

# FUTURE SERVICES

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## AUGUST 2024

### Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> August – Tenth Sunday after Trinity

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

### Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> August

10am	Helmdon	Midweek Holy Communion
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### Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> August – Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

9am	Wappenham	Breakfast Church
9.30am	Lois Weedon	'Battle of Britain' Matins
10am	Radstone	Holy Communion & Patronal Festival of St Lawrence
11.15am	Syresham	Praise & Prayer

### Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> August – Twelfth 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	Patronal Praise & Prayer for the Festival of St Mary the Virgin

### Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> August – Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

9.30am	Lois Weedon	Morning Prayer
10am	Helmdon	Holy Communion
11.15am	Syresham	Morning Prayer
11.15am	Wappenham	Holy Communion
6pm	Plumpton	Compline

## 'TIME TO PRAY'

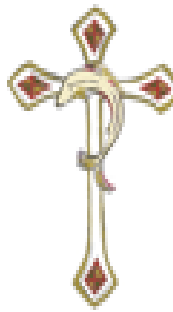
Every Thursday:

10 to 10.30am at Syresham Church

and

12 to 12.30pm at Helmdon Reading Room

**All 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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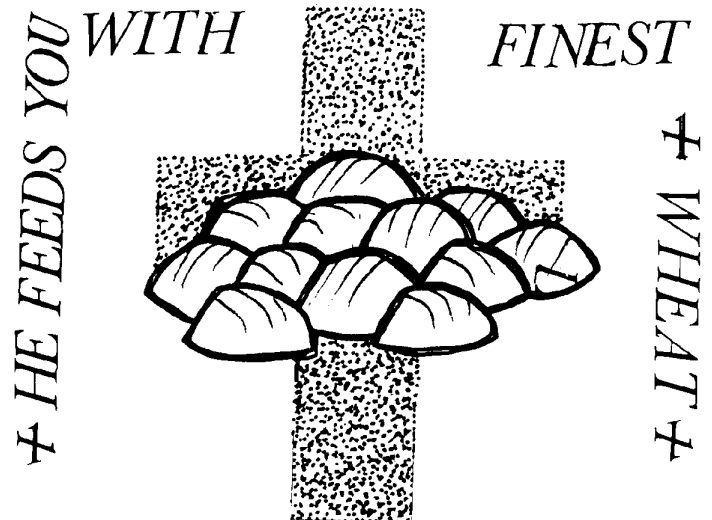
<https://www.facebook.com/astwellbenefice>

## Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> July 2024

### Ninth Sunday after Trinity

## Services in the Benefice:

9.30am	Lois Weedon	Matins
10am	Helmdon	Holy Communion & Patronal Festival of St Mary Magdalene
11.15am	Syresham	Patronal Praise & Prayer for the Festival of St James
11.15am	Wappenham	Holy Communion
6pm	Plumpton	Evensong



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

### ***Collect:***

Almighty God,  
who sent your Holy Spirit  
to be the life and light of your Church:  
open our hearts to the riches of your grace,  
that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit  
in love and joy and peace;  
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: 145. 10-19***

### ***Old Testament Reading: 2 Kings 4. 42 – end***

<sup>42</sup> A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing food from the first fruits to the man of God: twenty loaves of barley and fresh ears of grain in his sack. Elisha said, 'Give it to the people and let them eat.' <sup>43</sup> But his servant said, 'How can I set this before a hundred people?' So he repeated, 'Give it to the people and let them eat, for thus says the Lord, "They shall eat and have some left."' <sup>44</sup> He set it before them, they ate, and had some left, according to the word of the Lord.

### ***New Testament Reading: Ephesians 3. 14 – end***

<sup>14</sup> For this reason I bow my knees before the Father,  
<sup>15</sup> from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. <sup>16</sup> I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, <sup>17</sup> and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. <sup>18</sup> I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, <sup>19</sup> and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

<sup>20</sup> Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, <sup>21</sup> to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, for ever and ever. Amen.

### ***Gospel Reading: John 6:1-21***

<sup>1</sup> After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. <sup>2</sup> A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. <sup>3</sup> Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. <sup>4</sup> Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. <sup>5</sup> When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming towards him, Jesus said to Philip, 'Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?' <sup>6</sup> He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. <sup>7</sup> Philip answered him, 'Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.'

<sup>8</sup> One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, <sup>9</sup> 'There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?' <sup>10</sup> Jesus said, 'Make the people sit down.' Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. <sup>11</sup> Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. <sup>12</sup> When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, 'Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost.' <sup>13</sup> So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. <sup>14</sup> When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, 'This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world.'

