

FUTURE SERVICES

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HOLY WEEK, EASTER & APRIL 2026

Maundy Thursday 2nd April

6.30pm Helmdon Passover Meal & Holy Communion

Good Friday 3rd April

9.30am Lois Weedon Meditation
10.30am Syresham Hot X Buns & Procession from Church to Chapel, followed by Service
11.15am Wappenham Meditation
2.30pm Helmdon Procession from War Memorial
3.00pm Helmdon Good Friday Liturgy in Church

Easter Saturday 4th April

9.00pm Plumpton Easter Vigil & First Communion of Easter

Wednesday 8th April

10am Helmdon Midweek Holy Communion

(pls note that this replaces the service usually held on first Wed of the month)

Sunday 12th April – Second Sunday of Easter

9.00am Wappenham Breakfast Church
9.30am Lois Weedon Morning Prayer
10.30am Helmdon Holy Communion
11.15am Syresham Morning Prayer
2.00pm Lois Weedon Baptism

Sunday 19th April – Third Sunday of Easter

9.30am Lois Weedon Holy Communion
10.30am Helmdon Praise & Prayer
11.15am Syresham Holy Communion
11.15am Wappenham Praise & Prayer

Sunday 26th April – Fourth Sunday of Easter

9.30am Lois Weedon Matins
9.30am Whitfield Holy Communion
10.30am Helmdon Morning Prayer
11.15am Syresham Praise & 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, St John the Evangelist Whitfield, St Mary & St Peter Lois Weedon with Weston & Plumpton, and St Mary the Virgin Wappenham.

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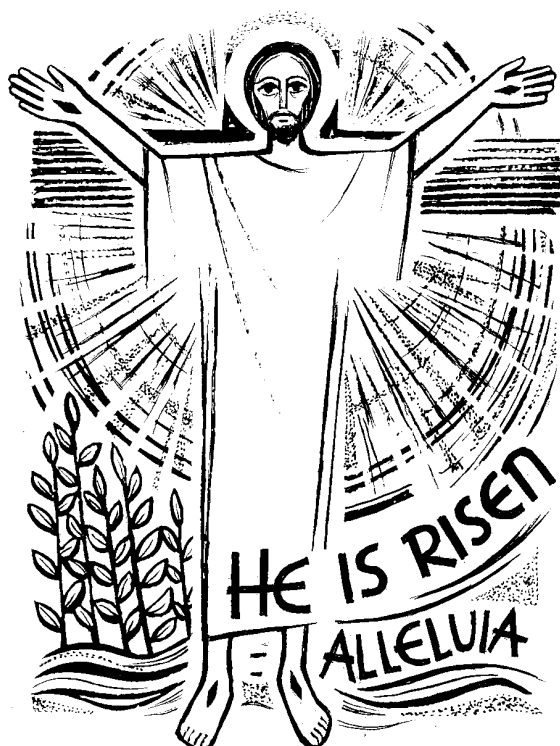
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Sunday 5th April 2026

Easter Sunday

Services in the Benefice:

6.15am Radstone Dawn Fire
9.00am Whitfield Holy Communion
9.30am Lois Weedon Holy Communion
10.15am Helmdon Holy Communion & Baptism
11.15am Syresham Holy Communion
11.30am Wappenham Holy Communion



Benefice Bulletin – 5th April 2026 Easter Sunday

Words from the Exsultet, a proclamation perhaps dating back to the 5th century traditionally sung at the Easter Vigil service on Easter Eve:

Rejoice, heavenly powers! Sing, choirs of angels!
O Universe, dance around God's throne!
Jesus Christ, our King, is risen!
Sound the victorious trumpet of salvation!
Rejoice, O earth, in glory, revealing the splendour of your creation,
radiant in the brightness of your triumphant King!
Christ has conquered! Now his life and glory fill you!
Darkness vanishes for ever!
Rejoice, O Mother Church! Exult in glory!
The risen Saviour, our Lord of life, shines upon you!
Let all God's people sing and shout for joy.

It is right and good that with hearts and minds and voices
we should praise you, Father almighty, the unseen God,
through your only Son, Jesus Christ our Lord,
who has saved us by his death,
paid the price of Adam's sin,
and reconciled us once again to you.
For this is the Passover feast,
when Christ, the true Lamb of God, is slain,
whose blood consecrates the homes of all the faithful.
This is the night when you first saved our ancestors,
freeing Israel from her slavery
and leading her safely through the sea.
This is the night when Jesus Christ vanquished hell,
broke the chains of death
and rose triumphant from the grave.
This is the night when all who believe in him are freed
from sin,
restored to grace and holiness,
and share the victory of Christ.
This is the night that gave us back what we had lost;
beyond our deepest dreams
you made even our sin a happy fault.
Most blessed of all nights
Evil and hatred are put to flight and sin is washed away,
lost innocence regained, and mourning turned to joy.
Night truly blessed, when hatred is cast out,
peace and justice find a home, and heaven is joined to earth
and all creation reconciled to you.
Therefore, heavenly Father, in this our Easter joy
accept our sacrifice of praise, your Church's solemn offering,
this wax, the work of bees and the hands of your ministers.
As we gaze upon the splendour of this flame
fed by melting wax conceived by mother bee,
grant that this Easter Candle may make our darkness light.
For Christ the morning star has risen in glory;
Christ is risen from the dead and his flame of love still
burns within us!
Christ sheds his peaceful light on all the world!
Christ lives and reigns for ever and ever! Amen.

With Blessings
Hugh



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Mary the Virgin Wickenham

Farming Matters!

Our special Rogation Sunday Service with a Blessing of the Plough will be held on Sunday May 10th at 11 am at College Farm Buildings, Helmdon, NN13 5QB (collection for RABI)

Followed by Roast Pork - Tickets £15, £8 primary age children pre-school children free.

We are so very pleased to be able to invite you again to our annual service of dedication and blessing for all those involved in Agriculture, Farming, Animal Husbandry, Equestrian Pursuits, as well as for all those who simply have a deep love of the countryside.

This year, with grateful thanks to the hospitality of John and Jill Watson, our Service which, as always, includes the ancient rite of The Blessing of the Ploughs takes place at College Farm Buildings, Helmdon, NN13 5QB. Our speaker is from the agricultural charity RABI.

As always, if you know of other farming colleagues and friends who would like to come along, please do invite them, everyone is welcome!

After the service we are having Roast PORK for those who would like to stay on and join us for a celebratory lunch. So we have an idea of numbers for our catering — when you know how many you are bringing along, could you please fill in the attached form by May 1st and return it to the address below.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Reverend Hugh White, Rector of Astwell Benefice and Rev Celia Parker our Agricultural Chaplain
On behalf of The Astwell Benefice Rogation Committee
Penny Bonner, Claire Bonner, Jenny Paterson, Jane Raven, Claire Turnham and Liz Humphrey

Rogation Lunch Booking

Name _____

Number for lunch _____ Adults £15 per head _____ Primary School Children £8 per head

_____ Pre - School children free

_____ Vegetarian, gluten free or both

Telephone Number _____

E-mail address _____

It would help us greatly if we could have your lunch money in advance, although we will accept payment on the day, cash only please as no signal for the card reader.

BACS payments to Astwell Group of Parishes or The Astwell Benefice, sort code 09-01-55, account number 50206183, please use the reference Rogation + your surname. Please make cheques payable to Astwell Benefice.

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