

# FUTURE SERVICES

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## OCTOBER 2024

### Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October

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2.15pm Helmdon Helmdon School  
Harvest Festival

### Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> November

All Souls' Service at Helmdon, 4pm

### Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> November

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

### Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November – Remembrance Sunday

10am Helmdon Act of Remembrance  
10.55am Lois Weedon Act of Remembrance  
10.55am Syresham Act of Remembrance  
10.50am Wappenham Holy Communion &  
Act of Remembrance  
(with the Royal British  
Legion)  
10.50am Whitfield Act of Remembrance

## All Souls' Services

If you wish to have the name of a loved one read out at an All Souls' Service, please complete the form included with this issue and leave it in your church or contact your Churchwarden/  
Parish Representative.



# 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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### Last Sunday after Trinity

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Communion



## *Collects and Readings for Last Sunday after Trinity*

### *Collect:*

Blessed Lord,  
who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our  
learning:  
help us so to hear them,  
to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them  
that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy  
word,  
we may embrace and for ever hold fast  
the hope of everlasting life,  
which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### *Psalm: 126*

#### *Old Testament Reading: Jeremiah 31:7-9*

<sup>7</sup> For thus says the Lord:  
Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,  
and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;  
proclaim, give praise, and say,  
'Save, O Lord, your people,  
the remnant of Israel.'  
<sup>8</sup> See, I am going to bring them from the land of the  
north,  
and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth,  
among them the blind and the lame,  
those with child and those in labour, together;  
a great company, they shall return here.  
<sup>9</sup> With weeping they shall come,  
and with consolations I will lead them back,  
I will let them walk by brooks of water,  
in a straight path in which they shall not stumble;  
for I have become a father to Israel,  
and Ephraim is my firstborn.

#### *New Testament Reading: Hebrews 7. 23-end*

<sup>23</sup> Furthermore, the former priests were many in  
number, because they were prevented by death from  
continuing in office; <sup>24</sup> but he holds his priesthood  
permanently, because he continues for  
ever. <sup>25</sup> Consequently he is able for all time to  
save those who approach God through him, since he  
always lives to make intercession for them.  
<sup>26</sup> For it was fitting that we should have such a high  
priest, holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from  
sinners, and exalted above the heavens. <sup>27</sup> Unlike the  
other high priests, he has no need to offer sacrifices  
day after day, first for his own sins, and then for those  
of the people; this he did once for all when he offered  
himself. <sup>28</sup> For the law appoints as high priests those  
who are subject to weakness, but the word of the oath,  
which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has  
been made perfect for ever.

### *Gospel Reading: Mark 10. 46-end*

<sup>46</sup> They came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a  
large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of  
Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the  
roadside. <sup>47</sup> When he heard that it was Jesus of  
Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, 'Jesus, Son of  
David, have mercy on me!' <sup>48</sup> Many sternly ordered him  
to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, 'Son of  
David, have mercy on me!' <sup>49</sup> Jesus stood still and said,  
'Call him here.' And they called the blind man, saying to  
him, 'Take heart; get up, he is calling you.' <sup>50</sup> So  
throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to  
Jesus. <sup>51</sup> Then Jesus said to him, 'What do you want me  
to do for you?' The blind man said to him, 'My teacher,  
let me see again.' <sup>52</sup> Jesus said to him, 'Go; your faith has  
made you well.' Immediately he regained his sight and  
followed him on the way.

### *Post Communion Collect:*

God of all grace,  
your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry  
with the bread of his life  
and the word of his kingdom:  
renew your people with your heavenly grace,  
and in all our weakness  
sustain us by your true and living bread;  
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.



