

Weekly update for Sunday 5th July 2026

The Benefice of
Hopton, Corton & Gunton

09:30 Morning Prayer St Benedict's, Gunton

11:00 Holy Communion St Margaret's, Hopton

Followed by a Lite Bite lunch; all are very welcome

THIS WEEK

Monday 6th July

10:00 – 12:00

DROP-IN at St Margaret's, Hopton. Meet and chat with others over a cup of tea or coffee. All are welcome.

Thursday 9th July

09:15 – 11:15

LITTLE FOOTPRINTS at St Margaret's, Hopton. Play & Stay for pre-school children (0-4) and their parents/carers.

Saturday 11th July

10:00 – 14:00

CRAFT FAYRE at St Margaret's, Hopton. Refreshments to eat in or take out are available from Penny's Pantry.

OTHER NOTICES

FUN DAY at St Margaret's, Hopton: Thursday 6th August. Can you help to make the day possible? Volunteers are needed for the day (9am - 3pm) or just the morning (9.30am - 12 noon). Contact Pam Perry on 07931 120524, 01502 735744 or pamcperry@btinternet.com

TOMBOLA ITEMS FOR CRAFT FAYRE at St Margaret's, Hopton: If you have any items to donate for the Craft Fayre, please hand them to Penny at Hopton.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

- The family and friends of **Eileen Morgan**, whose funeral will be held at St Margaret's, Hopton, on Wednesday 8th July at 2pm. This will be followed directly afterwards by a Committal at Great Yarmouth Crematorium at 3pm.
- Couples whose **Banns of Marriage** are being read on Sunday: Jake Parker & Evie Esherwood (Hopton); Keanan Hughes & Jade Driver (Hopton, to be married at Great Yarmouth Minster); Sam Trowbridge & Emma Youngman (Gunton); Louis Osborn & Crystle Thompson.
- Give thanks for our **churchwardens** Claire Latter (Corton), Kay Bruce (Gunton), and Chris Songer (Gunton), who were formally re-appointed to their roles at the Archdeacon's Visitation on Thursday.

SUNDAY 12th JULY

09:30 Holy Communion St Bartholomew's, Corton

11:00 Morning Worship St Margaret's, Hopton

11:00 Holy Communion St Peter's, Gunton

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COLLECT

Almighty and everlasting God,
by whose Spirit the whole body of the
Church is governed and sanctified:
hear our prayer which we offer for all
your faithful people,
that in their vocation and ministry
they may serve you in holiness and
truth
to the glory of your name;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus
Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

ZECHARIAH 9:9-12

⁹ Rejoice greatly, Daughter Zion!
Shout, Daughter Jerusalem!
See, your king comes to you,
righteous and victorious,
lowly and riding on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.
¹⁰ I will take away the chariots from
Ephraim
and the war-horses from Jerusalem,
and the battle-bow will be broken.
He will proclaim peace to the nations.
His rule will extend from sea to sea
and from the River to the ends of
the earth.
¹¹ As for you, because of the blood of
my covenant with you,
I will free your prisoners from the
waterless pit.
¹² Return to your fortress, you
prisoners of hope;
even now I announce that I will
restore twice as much to you.

PSALM 145:8-15

⁸ The LORD is gracious and
compassionate,
slow to anger and rich in love.
⁹ The LORD is good to all;
he has compassion on all he has
made.
¹⁰ All your works praise you, LORD;
your faithful people extol you.
¹¹ They tell of the glory of your

kingdom
and speak of your might,
¹² so that all people may know of your
mighty acts
and the glorious splendour of your
kingdom.
¹³ Your kingdom is an everlasting
kingdom,
and your dominion endures through
all generations.

The Lord is trustworthy in all he
promises
and faithful in all he does.
¹⁴ The LORD upholds all who fall
and lifts up all who are bowed
down.
¹⁵ The eyes of all look to you,
and you give them their food at the
proper time.

ROMANS 7:15-25a

¹⁵ I do not understand what I do. For
what I want to do I do not do, but what
I hate I do. ¹⁶ And if I do what I do not
want to do, I agree that the law is
good. ¹⁷ As it is, it is no longer I myself
who do it, but it is sin living in me. ¹⁸ For
I know that good itself does not dwell
in me, that is, in my sinful nature. For I
have the desire to do what is good, but
I cannot carry it out. ¹⁹ For I do not do
the good I want to do, but the evil I do
not want to do – this I keep on
doing. ²⁰ Now if I do what I do not want
to do, it is no longer I who do it, but it
is sin living in me that does it.

²¹ So I find this law at work: although I
want to do good, evil is right there with
me. ²² For in my inner being I delight in
God's law; ²³ but I see another law at
work in me, waging war against the law
of my mind and making me a prisoner
of the law of sin at work within
me. ²⁴ What a wretched man I am! Who
will rescue me from this body that is
subject to death? ²⁵ Thanks be to God,
who delivers me through Jesus Christ
our Lord!

MATTHEW 11:16-19, 25-30

¹⁶ 'To what can I compare this
generation? They are like children
sitting in the market-places and calling
out to others:

¹⁷ "'We played the pipe for you,
and you did not dance;
we sang a dirge,
and you did not mourn."

¹⁸ For John came neither eating nor
drinking, and they say, "He has a
demon." ¹⁹ The Son of Man came eating
and drinking, and they say, "Here is a
glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax
collectors and sinners." But wisdom is
proved right by her deeds.' [...]

²⁵ At that time Jesus said, 'I praise you,
Father, Lord of heaven and earth,
because you have hidden these things
from the wise and learned, and revealed
them to little children. ²⁶ Yes, Father,
for this is what you were pleased to do.

²⁷ 'All things have been committed to
me by my Father. No one knows the
Son except the Father, and no one
knows the Father except the Son and
those to whom the Son chooses to
reveal him.

²⁸ 'Come to me, all you who are weary
and burdened, and I will give you
rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you and
learn from me, for I am gentle and
humble in heart, and you will find rest
for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy
and my burden is light.'

POST COMMUNION

Grant, O Lord, we beseech you,
that the course of this world may be
so peaceably ordered by your
governance,
that your Church may joyfully serve
you in all godly quietness;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.