

# FUTURE SERVICES

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## JULY 2024

### Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> July – Seventh 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

### Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> July – Eighth 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	Praise & Prayer

### Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> July – Ninth Sunday after Trinity

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

## 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



# 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 7<sup>th</sup> July 2024

### Sixth Sunday after Trinity

### Services in the Benefice:

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



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

### *Collect:*

Merciful God,  
you have prepared for those who love you  
such good things as pass our understanding:  
pour into our hearts such love toward you  
that we, loving you in all things and above all things,  
may obtain your promises,  
which exceed all that we can desire;  
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 123*

#### *Old Testament Reading: Ezekiel 2:1-5*

<sup>1</sup> He said to me: O mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you. <sup>2</sup> And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet; and I heard him speaking to me. <sup>3</sup> He said to me, Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have transgressed against me to this very day. <sup>4</sup> The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, 'Thus says the Lord God.' <sup>5</sup> Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them.

#### *New Testament Reading: 2 Corinthians 12:2-10*

<sup>2</sup> I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. <sup>3</sup> And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows— <sup>4</sup> was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. <sup>5</sup> On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. <sup>6</sup> But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, <sup>7</sup> even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given to me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. <sup>8</sup> Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, <sup>9</sup> but he said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.' So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. <sup>10</sup> Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

### *Gospel Reading: Mark 6:1-13*

<sup>1</sup> He left that place and came to his home town, and his disciples followed him. <sup>2</sup> On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, 'Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! <sup>3</sup> Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?' And they took offence at him. <sup>4</sup> Then Jesus said to them, 'Prophets are not without honour, except in their home town, and among their own kin, and in their own house.' <sup>5</sup> And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. <sup>6</sup> And he was amazed at their unbelief. Then he went about among the villages teaching. <sup>7</sup> He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. <sup>8</sup> He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; <sup>9</sup> but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. <sup>10</sup> He said to them, 'Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. <sup>11</sup> If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.' <sup>12</sup> So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. <sup>13</sup> They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

### *Post Communion Collect:*

God of our pilgrimage,  
you have led us to the living water:  
refresh and sustain us  
as we go forward on our journey,  
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.



### *Prayers for Sixth Sunday after Trinity*

Everlasting God, and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, hear our prayers which we offer in his name and by the power of your Holy Spirit working among us that we might tell "Speak the Truth" and live the Gospel of Salvation as a living example for all mankind.

Creator God, we pray for the leaders of the world carrying responsibilities for the lives of their people. We pray for all victims of recent terrorism and for a new determination to end the spiral of violence which brings with it so much fear, heartache and suffering.

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

Gracious God, we pray for the people of our Benefice, and especially for those who feel excluded, exploited or ignored. Help us, your people, to work together to build a community which is as open and generous as your love, shown to us in the gift of your Son Jesus Christ.

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

Loving God, we pray for healing in body, mind and spirit for all who are in need. We pray that in lives darkened by any kind of pain, distress or grief the light of Christ will bring comfort, hope and a sense of your all-encompassing love.

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

Lord, your love reaches beyond the grave. At the end of our days on earth be with us and with those we love and with those whom we love and have gone before us. We pray now for those who have recently died and those bereaved by their passing

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

And so Heavenly Father, we thank you for the opportunity of being together in prayer. As we look forward to the week to come, we pray for an awareness of your love and support in all we do.

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, Margaret Reardon, Eileen Watson & Jean Spendlove.

**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:**

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:**

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.**

### **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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## **Wedding Congratulations!**

**Congratulations**

**to**

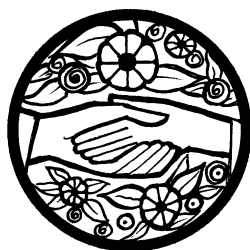
**Olivia Marston and Oliver Bickerdike  
who were married**

**on**

**Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2024**

**at**

**St James Church, Syresham**



## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

### **JULY**

**Mon 15<sup>th</sup> Pastoral Care Comm Mtg, 10:30am, at  
24 Wappenham Road, Helmdon.**

**Sat 20<sup>th</sup> Breakfast in Whitfield Churchyard  
10am – 12 Noon (in the village hall if wet)**

### **AUGUST**

**Sat 10<sup>th</sup> Curry Night – 7pm, Whitfield Village Hall**

### **SEPTEMBER**

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

