

FORTHCOMING SERVICES

OCTOBER

Sunday 24th October – Last Sunday after Trinity

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

Saturday 30th October

4pm	Helmdon	All Souls Service
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Sunday 31st October – All Saints Day

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

NOVEMBER

Sunday 7th November – Third Sunday before Advent

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

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

Sunday 21st November – Christ the King

8.30am	Online	Morning Prayer
9.30am	Lois Weedon	Holy Communion
9.30am	Whitfield	Morning Worship
10am	Helmdon	Prayer & Praise (Women's Club)
11am	Syresham	Morning Worship
11.15am	Wappenham	Prayer & Praise



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 17th October 2021

20th Sunday after Trinity

Today's Services:

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

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 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 20th Sunday after Trinity

Collect:

God, the giver of life,
whose Holy Spirit wells up within your Church:
by the Spirit's gifts equip us to live the gospel of Christ
and make us eager to do your will,
that we may share with the whole creation
the joys of eternal life;
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 53:4-12

⁴ Surely he has borne our infirmities
and carried our diseases;
yet we accounted him stricken,
struck down by God, and afflicted.
⁵ But he was wounded for our transgressions,
crushed for our iniquities;
upon him was the punishment that made us whole,
and by his bruises we are healed.
⁶ All we like sheep have gone astray;
we have all turned to our own way,
and the Lord has laid on him
the iniquity of us all.

⁷ He was oppressed, and he was afflicted,
yet he did not open his mouth;
like a lamb that is led to the slaughter,
and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent,
so he did not open his mouth.
⁸ By a perversion of justice he was taken away.
Who could have imagined his future?
For he was cut off from the land of the living,
stricken for the transgression of my people.
⁹ They made his grave with the wicked
and his tomb with the rich,
although he had done no violence,
and there was no deceit in his mouth.

¹⁰ Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him with pain.
When you make his life an offering for sin,
he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days;
through him the will of the Lord shall prosper.
¹¹ Out of his anguish he shall see light;
he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge.
The righteous one, my servant, shall make many
righteous,
and he shall bear their iniquities.
¹² Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great,
and he shall divide the spoil with the strong;
because he poured out himself to death,
and was numbered with the transgressors;
yet he bore the sin of many,
and made intercession for the transgressors.

New Testament Reading: Hebrews 5:1-10

¹Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. ²He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness; ³and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. ⁴And one does not presume to take this honour, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was. ⁵ So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,
'You are my Son,
today I have begotten you';
⁶as he says also in another place,
'You are a priest for ever,
according to the order of Melchizedek.'
⁷ In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. ⁸Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; ⁹and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, ¹⁰having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

Gospel Reading: Mark 10:35-45

³⁵ James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, 'Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.' ³⁶And he said to them, 'What is it you want me to do for you?' ³⁷And they said to him, 'Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.' ³⁸But Jesus said to them, 'You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?' ³⁹They replied, 'We are able.' Then Jesus said to them, 'The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; ⁴⁰but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.'
⁴¹ When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. ⁴²So Jesus called them and said to them, 'You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. ⁴³But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. ⁴⁵For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.'



Post Communion Collect:

God our Father,
whose Son, the light unfailing,
has come from heaven to deliver the world
from the darkness of ignorance:
let these holy mysteries open the eyes of our
understanding
that we may know the way of life,
and walk in it without stumbling;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Prayers by Hannah Fowles

Let us come to God in prayer this morning with our needs, our worries and our hopes. We pray for the Church, for the world and for those for whom we care. We pray for your world, for people who live in fear, and we pray especially for all who are persecuted for their Christian faith. We pray for all minorities who suffer discrimination through ignorance and difference. May we all be reminded that we are one and are all loved as one in Christ. We pray for countries at war and the escalation in regional violence and international tensions. Protect the innocent who suffer indiscriminate violence and the refugees forced to flee. We pray for the poor and hungry and for leaders of conscience to be raised up. We pray for the homeless, the addicted, for the lonely and for the spiritually lost. May we be present in their time of need to offer comfort.
Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer**

We pray for our family and friends and those we love. Lord, please protect our loved ones and heal all the anxieties that cause distress. We pray for healing in mind, body and spirit for all our family in their different needs. We pray for our neighbours and for harmony in our relationships with them. We pray for ourselves and the way we strive for earthly riches and trappings. May our wealth not be a barrier to our salvation. Restore us Lord, as all is possible with you.
Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer**

Faithful God as we leave this place today draw near to us, strengthen our faith, deepen our love for you and for our neighbours and open our eyes to the wonders of your creation, that we will be ready, willing and able to serve you and our community during the coming week.
Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Risen Saviour Jesus Christ.



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/>

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 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.

Sat 30th All Souls Service, 4pm, Helmdon 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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