

Weekly update for Sunday 19th July 2026

The Benefice of
Hopton, Corton & Gunton

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

THIS WEEK

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.

Monday 20th 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 22nd July
14:00 – 16:00

FRIENDSHIP CLUB at St Benedict's, Gunton. A group to get together to enjoy friendship, games, and activities. This week: Play your cards right. All are welcome.

OTHER NOTICES

ALASTAIR IS AWAY from Friday 24th July to Saturday 1st August.

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 **Elizabeth Burton**, whose funeral was held on Thursday 16th July.
- The family and friends of **Margaret Walker**, whose funeral will be held on Monday 20th July.
- **Jake Parker & Evie Esherwood**, who are getting married on Saturday 25th July at St Margaret's, Hopton.
- Couples whose **Banns of Marriage** are being read on Sunday: Louis Osborn & Crystle Thompson (Gunton).

SUNDAY 26th JULY

09:30	Morning Worship	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

Lord of all power and might,
the author and giver of all good things:
graft in our hearts the love of your name,
increase in us true religion,
nourish us with all goodness,
and of your great mercy keep us in the
same;
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 44:6-8

⁶ ‘This is what the LORD says –
Israel’s King and Redeemer,
the Lord Almighty:
I am the first and I am the last;
apart from me there is no God.
⁷ Who then is like me? Let him
proclaim it.
Let him declare and lay out before
me
what has happened since I established
my ancient people,
and what is yet to come –
yes, let them foretell what will
come.
⁸ Do not tremble, do not be afraid.
Did I not proclaim this and foretell
it long ago?
You are my witnesses. Is there any
God besides me?
No, there is no other Rock; I know
not one.’

ROMANS 8:12-25

¹² Therefore, brothers and sisters, we
have an obligation – but it is not to
the flesh, to live according to it. ¹³ For
if you live according to the flesh, you
will die; but if by the Spirit you put to
death the misdeeds of the body, you
will live.
¹⁴ For those who are led by the Spirit
of God are the children of
God. ¹⁵ The Spirit you received does
not make you slaves, so that you live
in fear again; rather, the Spirit you
received brought about your
adoption to sonship. And by him we
cry, ‘Abba, Father.’ ¹⁶ The Spirit

himself testifies with our spirit that we
are God’s children. ¹⁷ Now if we are
children, then we are heirs – heirs of
God and co-heirs with Christ, if
indeed we share in his sufferings in
order that we may also share in his
glory.

¹⁸ I consider that our present
sufferings are not worth comparing
with the glory that will be revealed in
us. ¹⁹ For the creation waits in eager
expectation for the children of God
to be revealed. ²⁰ For the creation
was subjected to frustration, not by
its own choice, but by the will of the
one who subjected it, in
hope ²¹ that the creation itself will be
liberated from its bondage to decay
and brought into the freedom and
glory of the children of God.

²² We know that the whole creation
has been groaning as in the pains of
childbirth right up to the present
time. ²³ Not only so, but we
ourselves, who have the firstfruits of
the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait
eagerly for our adoption to sonship,
the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴ For
in this hope we were saved. But hope
that is seen is no hope at all. Who
hopes for what they already
have? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we
do not yet have, we wait for it
patiently.

MATTHEW 13:24-30, 36-43

²⁴ Jesus told them another
parable: ‘The kingdom of heaven is
like a man who sowed good seed in
his field. ²⁵ But while everyone was
sleeping, his enemy came and sowed
weeds among the wheat, and went
away. ²⁶ When the wheat sprouted
and formed ears, then the weeds also
appeared.
²⁷ ‘The owner’s servants came to him
and said, “Sir, didn’t you sow good
seed in your field? Where then did the
weeds come from?”

²⁸ “An enemy did this,” he replied.

‘The servants asked him, “Do you
want us to go and pull them up?”

²⁹ “No,” he answered, “because while
you are pulling up the weeds, you may
uproot the wheat with them. ³⁰ Let
both grow together until the harvest.
At that time I will tell the harvesters:
first collect the weeds and tie them in
bundles to be burned; then gather the
wheat and bring it into my barn.” [...]’

³⁶ Then he left the crowd and went
into the house. His disciples came to
him and said, ‘Explain to us the
parable of the weeds in the field.’

³⁷ He answered, ‘The one who sowed
the good seed is the Son of
Man. ³⁸ The field is the world, and the
good seed stands for the people of
the kingdom. The weeds are the
people of the evil one, ³⁹ and the
enemy who sows them is the devil.
The harvest is the end of the age, and
the harvesters are angels.

⁴⁰ ‘As the weeds are pulled up and
burned in the fire, so it will be at the
end of the age. ⁴¹ The Son of Man will
send out his angels, and they will
weed out of his kingdom everything
that causes sin and all who do
evil. ⁴² They will throw them into the
blazing furnace, where there will be
weeping and gnashing of
teeth. ⁴³ Then the righteous will shine
like the sun in the kingdom of their
Father. Whoever has ears, let them
hear.

POST COMMUNION

Lord God, whose Son is the true vine and
the source of life,
ever giving himself that the world may live:
may we so receive within ourselves the
power of his death and passion
that, in his saving cup, we may share his
glory and be made perfect in his love;
for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.