## Readings for Bible Sunday

**Psalm: 19:7-end**

**Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 55:1-11**

<sup>1</sup>Ho, everyone who thirsts,  
come to the waters;  
and you that have no money,  
come, buy and eat!  
Come, buy wine and milk  
without money and without price.  
<sup>2</sup>Why do you spend your money for that which is not  
bread,  
and your labour for that which does not satisfy?  
Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,  
and delight yourselves in rich food.  
<sup>3</sup>Incline your ear, and come to me;  
listen, so that you may live.  
I will make with you an everlasting covenant,  
my steadfast, sure love for David.  
<sup>4</sup>See, I made him a witness to the peoples,  
a leader and commander for the peoples.  
<sup>5</sup>See, you shall call nations that you do not know,  
and nations that do not know you shall run to you,  
because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel,  
for he has glorified you.  
<sup>6</sup>Seek the Lord while he may be found,  
call upon him while he is near;  
<sup>7</sup>let the wicked forsake their way,  
and the unrighteous their thoughts;  
let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on  
them,  
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.  
<sup>8</sup>For my thoughts are not your thoughts,  
nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord.  
<sup>9</sup>For as the heavens are higher than the earth,  
so are my ways higher than your ways  
and my thoughts than your thoughts.  
<sup>10</sup>For as the rain and the snow come down from  
heaven,  
and do not return there until they have watered the  
earth,  
making it bring forth and sprout,  
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,  
<sup>11</sup>so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;  
it shall not return to me empty,  
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,  
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

**New Testament Reading: 2 Timothy 3:14 - 4: 5**

<sup>14</sup>But as for you, continue in what you have learned  
and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned  
it, <sup>5</sup>and how from childhood you have known the  
sacred writings that are able to instruct you for  
salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. <sup>16</sup>All scripture  
is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for  
reproof, for correction, and for training in  
righteousness, <sup>17</sup>so that everyone who belongs to God  
may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

<sup>4</sup> <sup>1</sup>In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to  
judge the living and the dead, and in view of his  
appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge  
you: <sup>2</sup>proclaim the message; be persistent whether the  
time is favourable or unfavourable; convince, rebuke,  
and encourage, with the utmost patience in  
teaching. <sup>3</sup>For the time is coming when people will not  
put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears,  
they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit  
their own desires, <sup>4</sup>and will turn away from listening to  
the truth and wander away to myths. <sup>5</sup>As for you,  
always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an  
evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

**Gospel Reading: John 5: 36b - end**

<sup>36</sup>But I have a testimony greater than John's. The works  
that the Father has given me to complete, the very  
works that I am doing, testify on my behalf that the  
Father has sent me. <sup>37</sup>And the Father who sent me has  
himself testified on my behalf. You have never heard his  
voice or seen his form, <sup>38</sup>and you do not have his word  
abiding in you, because you do not believe him whom  
he has sent.  
<sup>39</sup>You search the scriptures because you think that in  
them you have eternal life; and it is they that testify on  
my behalf. <sup>40</sup>Yet you refuse to come to me to have  
life. <sup>41</sup>I do not accept glory from human beings. <sup>42</sup>But I  
know that you do not have the love of God in you. <sup>43</sup>I  
have come in my Father's name, and you do not accept  
me; if another comes in his own name, you will accept  
him. <sup>44</sup>How can you believe when you accept glory from  
one another and do not seek the glory that comes from  
the one who alone is God? <sup>45</sup>Do not think that I will  
accuse you before the Father; your accuser is Moses, on  
whom you have set your hope. <sup>46</sup>If you believed Moses,  
you would believe me, for he wrote about me. <sup>47</sup>But if  
you do not believe what he wrote, how will you believe  
what I say?'





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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**

### **NOVEMBER**

**Sat 16<sup>th</sup>** 'Crafts in the Church', Helmdon Church,  
10am - 4pm

**Mon 25<sup>th</sup>** BPCC Finance Comm Mtg, 11am at Vine  
Cottage

### **DECEMBER**

**Sat 7<sup>th</sup>** Helmdon Christmas Fair

**Fri 20<sup>th</sup>** Words & Music, Helmdon, 7pm

## **Save the Date!**

**Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> May - Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> 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

## **Crafts in the Church**

**A Craft Day will be held  
at Helmdon Church**

**on**

**Saturday 16th November  
from  
10am - 4pm**

**There will be a wide variety of art  
and crafts for sale and refreshments  
are available throughout the day.**

**Do come and join us!**