

FUTURE SERVICES

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JUNE 2024

Sunday 23rd June –Fourth Sunday after Trinity

9.30am	Lois Weedon	Matins
10am	Helmdon	Holy Communion
11am	Plumpton	Patronal Holy Communion followed by annual drinks party
11.15am	Syresham	Praise & Prayer
11.15am	Wappenham	Holy Communion

Sunday 30th June –Fifth Sunday after Trinity

10am	Lois Weedon	Benefice Holy Communion & Patronal Festival of St Peter
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JULY 2024

Wednesday 3rd July

10am	Helmdon	Midweek Holy Communion
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Sunday 7th July – Sixth Sunday after Trinity

9.30am	Whitfield	Holy Communion
10am	Helmdon	Morning Prayer
11.15am	Syresham	Holy Communion
11.15am	Wappenham	Morning Prayer

Sunday 14th July –Seventh Sunday after Trinity

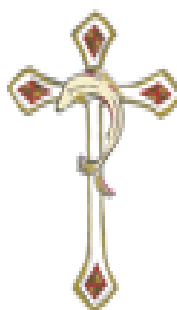
9am	Wappenham	Breakfast Church
9.30am	Lois Weedon	Morning Prayer
10am	Helmdon	Holy Communion & Children's Church
11.15am	Syresham	Morning Prayer

Sunday 21st July –Eighth Sunday after Trinity

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

Sunday 28th July –Ninth Sunday after Trinity

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



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 June 2024

Third Sunday after Trinity

Services in the Benefice

9.30am Whitfield Morning Prayer

9.30am Lois Weedon Holy Communion

10am Helmdon Praise & Prayer

11.15am Syresham Holy Communion

11.15am Wappenham Praise & Prayer



Collects and Readings for Third Sunday after Trinity

Collect:

Almighty God,
you have broken the tyranny of sin
and have sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts
whereby we call you Father:
give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your
service,
that we and all creation may be brought
to the glorious liberty of the children of God;
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 92. 1-4, 12-end

Old Testament Reading: Ezekiel 17. 22-end

²² Thus says the Lord God:
I myself will take a sprig
from the lofty top of a cedar;
I will set it out.
I will break off a tender one
from the topmost of its young twigs;
I myself will plant it
on a high and lofty mountain.
²³ On the mountain height of Israel
I will plant it,
in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit,
and become a noble cedar.
Under it every kind of bird will live;
in the shade of its branches will nest
winged creatures of every kind.
²⁴ All the trees of the field shall know
that I am the Lord.
I bring low the high tree,
I make high the low tree;
I dry up the green tree
and make the dry tree flourish.
I the Lord have spoken;
I will accomplish it.

New Testament Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:6-10 (11-13) 14-17

⁶ So we are always confident; even though we know
that while we are at home in the body we are away
from the Lord— ⁷ for we walk by faith, not by
sight. ⁸ Yes, we do have confidence, and we would
rather be away from the body and at home with the
Lord. ⁹ So whether we are at home or away, we make it
our aim to please him. ¹⁰ For all of us must appear
before the judgement seat of Christ, so that each may
receive recompense for what has been done in the
body, whether good or evil.

(¹¹ Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to
persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to
God, and I hope that we are also well known to your
consciences. ¹² We are not commending ourselves to
you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about
us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast
in outward appearance and not in the heart. ¹³ For if we
are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right
mind, it is for you.)

¹⁴ For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are
convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have
died. ¹⁵ And he died for all, so that those who live might
live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and
was raised for them.

¹⁶ From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a
human point of view;^[a] even though we once knew
Christ from a human point of view,^[b] we know him no
longer in that way. ¹⁷ So if anyone is in Christ, there is a
new creation: everything old has passed away; see,
everything has become new!

Gospel Reading: Mark 4:26-34

²⁶ He also said, 'The kingdom of God is as if someone
would scatter seed on the ground, ²⁷ and would sleep
and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and
grow, he does not know how. ²⁸ The earth produces of
itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in
the head. ²⁹ But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes
in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.'

³⁰ He also said, 'With what can we compare the kingdom
of God, or what parable will we use for it? ³¹ It is like a
mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is
the smallest of all the seeds on earth; ³² yet when it is
sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all
shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds
of the air can make nests in its shade.'

³³ With many such parables he spoke the word to them,
as they were able to hear it; ³⁴ he did not speak to them
except in parables, but he explained everything in
private to his disciples.

Post Communion Collect:

O God, whose beauty is beyond our imagining
and whose power we cannot comprehend:
show us your glory as far as we can grasp it,
and shield us from knowing more than we can bear
until we may look upon you without fear;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.



Prayers for Third Sunday after Trinity

Everlasting God, we are gathered together in love and fellowship, hear us now as we bring before you our cares and our needs.

And so we pray for your church throughout the world, for Christians everywhere meeting in small house groups, in rural and town churches and in great city cathedrals. Grant that we and all your people may be built up in our faith and show in our lives the love we see in Jesus.

Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer

Lord God, we give you thanks for our churches here in the Astwell Benefice. We pray for all who minister and preach and who enlarge and enrich our understanding of God and help us to respond to his love.

Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer

Holy God, we pray for Christians working in places of power and influence who make decisions which affect the lives of so many people. We ask you to bless those who work in politics, in the media, in advertising and in the financial markets. May they all know what to say and how to act for the benefit of all people and at all times to be true and faithful to you.

Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer

Father God, we pray for those whom we love, family and friends who are the special people in our lives wherever they may be. We pray for their hopes, their fears, their problems and their needs but most of all we thank you for each one of them and for what they give and mean to us.

Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer

Merciful God, today's gospel showed the importance of sowing the Seeds of the Gospel. Help us to learn from this and remember that we should always strive for opportunities to spread the Good News and bring comfort to those who are ill and in need and that if we "ask it will be given to us." We raise before you now all those who we know who need to touch the hem of Jesus garments and receive health and healing in their lives.

Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer

Merciful God, into your caring hands we commit those who have died and we pray for all those who are mourning the loss of a loved one.

Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer

Gracious God, we have laid before you our concerns and now we offer you our thanks and praise for all the blessings and gifts you lavish on us. In the weeks ahead help us to keep the faith as deeply and passionately as possible in these troubled times. Merciful Father: **accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour, 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, Margaret Reardon, Eileen Watson & Jean Spendlove.

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

From Syresham: George Summers.

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

For those known to us:

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:

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 Bonnymede, 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.

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

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

JUNE

Sat 15th Astwell Benefice Barn Dance, 7pm, Manor Farm, Wappenham

JULY

Mon 15th Pastoral Care Comm Mtg, 10:30am, at 24 Wappenham Road, Helmdon.

Sat 20th Breakfast in Whitfield Churchyard 10am – 12 Noon (in the village hall if wet)

AUGUST

Sat 10th Curry Night – 7pm, Whitfield Village Hall



ARE PLEASED TO SPONSOR

ASTWELL BARN DANCE

ON SATURDAY 15TH JUNE AT 7.00PM

MANOR FARM, WAPPENHAM, NN128PH

BBQ & LICENSED BAR live music by Kelly's Eye

TICKETS £20 INCLUDES FOOD

Accompanied children 8 - 16 yrs Tickets £12

PRE-BOOK YOUR TICKETS



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