)
Helmdon, 25th March
Whitfield & Radstone, 8th April
Syresham, 22nd April
(sponsored by: Les Hawkins & Sons, Fencing Contractors)

To attend please contact: Wappenham – Sheena Warren;
Helmdon – Bill Elkington; Syresham – Malcolm Orr-Ewing;
Whitfield & Radstone – Sue Timmis;
Lois Weedon – Frank Hunter

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:

Please pray for the family and friends of Barry Saunders who died last week.

From Helmdon: Joyce Beech, Philip Gulliver, Barbara Buxton, Diane Thorpe, Vanessa Vicars, John Thorne, Margaret Reardon and David Bowen-Jones.

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

From Syresham: Derek Hollyoake

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 Bonnymede, Barbara Whitlock, Ollie Dotterill, Marina Amundsen, Sam & Jackie Cowlshaw and Francis Potsoni.

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

Alan Watson, Elizabeth Harris, John Widdowson, Victor Brooks, Revd Douglas Hadfield, Michael Cadd, Peter Burns, John Busby, Peter Sims, Irene Holgate, Bob Wallace, Baby Anna, Andy Seckington, Win Wood, Liz Threlfall, Ernie Wheeler, Dennis Read, Gillian Clube, Barry Pocock, 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, Marcus Durant, 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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2022 Dates for Your Diary

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

January

Mon 17th Worship Comm Mtg, 7pm, on Zoom

Wed 26th MU Meeting with talk by Rev. Diane

February

Tues 8th Soc & F/raising Comm Mtg, 4pm, Manor Farm,
Wappenham

Fri 11th Benefice Quiz Night - Lois Weedon
(Time & Venue tbc)

Wed 23rd MU Meeting with talk by Ann Smith

March

Wed 2nd Ash Wednesday

Mon 7th Talk by Charlie Nobbs, Peterborough Diocese, 7pm

Fri 4th Benefice Quiz Night – Wappenham

Fri 25th Benefice Quiz Night – Helmdon

April

Fri 8th Benefice Quiz Night – Whitfield & Radstone

Sun 17th Easter Sunday

Fri 22nd Benefice Quiz night - Syresham

May

Tues 10th Benefice APCM

Sat 14th Note-ability Concert, Syresham Church

June

Sat 4th Garden Party Benefice Fundraiser,
Lois Weedon House

July

Sat 9th Barn Dance Benefice Fundraiser

Regular events held in the Benefice:

- **Syresham Coffee Morning** is held each Thursday 10-12pm, in the Village Hall.
- **Whitfield Coffee Morning** is held on the first Tuesday of the month, 10am-12 noon in the Village Hall.
- **Parents & Tots** is held in Helmdon Reading Room on Thursdays, 10am – 12pm, during term time.
- **Mothers' Union** meetings are now held in Helmdon Church following the Wednesday 10am Communion Service.
- **St Mary's, Wappenham Coffee Morning**, is held on the first Monday of the month, 10-12 noon, in the Village Hall.



*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*