

Weekly update for Sunday 23rd August 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

Sunday 23rd August 14:30 – 16:30	SHANTY CHORUS at St Margaret's, Hopton. The Rogues Shanty Chorus will be performing the traditional songs of fishermen and sailors. Tickets from Irene Nickerson or on the door: £10, includes refreshments.
Monday 24th August 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 26th August 14:00 – 16:00	FRIENDSHIP CLUB at St Benedict's, Gunton. A group to get together to enjoy friendship, games, and activities. This week: What's on the Tray? All are welcome.
Saturday 29th August 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

BENEFICE SERVICE at St Benedict's, Gunton: Sunday 30th August, 10.30am. For the 5th Sunday in the month, we will gather together for worship at St Benedict's. This will be a service of Holy Communion.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

- **Louis Osborn & Crystle Thompson**, whose wedding is at St Peter's, Gunton, on Saturday 29th August.
- **Lilly Mckirdy**, who is being baptised at St Peter's, Gunton, on Sunday 30th August.
- Couples whose **Banns of Marriage** are being read on Sunday: Danny Perring & Isobel Williams (Corton).

SUNDAY 30th AUGUST

10:30	Holy Communion	St Benedict's, Gunton
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Followed by refreshments

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COLLECT

Almighty and everlasting God,
you are always more ready to hear
than we to pray
and to give more than either we desire
or deserve:
pour down upon us the abundance of
your mercy,
forgiving us those things of which our
conscience is afraid
and giving us those good things which
we are not worthy to ask
but through the merits and mediation
of 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 51:1-6

‘Listen to me, you who pursue
righteousness
and who seek the LORD:
look to the rock from which you
were cut
and to the quarry from which you
were hewn;
² look to Abraham, your father,
and to Sarah, who gave you birth.
When I called him he was only one
man,
and I blessed him and made him
many.
³ The LORD will surely comfort Zion
and will look with compassion on
all her ruins;
he will make her deserts like Eden,
her wastelands like the garden of
the LORD.
Joy and gladness will be found in her,
thanksgiving and the sound of
singing.
⁴ ‘Listen to me, my people;
hear me, my nation:
instruction will go out from me;
my justice will become a light to
the nations.
⁵ My righteousness draws near
speedily,
my salvation is on the way,
and my arm will bring justice to
the nations.

The islands will look to me
and wait in hope for my arm.
⁶ Lift up your eyes to the heavens,
look at the earth beneath;
the heavens will vanish like smoke,
the earth will wear out like a
garment
and its inhabitants die like flies.
But my salvation will last for ever,
my righteousness will never fail.

ROMANS 12:1-8

Therefore, I urge you, brothers and
sisters, in view of God’s mercy, to
offer your bodies as a living sacrifice,
holy and pleasing to God – this is your
true and proper worship. ² Do not
conform to the pattern of this world,
but be transformed by the renewing
of your mind. Then you will be able to
test and approve what God’s will is –
his good, pleasing and perfect will.

³ For by the grace given me I say to
every one of you: do not think of
yourself more highly than you ought,
but rather think of yourself with
sober judgment, in accordance with
the faith God has distributed to each
of you. ⁴ For just as each of us has one
body with many members, and these
members do not all have the same
function, ⁵ so in Christ we, though
many, form one body, and each
member belongs to all the
others. ⁶ We have different gifts,
according to the grace given to each
of us. If your gift is prophesying, then
prophesy in accordance with
your faith; ⁷ if it is serving, then serve;
if it is teaching, then teach; ⁸ if it is to
encourage, then give encouragement;
if it is giving, then give generously; if it
is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to
show mercy, do it cheerfully.

MATTHEW 16:13-20

¹³ When Jesus came to the region of
Caesarea Philippi, he asked his
disciples, ‘Who do people say the Son
of Man is?’

¹⁴ They replied, ‘Some say John the
Baptist; others say Elijah; and still
others, Jeremiah or one of the
prophets.’

¹⁵ ‘But what about you?’ he
asked. ‘Who do you say I am?’

¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, ‘You are the
Messiah, the Son of the living God.’

¹⁷ Jesus replied, ‘Blessed are you,
Simon son of Jonah, for this was not
revealed to you by flesh and blood,
but by my Father in heaven. ¹⁸ And I
tell you that you are Peter, and on this
rock I will build my church, and the
gates of Hades will not overcome
it. ¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the
kingdom of heaven; whatever you
bind on earth will be bound in heaven,
and whatever you loose on earth will
be loosed in heaven.’ ²⁰ Then he
ordered his disciples not to tell
anyone that he was the Messiah.