

FORTHCOMING SERVICES

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JUNE 2022

Sunday 5th June – Platinum Jubilee of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

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| 9.30am | Whitfield | Holy Communion |
| 9.30am | Lois Weedon | Joint Service with Weston Chapel at the Church |
| 10am | Helmdon | Morning Worship |
| 11am | Syresham | Joint Service with the Chapel at the Church |
| 11.15am | Wappenham | Morning Worship |

Sunday 12th June – Trinity Sunday

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| 9am | Wappenham | Breakfast Church |
| 9.30am | Lois Weedon | Matins |
| 10am | Helmdon | Family Communion & Children's Church |
| 11am | Syresham | Morning Worship |

Sunday 19th June – First Sunday after Trinity

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| 9.30am | Lois Weedon | Holy Communion |
| 9.30am | Whitfield | Morning Worship |
| 10am | Helmdon | Prayer & Praise |
| 11am | Syresham | Holy Communion |
| 11am | Plumpton | Patronal Holy Communion |
| 11.15am | Wappenham | Prayer & Praise |

Saturday 25th June

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| 1.30pm | Wappenham | Wedding of Jethro Warren & Katie Barker |
| 3pm | Syresham | Messy Church TBC |

Sunday 26th June – Second Sunday after Trinity

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| 10am | Helmdon | Holy Communion |
| 11am | Syresham | Prayer & Praise |
| 11.15am | Wappenham | Holy Communion |
| 6pm | Lois Weedon | Benefice Evensong |

There will be 10.00am Midweek Holy Communion Services at Helmdon on 8th, 15th and 22nd June.

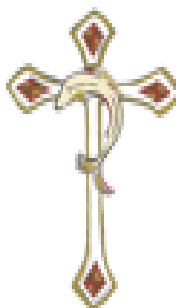


Online Benefice Prayer Meeting

Please join Revd Diane on Monday evenings at 6pm using the following Zoom link

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85894936136?pwd=YW5qS1Vo4MEw5Q1dvUG9WWTdabkNjdz09>

Meeting ID: 890 3407 6266 Passcode: 545720



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 29th May 2022

Pentecost

Services in the Benefice today

**Benefice Holy Communion for Pentecost,
with the Choir
10.30am at Radstone**

**Celebration Service
for the refurbished tower steps
with Archdeacon Richard Ormston
3pm at Wappenham**

**To access a pre-recorded service of worship
for today please use the links below:**

<https://youtu.be/FulA2hVFAHQ>

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



Collects and Readings for Pentecost

Collect:

God, who as at this time
taught the hearts of your faithful people
by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit:
grant us by the same Spirit
to have a right judgement in all things
and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort;
through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Psalm 104. 26-36, 37b

(Old Testament Reading: Genesis 11. 1-9)

New Testament Reading: Acts 2:1-21

¹When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

⁵ Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?' ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.' ¹²All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' ¹³But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.'

¹⁴ But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. ¹⁶No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷ "In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams.

¹⁸ Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.

¹⁹ And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below,

blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

²⁰ The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood,

before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

²¹ Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

New Testament Reading: Romans 8:14-17

¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, 'Abba! Father!' ¹⁶it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

Gospel Reading: John 14:8-17, 25-27

⁸ Philip said to him, 'Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.'⁹Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, "Show us the Father"? ¹⁰Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. ¹²Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

¹⁵ 'If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. ¹⁷This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

²⁵ 'I have said these things to you while I am still with you. ²⁶But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. ²⁷Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.

Post Communion Collect:

Faithful God,
who fulfilled the promises of Easter
by sending us your Holy Spirit
and opening to every race and nation
the way of life eternal:
open our lips by your Spirit,
that every tongue may tell of your glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

A Prayer for Pentecost

God who cannot be bound
Flow into our hearts and minds
Wear down our resistance to your love
And refresh us with the spirit of your compassion

Today, as we commit ourselves once more to your work
We ask you to show us how to hold the needs of your world
At the heart of our lives
And to celebrate your many gifts with joy.

