

# FUTURE SERVICES

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**OCTOBER 2024**

**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October**

10am Helmdon Midweek Holy Communion

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October – Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity**

9.30am Whitfield Holy Communion

10am Helmdon Morning Prayer

11am Plumpton Harvest Festival Matins

11.15am Syresham Holy Communion

11.15am Wappenham Praise & Prayer (NB: change of service)

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October – Twentieth 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

1pm Lois Weedon Baptism

5.30pm Whitfield Harvest Festival, followed by Supper in Village Hall

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October – Twenty-first Sunday after Trinity**

9.30am Lois Weedon Holy Communion

10am Helmdon Praise & Prayer – **Pets Service**

11.15am Syresham Holy Communion

11.15am Wappenham Morning Prayer (NB: change of service)

3pm Helmdon Evensong with the Choir, including a celebration for 'Blankets to Ukraine'

**NEW!**

**How to Pray  
at Helmdon Reading Room**

Mon 30<sup>th</sup> September, 11:00-12:00 (Main Hall)

Mon 7<sup>th</sup> October, 11:00-12:00 (Main Hall)

Mon 14<sup>th</sup> October, 11:00-12:00 (Main Hall)

Mon 21<sup>st</sup> October, 11:00-12:00 (Main Hall)

*There will also be sessions at Syresham on the evenings of Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> October. Time to be announced soon!*



# 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 29<sup>th</sup> September 2024**

***Festival of  
Michael & All Angels***

***Services in the Benefice:***

**10am**

***Benefice Holy Communion***

**at**

**Radstone**



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**3pm**

***Patronal Celebration for  
St John the Evangelist,  
followed by tea***

**at**

**Whitfield**

## *Collects and Readings for Michael and All Angels*

### *Collect:*

Everlasting God,  
you have ordained and constituted the ministries of  
angels and mortals in a wonderful order:  
grant that as your holy angels always serve you in  
heaven,  
so, at your command,  
they may help and defend us on earth;  
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: 103. 19 - end*

### *Old Testament Reading: Revelation 12. 7-12*

<sup>7</sup> Then war broke out in heaven. Michael and his angels  
fought against the dragon, and the dragon and his  
angels fought back. <sup>8</sup> But he was not strong enough,  
and they lost their place in heaven. <sup>9</sup> The great dragon  
was hurled down—that ancient serpent called the  
devil, or Satan, who leads the whole world astray. He  
was hurled to the earth, and his angels with him.

<sup>10</sup> Then I heard a loud voice in heaven say:

“Now have come the salvation and the power  
and the kingdom of our God,  
and the authority of his Messiah.

For the accuser of our brothers and sisters,  
who accuses them before our God day and night,  
has been hurled down.

<sup>11</sup> They triumphed over him  
by the blood of the Lamb  
and by the word of their testimony;  
they did not love their lives so much  
as to shrink from death.

<sup>12</sup> Therefore rejoice, you heavens  
and you who dwell in them!

But woe to the earth and the sea,  
because the devil has gone down to you!  
He is filled with fury,  
because he knows that his time is short.”

### *New Testament Reading: Hebrews 1. 5-end*

<sup>5</sup> For to which of the angels did God ever say,  
‘You are my Son;  
today I have begotten you’?

Or again,  
‘I will be his Father,  
and he will be my Son’?

<sup>6</sup> And again, when he brings the firstborn into the  
world, he says,

‘Let all God’s angels worship him.’

<sup>7</sup> Of the angels he says,  
‘He makes his angels winds,  
and his servants flames of fire.’

<sup>8</sup> But of the Son he says,  
‘Your throne, O God, is for ever and ever,  
and the righteous sceptre is the sceptre of  
your kingdom.

<sup>9</sup> You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness;  
therefore God, your God, has anointed you  
with the oil of gladness beyond your companions.’

<sup>10</sup> And,

‘In the beginning, Lord, you founded the earth,  
and the heavens are the work of your hands;

<sup>11</sup> they will perish, but you remain;

they will all wear out like clothing;

<sup>12</sup> like a cloak you will roll them up,

and like clothing they will be changed.

But you are the same,

and your years will never end.’

<sup>13</sup> But to which of the angels has he ever said,

‘Sit at my right hand

until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet’?

<sup>14</sup> Are not all angels spirits in the divine service, sent  
to serve for the sake of those who are to inherit  
salvation?

### *Gospel Reading: John 1. 47 - end*

<sup>47</sup> When Jesus saw Nathanael coming towards him, he  
said of him, ‘Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is  
no deceit!’ <sup>48</sup> Nathanael asked him, ‘Where did you come  
to know me?’ Jesus answered, ‘I saw you under the fig  
tree before Philip called you.’ <sup>49</sup> Nathanael replied,  
‘Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of  
Israel!’ <sup>50</sup> Jesus answered, ‘Do you believe because I told  
you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see  
greater things than these.’ <sup>51</sup> And he said to him, ‘Very  
truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the  
angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son  
of Man.’