<sup>15</sup> When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

<sup>16</sup> When evening came, his disciples went down to the lake, <sup>17</sup> got into a boat, and started across the lake to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. <sup>18</sup> The lake became rough because a strong wind was blowing. <sup>19</sup> When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the lake and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. <sup>20</sup> But he said to them, 'It is I; do not be afraid.' <sup>21</sup> Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land towards which they were going.

### ***Post Communion Collect:***

Holy Father,  
who gathered us here around the table of your Son to share this meal with the whole household of God: in that new world where you reveal the fullness of your peace, gather people of every race and language to share in the eternal banquet of Jesus Christ our Lord.



***Collects & Readings for the Patronal  
Festival of St Mary Magdalene  
at Helmdon***

***Collect:***

Almighty God,  
whose Son restored Mary Magdalene  
to health of mind and body  
and called her to be a witness to his resurrection:  
forgive our sins and heal us by your grace,  
that we may serve you in the power of his risen life;  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

***Old Testament Reading: Song of Solomon 3:1-4***

<sup>1</sup>Upon my bed at night  
I sought him whom my soul loves;  
I sought him, but found him not;  
I called him, but he gave no answer.  
<sup>2</sup> 'I will rise now and go about the city,  
in the streets and in the squares;  
I will seek him whom my soul loves.'  
I sought him, but found him not.  
<sup>3</sup> The sentinels found me,  
as they went about in the city.  
'Have you seen him whom my soul loves?'  
<sup>4</sup> Scarcely had I passed them,  
when I found him whom my soul loves.  
I held him, and would not let him go  
until I brought him into my mother's house,  
and into the chamber of her that conceived me.

***New Testament Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:14-17***

<sup>14</sup>For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. <sup>15</sup>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.  
<sup>16</sup> From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. <sup>17</sup>So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

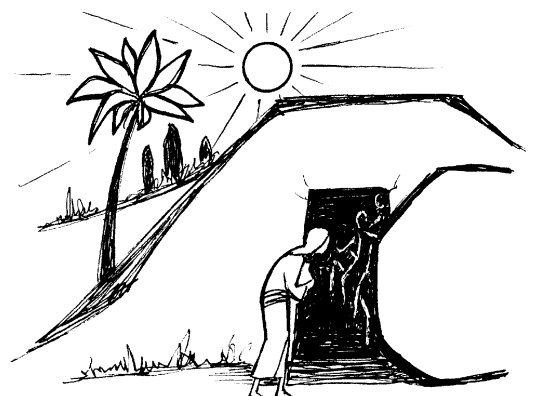
***Gospel Reading: John 20:1-2, 11-18***

<sup>1</sup>Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. <sup>2</sup>So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.'

<sup>11</sup> But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; <sup>12</sup>and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. <sup>13</sup>They said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?' She said to them, 'They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.' <sup>14</sup>When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. <sup>15</sup>Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?' Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.' <sup>16</sup>Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni!' (which means Teacher). <sup>17</sup>Jesus said to her, 'Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God." ' <sup>18</sup>Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord'; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

***Post Communion Collect:***

God of life and love,  
whose risen Son called Mary Magdalene by name  
and sent her to tell of his resurrection to his apostles:  
in your mercy, help us,  
who have been united with him in this eucharist,  
to proclaim the good news  
that he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.



***Collects and Readings for the Patronal  
Festival of St James at Syresham***

***Collect:***

Merciful God,  
whose holy apostle Saint James,  
leaving his father and all that he had,  
was obedient to the calling of your Son Jesus Christ  
and followed him even to death:  
help us, forsaking the false attractions of the world,  
to be ready at all times to answer your call without  
delay;  
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.

***New Testament Reading: Acts 11:27-12.2***

<sup>27</sup> At that time prophets came down from  
Jerusalem to Antioch. <sup>28</sup>One of them named  
Agabus stood up and predicted by the Spirit that  
there would be a severe famine over all the world;  
and this took place during the reign of  
Claudius. <sup>29</sup>The disciples determined that  
according to their ability, each would send relief  
to the believers living in Judea; <sup>30</sup>this they did,  
sending it to the elders by Barnabas and Saul.  
<sup>1</sup>About that time King Herod laid violent hands  
upon some who belonged to the church. <sup>2</sup>He had  
James, the brother of John, killed with the sword.

***New Testament Reading: 2 Corinthians 4:7-15***

<sup>7</sup> But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may  
be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs  
to God and does not come from us. <sup>8</sup>We  
are afflicted in every way, but not crushed;  
perplexed, but not driven to despair; <sup>9</sup>persecuted, but  
not forsaken; struck down, but not  
destroyed; <sup>10</sup>always carrying in the body the death of  
Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made  
visible in our bodies.