May your power transform our lives
May your Spirit set us free
And may the blessing of God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit
Be with us all now and for ever
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 & friends of Joyce Beech, whose funeral will take place at 2pm on Tuesday 7th June at St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon.

From Helmdon: Philip Gulliver, Barbara Buxton, Diane Thorpe, Vanessa Vicars, John Thorne, Margaret Reardon, David Bowen-Jones and David Brookhouse.

From Lois Weedon & Weston: Joan Jacobs, Lis Cockrell, John Maleham, Elsie Hatton & family, Jean Parks and Jean Mackaness.

From Syresham: Derek Hollyoake

From Wappenham: Judy King and Claire Kennett.

For those known to us:

Pauline Collis, Christopher Carr, Evelyn Johnson, Penny Bonnymeade, Ollie Dotterill, Sam & Jackie Cowlshaw, Francis Potsoni, Lloyd Callaghan, Brian Estes & Chloë Fletcher.

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

Joyce Beech, Julia O'Brian, Jenni Liversidge, James Smillie, Marina Amundsen, Juliet Shepherd-Smith, Barry Saunders, Alan Watson, Elizabeth Harris, John Widdowson, Victor Brooks, Revd Douglas Hadfield, Michael Cadd, Peter Burns, John Busby, Peter Sims, Irene Holgate, Bob Wallace, Baby Anna, Andy Seckington, Win Wood, Liz Threlfall, Ernie Wheeler, Dennis Read, Gillian Clube, Barry Pocock, Doug Hatton, Jayden Shaler, Winnie Varney, Alex Paterson, Ann Widdowson, Christine Cason, Jack Hawkins, John Snow, Pat Johnson, David Sheppard, Steve Goodwin, Dorothy D'Alton (nee Abbot), Sally Gore, Marcus Durant, Greg Oles, Mike Durant, Stewart Gundle, Ian Kidd, Richard Tims, Jason Holt & Shirley Holt, Mark Kilby. Also, for Susan Clarke & family, Kathryn and Peter Oliver, & Geoff and Jo Abbey.

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



AN INVITATION TO A
Jubilee Garden Party
SATURDAY 4TH JUNE 2022
2PM 'TIL 5PM

With access to the magnificent gardens
of Lois Weedon House by kind permission
of Lady Greenaway in aid of the
Astwell Benefice group of Churches

🚩 TICKETS ON THE DAY £5 PER ADULT 🚩
🚩 UNDER 18'S FREE 🚩 FREE CAR PARKING 🚩
🚩 TENNIS TOURNAMENT 🚩 GRAND DRAW 🚩
🚩 AFTERNOON TEAS & CAKES 🚩
🚩 CRAFT AND PRODUCE STALLS 🚩 RAFFLE PRIZES 🚩
🚩 ICE CREAM 🚩 MUSIC BY LOCAL ARTISTS 🚩
🚩 ACTIVITIES AND ENTERTAINMENT FOR ALL 🚩

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Dates for Your Diary

May

Mon 30th Soc & F/raising Mtg at Lois Weedon House, 2pm

June

Sat 4th Jubilee Garden Party Benefice Fundraiser, 2 – 5pm, Lois Weedon House

Mon 13th BPCC Finance Committee Meeting, 11am, Vine Cottage, Syresham
Helmdon Church Council Meeting

Wed 23rd MU Musical Evening, 7pm, Helmdon Church

July

Sat 9th Barn Dance Benefice Fundraiser, Manor Farm, Wappenham

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.
- **Parents & Tots** is held in Helmdon Reading Room on Thursdays, 10am-12 noon, during term time.
- **Mothers' Union** meetings are held in Helmdon Church following the Wednesday 10am Communion Service.
- **St Mary's, Wappenham Coffee Morning**, is held on the first Wednesday of the month, 10 am-12 noon, in the Village Hall.

2022 GRAND DRAW

Raffle tickets for the 2022 Grand Draw
are now available from all
Churchwardens



Congratulations to:

Adam Dix & Joanne Eagle
who were married
at St Mary Magdalene, Helmdon
on Saturday 21st May 2022