

FUTURE SERVICES

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JANUARY 2025

Sunday 26th January – Third Sunday of Epiphany

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

FEBRUARY

Sunday 2nd February – Candlemas

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

PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE WILL BE NO MIDWEEK HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE AT HELMDON ON WEDNESDAY 5TH FEBRUARY 2025.

Sunday 9th February – Fourth Sunday before Lent

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

Wednesday 12th February

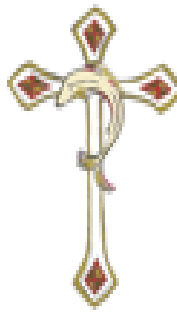
10am	Helmdon	Re-scheduled Midweek Holy Communion
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Sunday 16th February – Third Sunday before Lent

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

Sunday 23rd February – Second Sunday before Lent

9.30am	Lois Weedon	Matins (TBC)
10am	Helmdon	NEW 'Special Service'
11.15am	Syresham	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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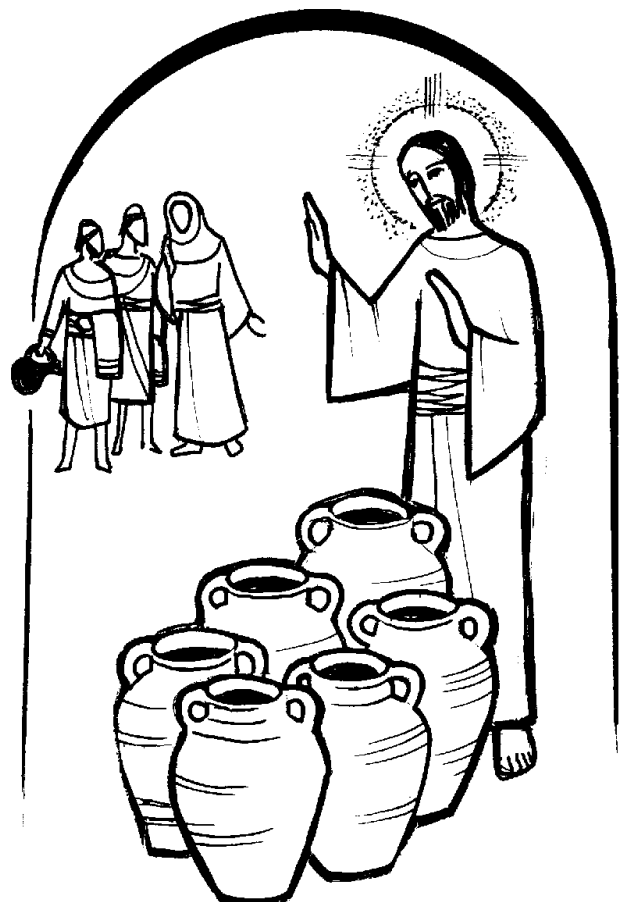
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Sunday 19th January 2025

Second Sunday of Epiphany

Services in the Benefice:

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



Collects and Readings for 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.

Psalm 36. 5-10

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 62:1-5

¹ For 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.
² The 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.
³ You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of
the Lord,
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.
⁴ You 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.
⁵ For 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

¹ Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I
do not want you to be uninformed. ² You know that
when you were pagans, you were enticed and led
astray to idols that could not speak. ³ Therefore 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.
⁴ Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same
Spirit; ⁵ and there are varieties of services, but the
same Lord; ⁶ and there are varieties of activities, but it
is the same God who activates all of them in
everyone. ⁷ To each is given the manifestation of the
Spirit for the common good. ⁸ To one is given through
the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the
utterance of knowledge according to the same
Spirit, ⁹ to another faith by the same Spirit, to another

gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰ to 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. ¹¹ All
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

¹ On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of
Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ² Jesus and
his disciples had also been invited to the
wedding. ³ When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus
said to him, 'They have no wine.' ⁴ And Jesus said to her,
'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My
hour has not yet come.' ⁵ His mother said to the
servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' ⁶ Now standing
there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of
purification, each holding twenty or thirty
gallons. ⁷ Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.'
And they filled them up to the brim. ⁸ He said to them,
'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.'
So they took it. ⁹ When 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 ¹⁰ and 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.' ¹¹ Jesus 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 for
Second Sunday of Epiphany*

Gracious God, your Son Jesus began his ministry at a wedding celebration and through the miracle of the wine showed us the abundance of your wonderful love for us. May Jesus continue to transform the water of our everyday lives into the new wine of your kingdom on earth, transforming by his love the ordinary into the extra-ordinary.

Lord, in your mercy: hear our prayer

Holy God, we thank you for the ministry of marriage that we carry out here in the Benefice. May those so blessed grow old together in the knowledge that the best wine is saved till last and that Jesus is their companion on their journey through life together.

Lord, in your mercy: hear our prayer

Father God, we pray for our world and the problems faced by so many of your children. We pray for all who live under the threat of war and terrorism and the poverty which comes in its wake. Govern the hearts and minds of all world leaders and those in authority that they may act justly, honestly and according to your will.

Lord, in your mercy: hear our prayer

Father God, we pray for those we know who will be married during the coming year; be with them as they make their plans and give them patience and understanding when things are difficult. In their growing love for each other may they come to know you as the source of all love and help them to rejoice in their shared memories of joy and laughter, sadness and disappointment.

Lord, in your mercy: hear our prayer

Loving God, we pray for those who have rejected you because they are ill and blame you for their afflictions. Help them to see the reality of your desire of wholeness and health for them. Enable all who are sick to pray for help for themselves and to give thanks for those who care for them.

Lord, in your mercy: hear our prayer

Mighty God, through your son you have freed us from the grip of the tomb. We pray for those who have departed this life and ask you, through your loving kindness, to have mercy on their souls. We pray too for those bereaved by their passing.

Lord, in your mercy: hear our prayer

Faithful God, as we go out into the world we pray that we may reflect your love in our families, our church and our community; so that the world can witness that we are followers of Christ and draw others into his loving care.

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.

*Please pray for the family and friends of
Ann Smith, whose funeral will be held at
Helmdon on Wednesday 29th January at 2pm.*

From Helmdon: Barbara Buxton, Diane Thorpe.

From Lois Weedon & Weston: Joan Jacobs, Lis Cockrell, Caroline Hunt, Margaret Seckington and Mike Stretten (Cardiac Health)

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:

Ann Smith, John Thorne, Eileen Watson, 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.

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Dates for your Diary

JANUARY

Mon 20th - Finance Comm Mtg, 11am, Vine Cottage
- BPCC Mtg, 7pm, Wappenham V Hall

Save the Date!

Friday 30th May – Sunday 8th
June 2025

LET'S SHINE FESTIVAL

Events held across the Benefice,
with proceeds to Save the
Children 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 Morning** is held from 10am until 12 noon on the first Friday of each month, in Lois Weedon Village Hall.