

Weekly update for Sunday 12th July 2026

The Benefice of
Hopton, Corton & Gunton

09:30	Holy Communion	St Bartholomew's, Corton
11:00	Morning Worship	St Margaret's, Hopton
11:00	Holy Communion	St Peter's, Gunton

THIS WEEK

Monday 13th 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.

Wednesday 15th July
10:00 – 10:30

MIDWEEK HOLY COMMUNION at St Peter's, Gunton. A short, said, service of Holy Communion followed by the Coffee Morning for Gunton Woodland Burial Park in the church annexe. All are welcome.

14:00 – 16:00

FRIENDSHIP CLUB at St Peter's, Gunton church annexe. A group to get together to enjoy friendship, games, and activities. All are welcome.

Thursday 16th 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 18th July
10:30 – 13:00

OPEN CHURCH at St Bartholomew's, Corton. Church open to visit; stay for coffee and cake. All are welcome.

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

SHANTY CHORUS at St Margaret's, Hopton: Sunday 23rd August, 2.30pm. The Rogues Shanty Chorus will be performing the traditional songs of fishermen and sailors. Save the date.

CUTTING CREW at St Peter's, Gunton: Could you help to keep the churchyard looking tidy, or know someone who might? The cutting crew meets on a Tuesday morning each week. Ask Alastair for more details.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

- The family and friends of **Eileen Morgan**, whose funeral was held on Wednesday 8th July.
- The family and friends of **Elizabeth Burton**, whose funeral will be held on Thursday 16th July.
- The family and friends of **Margaret Walker**, whose funeral will be held on Monday 20th July.
- 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 (Gunton).

SUNDAY 19th JULY

09:30	Morning Prayer	St Benedict's, Gunton
11:00	Holy Communion	St Margaret's, Hopton

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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.

ISAIAH 55:10-13

¹⁰ As the rain and the snow
come down from heaven,
and do not return to it
without watering the earth
and making it bud and flourish,
so that it yields seed for the
sower and bread for the eater,
¹¹ so is my word that goes out from
my mouth:
it will not return to me empty,
but will accomplish what I desire
and achieve the purpose for which
I sent it.
¹² You will go out in joy
and be led forth in peace;
the mountains and hills
will burst into song before you,
and all the trees of the field
will clap their hands.
¹³ Instead of the thorn-bush will grow
the juniper,
and instead of briers the myrtle
will grow.
This will be for the Lord's renown,
for an everlasting sign,
that will endure for ever.'

ROMANS 8:1-11

Therefore, there is now no
condemnation for those who are in
Christ Jesus, ² because through Christ
Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives
life has set you free from the law of
sin and death. ³ For what the law was
powerless to do because it was
weakened by the flesh, God did by

sending his own Son in the likeness of
sinful flesh to be a sin offering. And so
he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴ in
order that the righteous requirement
of the law might be fully met in us,
who do not live according to the flesh
but according to the Spirit.

⁵ Those who live according to the
flesh have their minds set on what the
flesh desires; but those who live in
accordance with the Spirit have their
minds set on what the Spirit
desires. ⁶ The mind governed by the
flesh is death, but the mind governed
by the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷ The
mind governed by the flesh is hostile
to God; it does not submit to God's
law, nor can it do so. ⁸ Those who are
in the realm of the flesh cannot please
God.

⁹ You, however, are not in the realm
of the flesh but are in the realm of the
Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God lives
in you. And if anyone does not have
the Spirit of Christ, they do not
belong to Christ. ¹⁰ But if Christ is in
you, then even though your body is
subject to death because of sin, the
Spirit gives life because of
righteousness. ¹¹ And if the Spirit of
him who raised Jesus from the dead is
living in you, he who raised Christ
from the dead will also give life to
your mortal bodies because of his
Spirit who lives in you.

MATTHEW 13:1-9, 18-23

That same day Jesus went out of the
house and sat by the lake. ² Such large
crowds gathered round him that he
got into a boat and sat in it, while all
the people stood on the shore. ³ Then
he told them many things in parables,
saying: 'A farmer went out to sow his
seed. ⁴ As he was scattering the seed,
some fell along the path, and the birds
came and ate it up. ⁵ Some fell on
rocky places, where it did not have
much soil. It sprang up quickly,

because the soil was shallow. ⁶ But
when the sun came up, the plants
were scorched, and they withered
because they had no root. ⁷ Other
seed fell among thorns, which grew
up and choked the plants. ⁸ Still other
seed fell on good soil, where it
produced a crop – a hundred, sixty or
thirty times what was
sown. ⁹ Whoever has ears, let them
hear.' [...]

¹⁸ 'Listen then to what the parable of
the sower means: ¹⁹ when anyone
hears the message about the kingdom
and does not understand it, the evil
one comes and snatches away what
was sown in their heart. This is the
seed sown along the path. ²⁰ The seed
falling on rocky ground refers to
someone who hears the word and at
once receives it with joy. ²¹ But since
they have no root, they last only a
short time. When trouble or
persecution comes because of the
word, they quickly fall away. ²² The
seed falling among the thorns refers
to someone who hears the word, but
the worries of this life and the
deceitfulness of wealth choke the
word, making it unfruitful. ²³ But the
seed falling on good soil refers to
someone who hears the word and
understands it. This is the one who
produces a crop, yielding a hundred,
sixty or thirty times what was sown.'

POST COMMUNION

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.