

FORTHCOMING SERVICES

Sunday 1st August – 9th Sunday after Trinity

NO ONLINE SERVICE (Revd Diane on holiday)

9.30am	Lois Weedon	Lay Led/Private Prayer
10am	Helmdon	Morning Worship
10.30am	Syresham	Benefice Communion (Revd J Roberts)
10-12pm	Whitfield	Private Prayer
11.15am	Wappenham	Morning Worship

Sunday 8th August – The Transfiguration of Our Lord

8.30am	Online	Morning Prayer
9.30am	Lois Weedon	Matins
10am	Helmdon	Holy Communion
10-12	Whitfield	Private Prayer
11.15am	Wappenham	Morning Worship (or Breakfast Church TBC)
2pm	Helmdon	Baptism
6pm	Syresham	Joint Service with Chapel (at the Chapel)

Sunday 15th August – 11th Sunday after Trinity

8.30am	Online	Morning Prayer
9.30am	Lois Weedon	Holy Communion
9.30am	Whitfield	Morning Worship
10am	Helmdon	Prayer & Praise
11am	Syresham	Morning Worship
11.15am	Wappenham	Prayer & Praise

Sunday 22nd August – 12th Sunday after Trinity

8.30am	Online	Morning Prayer
10.30am	Wappenham	Benefice Communion for the Patronal Festival of St Mary the Virgin
6pm	Lois Weedon	Benefice Evensong



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=d=YW5qSWo4MEw5Q1dvUG9WWTdabkNjdz09>

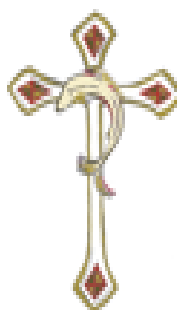
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PEWS NEWS

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 25th July 2021 Eighth Sunday after Trinity

Today's Services:

NO ONLINE SERVICE	(Revd Diane on holiday)	
10.30am	Syresham	Benefice Communion & Patronal Festival of St James (Revd J Roberts)
6.00 pm	Lois Weedon	Benefice Evensong

To access the online service, please use this Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85894936136?pwd=YW5qSWo4MEw5Q1dvUG9WWTdabkNjdz09>

Meeting ID: 858 9493 6136

Passcode: 011195

Services will be available on Facebook approximately one hour after 'live-stream' on Zoom.

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NOTICES:

Please note that Revd Diane's day off is Friday - please contact your churchwarden or Sarah Rudkin in her absence.

- Revd Diane is on holiday from Monday 19th July until Saturday 7th August. Please contact your churchwarden or Sarah Rudkin in her absence.
- Midweek Holy Communion Services will be held at Helmdon at 10am on Wednesday 21st July and 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th August. There will be a Morning Worship Service on Wednesday 28th July.
- St James the Great, Syresham is now open.

The Collects and Readings for the Festival of St James

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.

Old Testament Reading: Jeremiah 45:1-5

45The word that the prophet Jeremiah spoke to Baruch son of Neriah, when he wrote these words in a scroll at the dictation of Jeremiah, in the fourth year of King Jehoiakim son of Josiah of Judah: ²Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, to you, O Baruch: ³You said, 'Woe is me! The Lord has added sorrow to my pain; I am weary with my groaning, and I find no rest.' ⁴Thus you shall say to him, 'Thus says the Lord: I am going to break down what I have built, and pluck up what I have planted—that is, the whole land. ⁵And you, do you seek great things for yourself? Do not seek them; for I am going to bring disaster upon all flesh, says the Lord; but I will give you your life as a prize of war in every place to which you may go.'

New Testament Readings: Acts 11:27-12.2

²⁷ At that time prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. ²⁸One 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. ²⁹The disciples determined that according to their ability, each would send relief to the believers living in Judea; ³⁰this they did, sending it to the elders by Barnabas and Saul.

¹About that time King Herod laid violent hands upon some who belonged to the church. ²He had James, the brother of John, killed with the sword.

2 Corinthians 4:7-15

⁷ 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. ⁸We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; ⁹persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed;¹⁰always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies. ¹¹For 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. ¹²So death is at work in us, but life in you.

¹³ 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,¹⁴because 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. ¹⁵Yes, 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

²⁰ Then the mother of the sons of Zebedee came to him with her sons, and kneeling before him, she asked a favour of him. ²¹And 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.' ²²But 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.' ²³He 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.'

²⁴ When the ten heard it, they were angry with the two brothers. ²⁵But 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.²⁶It will not be so among you; but whoever wishes to be great among you must be your servant, ²⁷and whoever wishes to be first among you must be your slave; ²⁸just 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 by Hannah Fowles

Almighty God, we ask you to hear us as we pray for the church, the world, those around us and those in need.