### *Post Communion Collect:*

Lord of heaven,  
in this eucharist you have brought us near  
to an innumerable company of angels  
and to the spirits of the saints made perfect:  
as in this food of our earthly pilgrimage  
we have shared their fellowship,  
so may we come to share their joy in heaven;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## ***Collect and Readings for the Patronal Festival for St John the Evangelist***

### ***Collect:***

Merciful Lord,  
cast your bright beams of light upon the Church:  
that, being enlightened by the teaching of your  
blessed apostle and evangelist Saint John,  
we may so walk in the light of your truth  
that we may at last attain to the light of everlasting  
life; through Jesus Christ your incarnate Son our  
Lord, who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### ***Old Testament Reading: Exodus 33:7-11***

<sup>7</sup> Now Moses used to take the tent and pitch it outside the camp, far off from the camp; he called it the tent of meeting. And everyone who sought the Lord would go out to the tent of meeting, which was outside the camp. <sup>8</sup> Whenever Moses went out to the tent, all the people would rise and stand, each of them, at the entrance of their tents and watch Moses until he had gone into the tent. <sup>9</sup> When Moses entered the tent, the pillar of cloud would descend and stand at the entrance of the tent, and the Lord would speak with Moses. <sup>10</sup> When all the people saw the pillar of cloud standing at the entrance of the tent, all the people would rise and bow down, all of them, at the entrance of their tents. <sup>11</sup> Thus the Lord used to speak to Moses face to face, as one speaks to a friend. Then he would return to the camp; but his young assistant, Joshua son of Nun, would not leave the tent.

### ***New Testament Reading: 1 John 1. 1-10***

<sup>1</sup> We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— <sup>2</sup> this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us— <sup>3</sup> we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup> We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

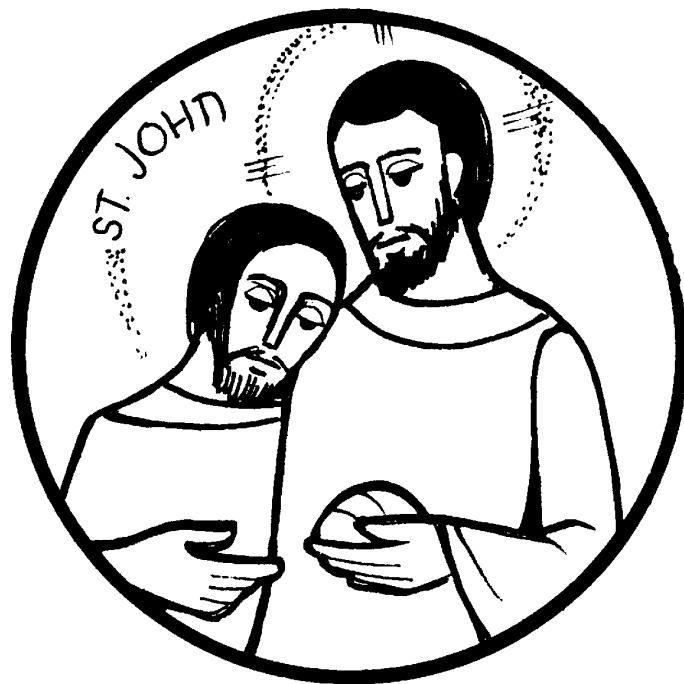
<sup>5</sup> This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. <sup>6</sup> If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; <sup>7</sup> but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. <sup>8</sup> If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. <sup>9</sup> If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. <sup>10</sup> If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

## ***Gospel Reading: John 21:19-25***

<sup>19</sup> After this he said to him, 'Follow me.'

<sup>20</sup> Peter turned and saw the disciple whom Jesus loved following them; he was the one who had reclined next to Jesus at the supper and had said, 'Lord, who is it that is going to betray you?' <sup>21</sup> When Peter saw him, he said to Jesus, 'Lord, what about him?' <sup>22</sup> Jesus said to him, 'If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to you? Follow me!' <sup>23</sup> So the rumour spread in the community that this disciple would not die. Yet Jesus did not say to him that he would not die, but, 'If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to you?'

<sup>24</sup> This is the disciple who is testifying to these things and has written them, and we know that his testimony is true. <sup>25</sup> But there are also many other things that Jesus did; if every one of them were written down, I suppose that the world itself could not contain the books that would be written.



### *Prayers for Michael & All Angels*

In the power of the Spirit, and in union with Christ, let us pray to the Father.

Father in heaven, by his blood your Christ has ransomed us to you, and has made us a kingdom and priests to you our God. As the angels minister to you in heaven, strengthen your Church to serve you here on earth.

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

Father in heaven, when the angels greeted the birth of your Son they sang for joy 'Glory to God and peace on earth'. Bless with Christ's peace the nations of the world.

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

Father in heaven, your Son has promised to your children the care of the guardian angels who look upon your face. Protect by your mercy our neighbours, families and friends.

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

Father in heaven, you give your angels charge over those who trust in you to guard them in all their ways. Be with those in trouble..., rescue them and show them your salvation.

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

Father in heaven, your angel declares 'Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord.' 'Blessed indeed,' says the Spirit, 'for they may rest from their labours, for they take with them the record of their deeds.' Enfold in your love all who come in faith to your judgement seat in heaven.

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

Father in heaven, the angels sing by day and night around your throne: 'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God almighty.' With Michael, prince of the angels, who contends by our side, with Gabriel, your herald, who brings glad tidings, with Raphael, the protector, who ministers your healing, and with the whole company of heaven, we worship you, we give you glory, we sing your praise and exalt you for ever.

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 & 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:***

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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## '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

### SEPTEMBER

**The Friends of St John the Evangelist 'Safari Supper' – POSTPONED – PLEASE WATCH THIS SPACE!!**

**Mon 30<sup>th</sup> Benefice Worship Committee Meeting, 7pm, Wappenham Village Hall**

### OCTOBER

**Fri 4<sup>th</sup> Visiting bell ringers at Helmdon, 5pm**

**Mon 7<sup>th</sup> Benefice PCC Meeting, 7pm, Wappenham Village Hall**

**Sun 13<sup>th</sup> Whitfield Harvest Festival Service, 5.30pm, followed by supper in the Village Hall.**

### NOVEMBER

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

## Save the Date!

**Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> May – Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> June  
2025**

**ASTWELL FESTIVAL**  
**with events held across the**  
**Benefice**

**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