<sup>11</sup>For while we live, we are always being given up  
to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus  
may be made visible in our mortal flesh. <sup>12</sup>So  
death is at work in us, but life in you.  
<sup>13</sup> But just as we have the same spirit of faith that  
is in accordance with scripture—'I believed, and  
so I spoke'—we also believe, and so we  
speak, <sup>14</sup>because we know that the one who raised  
the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and  
will bring us with you into his presence. <sup>15</sup>Yes,  
everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it  
extends to more and more people, may increase  
thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

***Gospel Reading: Matthew 20:20-28***

<sup>20</sup> Then the mother of the sons of Zebedee came to  
him with her sons, and kneeling before him, she  
asked a favour of him. <sup>21</sup>And he said to her, 'What  
do you want?' She said to him, 'Declare that these  
two sons of mine will sit, one at your right hand  
and one at your left, in your kingdom.' <sup>22</sup>But Jesus  
answered, 'You do not know what you are asking.  
Are you able to drink the cup that I am about to  
drink?' They said to him, 'We are able.' <sup>23</sup>He said to  
them, 'You will indeed drink my cup, but to sit at  
my right hand and at my left, this is not mine to  
grant, but it is for those for whom it has been  
prepared by my Father.'

<sup>24</sup> When the ten heard it, they were angry with the  
two brothers. <sup>25</sup>But Jesus called them to him and  
said, 'You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord  
it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over  
them. <sup>26</sup>It will not be so among you; but whoever  
wishes to be great among you must be your  
servant, <sup>27</sup>and whoever wishes to be first among  
you must be your slave; <sup>28</sup>just as the Son of Man  
came not to be served but to serve, and to give his  
life a ransom for many.'

***Post Communion Collect:***

Lord God, the source of truth and love,  
keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and  
fellowship, united in prayer and the breaking of bread,  
and in one in joy and simplicity of heart,  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.





### ***Prayers for Ninth Sunday after Trinity***

Holy God, make us receptive and open as we lay our intercessions before you. May we accept Your kingdom like children taking bread from the hands of their Father or mother.

**Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer**

Creator God, we pray for your whole creation; for our brothers and sisters throughout the world and for their lives to be respected and revered regardless of creed or colour, gender or sexuality, wealth or status and for a responsible sharing of precious resources and the conservation of our fragile and beautiful world.

We pray for our King, Charles, and the new Government of the United Kingdom, and all world leaders and the responsibilities that they have in bringing these things about.

**Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer**

Loving God, bring healing to all who are wounded, make whole those who are broken, and shed light wherever there is darkness. Hear now those we name before you who have asked for or are in need of healing prayer.

**Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer**

Merciful God, we thank you for those who have travelled before us on the way of the cross and are now at peace in your eternal presence. Help us to live always mindful of your promise to us that the road of faith will lead into your heavenly kingdom.

**Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer**

Faithful God, fill our hunger with the food that lasts, the bread of God which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.

**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 Jean Spendlove, whose funeral will be held at 2pm on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> August at Helmdon Church***

***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:***

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 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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## 'TIME TO PRAY'

**A new weekly prayer meeting  
will be held on Thursdays  
from 12 to 12.30pm  
at Helmdon Reading Room,  
beginning on 25th July.**

**ALL WELCOME!**

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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### JULY

**Sat 27<sup>th</sup> Wappenham Dog Stroll & Show –  
POSTPONED UNTIL SEPTEMBER**

### AUGUST

**Sat 10<sup>th</sup> Curry Night – 7pm, Whitfield Village Hal  
Fri 16<sup>th</sup> Cheese and Wine Evening in Clyde Burbidge's  
garden at Home Close, Lois Weedon,  
at 6.00pm**

### SEPTEMBER

**Fri 20<sup>th</sup> Helmdon Horse Race Evening – details to  
Follow**

**PLEASE NOTE:  
WAPPENHAM DOG  
SHOW HAS BEEN  
POSTPONED UNTIL  
SEPTEMBER**

**Wappenham Dog Stroll & Show**  
**Saturday 27th July 2024**  
9am until 1pm by Village Hall

9am till 10.30 am - a short guided dog stroll with new doggie friends (and owners...)  
10.30 Tea / cakes / Hot Rolls from the Village hall  
11 am The big event.... The Big SHOW with the following classes:

- Dog With The Waggiest Tail
- Best Paw Shaker
- Best Child Handler
- Best Biscuit Catcher
- Musical Mats
- Sturdy Come Dog Dancing
- Doggy egg & Spoon Race
- Dog the Judges would most like to take home - 1 yr +

Some of last year's winners

**All proceeds to Friends of St. Mary's Church.**

Entry just £5 per dog & human please confirm entry by email to: [wappenhamfundraising@gmail.com](mailto:wappenhamfundraising@gmail.com)  
(please confirm dog & human names)  
Show entries 50p per class on the day  
Well behaved dogs (and owners) only please, all entries are at owners (and dogs) risk.

