

FUTURE SERVICES

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OCTOBER 2024

Sunday 20th October – Twenty-first Sunday after Trinity

9.30am	Lois Weedon	Holy Communion
10am	Helmdon	Praise & Prayer
11.15am	Syresham	Holy Communion
11.15am	Wappenham	Morning Prayer (NB: change of service)
3pm	Helmdon	Evensong with the Choir, including a celebration for 'Blankets to Ukraine'

Sunday 27th October – Last Sunday after Trinity

9.30am	Lois Weedon	Matins
10am	Helmdon	Holy Communion
11.15am	Syresham	Praise & Prayer
11.15am	Wappenham	Harvest Holy Communion

NOVEMBER 2024

Saturday 2nd November

All Souls' Service at Helmdon, 4pm

Sunday 3rd November – All Saints Day

9.30am	Whitfield	Holy Communion
10am	Helmdon	Morning Prayer
11.15am	Syresham	Holy Communion
11.15am	Wappenham	Morning Prayer - All Souls' Service (with Lois Weedon)

Monday 4th November

All Souls' Service at Syresham, (with Whitfield), 7pm

Harvest Celebration

at

St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon

on

Saturday 12th October at 6pm

An informal service aimed at families and children, with Harvest songs and prayers, followed by wine, nibbles and Harvest treats!

Everyone welcome!



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 13th October 2024

Twentieth Sunday after Trinity

Services in the Benefice:

9.00am	Wappenham	Breakfast Church
9.30am	Lois Weedon	Morning Prayer
10am	Helmdon	Harvest Holy Communion & Children's Church
11.15am	Syresham	Morning Prayer
1pm	Lois Weedon	Baptism
5.30pm	Whitfield	Harvest Festival, followed by Supper in Village Hall



Collects and Readings for Twentieth 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.

Psalm: 90. 12-end

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-end

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. ¹³ And 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. ¹⁵ For 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. ¹⁶ Let 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?' ¹⁸ Jesus said to him,
'Why do you call me good? No one is good but God
alone. ¹⁹ You 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.'" ²⁰ He said to
him, 'Teacher, I have kept all these since my
youth.' ²¹ Jesus, 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.' ²² When 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!' ²⁴ And the disciples were
perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again,
'Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of
God! ²⁵ It 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.' ²⁶ They were greatly astounded and
said to one another, 'Then who can be saved?' ²⁷ Jesus
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.' ²⁹ Jesus 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, ³⁰ who 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. ³¹ But many who are first will be last, and the last
will be first.'

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 for Twentieth Sunday after Trinity

Faithful God, sometimes our faith feels weak. The trials of life test our faith and we find it hard to rejoice. Help our faith to grow and help us realize that it is the most important thing in our lives. Show us how to rise above our human weaknesses and to grow stronger in our Christian Faith.

Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer

Mighty God, help us to see that things which seem completely impossible becomes possible, if they are approached with faith. Help us to see that if we approach a thing saying, "It can't be done," it will not but if we approach it saying, "It must be done," the chances are that it will; always remembering that we approach no task alone, but that You and all Your power is with us.

Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer

Creator God, we pray for your world. Forgive us when we are ungrateful, when lack of faith and spiritual blindness prevents us from appreciating the wonder of your creation and the endless cycle of nature. Forgive us for taking without giving; reaping without sowing. We pray for the farmers of the world many of whom still use those methods described by Jesus and we especially pray that they may be treated with fairness for their labours.

Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer

Father God, we pray for our Benefice communities, that each of us will be open to the opportunities to give of our individual talents enabling each church group to flourish as a witness to the "One Body" of the church. We pray that each baptized Christian may develop more fully his or her response to all the gifts which the Spirit bestows for the service of the Body of Christ,

Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer

Living God, we pray for the hungry and the homeless, the broken and bereaved. For all for whom this day brings sadness and little joy, for the sick, lonely and the helpless, for those whose hope has been shattered and their faith destroyed.

Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer

Everlasting God, we pray for mercy and forgiveness for the dead and those who mourn them, may they find rest in the Spirit's embrace and we commend them to your keeping for ever.

Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer

Lord of Life and Love, we ask you to lead us into the coming week; help us to believe that you are close by us; keep us from making mistakes and help us never to disappoint you. When we face hard decisions or difficult work, when we enjoy ourselves and have fun with others may we know that you share these times with us.

Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your son Jesus Christ, Amen

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.

From Helmdon: Barbara Buxton, Diane Thorpe, John Thorne & Eileen Watson.

From Lois Weedon & Weston: Joan Jacobs, Lis Cockrell, Caroline Hunt and Margaret Seckington.

From Syresham: George Summers.

From Wappenham: Judy King, Claire Kennett, and Dorothy & David Nicholson.

For those known to us:

Lucy Goodwin, Margaret Reardon, Pauline Collis, Christopher Carr, Evelyn Johnson, Ollie Dotterill, Sam & Jackie Cowlshaw, Francis Potsoni, Chloë Fletcher, Mary Coates, Emily Barthelamy, May Oliver, Lily & Theo Wright, Christobel Grant and Diane Snow.

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

Geoff Abbey, Jean Spendlove, Vic Butler, Philip Gulliver, Jean Parks, Alice Hathaway, Jean Mackaness, Diane Watts, Peter Stubbs, Nicholas Reynell, Linda Smalley, Tony Wilmot, John Maleham, Betty Stubbs, Wendy Procter, Derek Morris, Penny Bonnymeade, David Brookhouse, Jonathan Miller, David Powell, Joyce Beech, Julia O'Brian, James Smillie.

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



A Time to Remember

Services for All Souls' Day

All Souls' Day is the time when we hold special services of thanksgiving for loved ones who have departed this earth.

All Souls' Services will be held at:

Helmdon on Saturday 2nd November at 4pm

Wappenham (joint with Lois Weedon) on Sunday 3rd November at 11.15am

Syresham (joint with Whitfield) on Monday 4th November at 7pm

This is an opportunity to give special thanks for all those we have known and loved, and those we still very much miss! At the services, the names of all those who have died in each parish in the past few years will be read out and thanks given for their lives. We will also be giving thanks for other departed loved ones who are not resting in our churchyards, but who are connected to our community as family or friends.

Please write the name(s) of those you would like to be remembered on the form below and leave it in your church or contact your Churchwarden/Representative by email/phone (see contact details at the back of Pews News).

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Please include my loved one(s) in the service atChurch.

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'TIME TO PRAY'

Every Thursday:

**10 - 10.30am at
Syresham Church**

And

**12 - 12.30pm at
Helmdon Reading Room**

All Welcome!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

OCTOBER

**Sat 12th Children's Harvest Celebration, 6pm,
Helmdon Church**

**Sun 13th Whitfield Harvest Festival Service, 5.30pm,
followed by supper in the Village Hall.**

NOVEMBER

**Mon 25th BPCC Finance Comm Mtg, 11am at Vine
Cottage**

Save the Date!

**Saturday 31st May – Sunday 8th June
2025**

ASTWELL FESTIVAL

**Events held across the Benefice,
with proceeds to Christian Aid and local
children's charities**

More information to follow!

Regular events held in the Benefice:

- **Helmdon Coffee Morning** is held each Tuesday, 10 am-12 noon in the Reading Room
- **Syresham Coffee Morning** is held each Thursday, 10 am-12 noon in the Village Hall.
- **Whitfield Coffee Morning** is held on the first Tuesday of the month, 10am-12 noon in the Village Hall.
- **St Mary's, Wappenham Coffee Morning**, is held on the first Wednesday of the month, 10 am-12 noon, in the Village Hall.
- **St Mary & St Peter, Lois Weedon Coffee Mornings** –will be held from 10am until 12 noon on the first Friday of each month, in Lois Weedon Village Hall

NEW!

**HOW to Pray, with Revd Hugh
at Helmdon Reading Room**

Mon 14th October, 11:00-12:00 (Main Hall)

Mon 21st October, 11:00-12:00 (Main Hall)

and

at Syresham Chapel Room

Wed 16th October, 7 – 8pm

Wed 23rd October, 7 – 8pm

ALL WELCOME!