Father God, we pray for the Christian church throughout the world, for all who live holy and dedicated lives. We give thanks for the life and witness of John the Baptist. We pray for all who have been imprisoned for their faith, for all who at this time are facing persecution or danger, for all who stand firmly for freedom and justice. Give them strength and hope to carry on, as they pursue peace in this troubled world.

Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

Sovereign Lord, we pray for all in authority in this country, making important decisions on our behalf. Especially as we come out of lockdown and freedom beckons, may they serve us with wisdom and integrity, for the good of all. Many people are busily rebuilding working lives and venturing out socially. We ask your help to keep us all safe and to remember there are those whose immune systems are compromised. We ask for your help to guide people to behave sensibly and protect the vulnerable and not to act selfishly. Many people live in parts of the world where poverty and corruption are preventing access to vaccines. We ask for your help and guidance to world leaders so that vaccines and medical help reach everyone. May your ways of justice and peace protect all the oppressed.

Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**



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 illness and all those who need our prayers for any reason during this difficult time:

From Helmdon: Joyce Beech, Philip Gulliver, Emma, Jon, Ellouise, Lilly & James, Barbara Buxton, Diane Thorpe, Vanessa Vicars, John Thorne, Alison & Cara, Margaret Reardon, David Bowen-Jones, and Claire & family.

From Lois Weedon & Weston: Joan Jacobs, Lis Cockrell, Jeremy "Jez" Wilcox, Jenni Liversidge, John Maleham, Elsie Hatton & family, and John Busby.

From Syresham: Derek Hollyoake, Peter Sims, John Widdowson & Collette Andrewartha.

From Wappenham: Judy King and Claire Kennett.

For those known to us:

Pauline Collis, Christopher Carr, Evelyn Johnson, Jonnie D'Arcy, James Smillie, Peter Sheen, Penny Bonnymeade, Barbara Whitlock, Ollie Dotterill, Marina & Froede Amundsen, Cara Wilson, Chloë Fletcher, Sam & Jackie Cowlshaw.

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

Baby Anna, Andy Seckington, Win Wood, Liz Threlfall, Ernie Wheeler, Dennis Read, Gillian Clube, Barry Pocock, Doris Street, Stan Howell, 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, Teresa Fleetwood, James Gadd, Ron Pratt, Margaret Hinton, Judith Allen, Marcus Durant, Tom Samways, Greg Oles, Mike Durant, Stewart Gundle, Ian Kidd, Richard Tims, Peter Payne, Ivan Hathaway, Robin Oliver, Sue Corbishley, Jason Holt & Shirley Holt, Dennis Hackett, Dick Wilson, Mark Kilby, Keith Hawkins. Also, for the Bearman family, 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.

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2021 Diary Dates

All events are subject to the prevailing Covid-19 restrictions

July

Wed 28th MU Open Meeting – Elizabeth Taylor from USPG will talk about her work in Kenya and Tanzania, 7pm, Helmdon Church

Sat 31st Wappenham Dog Stroll & Show 9am – 1pm, Wappenham Village Hall

August

Sun 8th Baptism of Kit Williams, Helmdon, 2pm

Sat 14th Wedding of Constance Watson & Charles Mawle, 2pm, Helmdon

Sat 21st Astwell Benefice Barn Dance, Manor Farm, Wappenham, 7pm.

Mon 23rd BPCC Worship Comm Mtg, 7pm, at Rectory TBC

September

Wed 1st Churchwardens Mtg, 7pm, Wappenham V Hall

Sun 5th Induction of Revd Diane Whittaker, 11am, Benefice Service at Syresham

Mon 6th Open Meeting for Final Vote on United Benefice, 7pm, Syresham Sports & Social Club

Sat 11th Wappenham Village Fete

Sun 12th Baptism of George Cooper, Whitfield
Baptisms at Lois Weedon

Mon 13th BPCC Meeting, 7.15pm, Wappenham V Hall

Regular Events:

- Mums & Tots at Helmdon Church - Thursdays 10am – 12pm during term time

Please send details of Benefice committee meetings, fetes, fund-raising events and all regular gatherings to rectorastwellbenefice@aol.co.uk



Scan this QR code to link to the 'Giving Page' of the Benefice website. All donations go directly to supporting mission and ministry in the Benefice

FOOD BANK VOUCHERS

Revd Diane can provide vouchers for Brackley and Towcester Food Banks for anyone in need in Helmdon, Lois Weedon & Weston, Radstone, Syresham, Wappenham, Whitfield and the surrounding area.

Please contact her for details

PRE-BOOK YOUR TICKETS FOR

ASTWELL BARN DANCE

7.00PM SATURDAY 21ST AUGUST

MANOR FARM, WAPPENHAM, NN128PH

BBQ & LICENSED BAR

LIVE MUSIC BY BANANABAND

TICKETS £20 INCLUDES FOOD

TO PRE-BOOK YOUR TICKETS AND FOR FURTHER INFORMATION
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