

Weekly update for Sunday 9th 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

Saturday 8th August 10:00 – 14:00 10:30 – 13:00	CRAFT FAYRE at St Margaret's, Hopton. Refreshments to eat in or take out are available from Penny's Pantry. Donations for the tombola are gratefully received. OPEN CHURCH at St Bartholomew's, Corton. Church open to visit; stay for coffee and cake. All are welcome.
Monday 10th 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 12th 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: Bingo. All are welcome.
Saturday 15th 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

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. Tickets £10 from Irene Nickerson, or on the door.

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 in a service of Morning Prayer hosted at St Benedict's.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

- The family and friends of **Phillip List**, who died on Sunday 26th July, especially Joan and their daughter Alison.
- The family and friends of **Bill Byford**, whose funeral was held on Friday 7th August.
- Couples whose **Banns of Marriage** are being read on Sunday: Tyler Gallant & Isabelle Page (Hopton, to be married at St Michael's, Oulton); and Danny Perring & Isobel Williams (Corton).
- Give thanks for a very successful **Fun Day** at St Margaret's, Hopton, on Thursday. Under the guidance of Pam Perry, a great team of volunteers served nearly 70 children and over 50 adults. We were also helped by 5 teenage volunteers from the Identity Youth Project in Gorleston. Give thanks for good fun, good weather, and good conversations. Pray that the connections made and relationships built would strengthen our outreach in the parish.

SUNDAY 16th AUGUST

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

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COLLECT

Let your merciful ears, O Lord,
be open to the prayers of your humble
servants;
and that they may obtain their
petitions
make them to ask such things as shall
please you;
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.

I KINGS 19:9-18

⁹ There he went into a cave and
spent the night.

And the word of the Lord came to
him: 'What are you doing here,
Elijah?'

¹⁰ He replied, 'I have been very
zealous for the Lord God Almighty.
The Israelites have rejected your
covenant, torn down your altars, and
put your prophets to death with the
sword. I am the only one left, and
now they are trying to kill me too.'

¹¹ The Lord said, 'Go out and stand
on the mountain in the presence of
the Lord, for the Lord is about to
pass by.'

Then a great and powerful wind tore
the mountains apart and shattered
the rocks before the Lord, but
the Lord was not in the wind. After
the wind there was an earthquake,
but the Lord was not in the
earthquake. ¹² After the earthquake
came a fire, but the Lord was not in
the fire. And after the fire came a
gentle whisper. ¹³ When Elijah heard
it, he pulled his cloak over his face
and went out and stood at the
mouth of the cave.

Then a voice said to him, 'What are
you doing here, Elijah?'

¹⁴ He replied, 'I have been very
zealous for the Lord God Almighty.

The Israelites have rejected your
covenant, torn down your altars, and
put your prophets to death with the
sword. I am the only one left, and
now they are trying to kill me too.'

¹⁵ The Lord said to him, 'Go back the
way you came, and go to the Desert
of Damascus. When you get there,
anoint Hazael king over
Aram. ¹⁶ Also, anoint Jehu son of
Nimshi king over Israel, and anoint
Elisha son of Shaphat from Abel
Meholah to succeed you as
prophet. ¹⁷ Jehu will put to death any
who escape the sword of Hazael, and
Elisha will put to death any who
escape the sword of Jehu. ¹⁸ Yet I
reserve seven thousand in Israel – all
whose knees have not bowed down
to Baal and whose mouths have not
kissed him.'

ROMANS 10:5-15

⁵ Moses writes this about the
righteousness that is by the law: 'The
person who does these things will live
by them.' ⁶ But the righteousness that
is by faith says: 'Do not say in your
heart, "Who will ascend into
heaven?"' (that is, to bring Christ
down) ⁷ or "Who will descend into
the deep?"' (that is, to bring Christ up
from the dead). ⁸ But what does it
say? 'The word is near you; it is in
your mouth and in your heart,' that is,
the message concerning faith that we
proclaim: ⁹ if you declare with your
mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in
your heart that God raised him from
the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For it is
with your heart that you believe and
are justified, and it is with your mouth
that you profess your faith and are
saved. ¹¹ As Scripture says, 'Anyone
who believes in him will never be put
to shame.' ¹² For there is no
difference between Jew and Gentile –
the same Lord is Lord of all and richly
blesses all who call on him, ¹³ for,

'Everyone who calls on the name of
the Lord will be saved.'

¹⁴ How, then, can they call on the one
they have not believed in? And how
can they believe in the one of whom
they have not heard? And how can
they hear without someone preaching
to them? ¹⁵ And how can anyone
preach unless they are sent? As it is
written: 'How beautiful are the feet of
those who bring good news!'

MATTHEW 14:22-33

²² Immediately Jesus made the
disciples get into the boat and go on
ahead of him to the other side, while
he dismissed the crowd. ²³ After he
had dismissed them, he went up on a
mountainside by himself to pray. Later
that night, he was there alone, ²⁴ and
the boat was already a considerable
distance from land, buffeted by the
waves because the wind was against it.

²⁵ Shortly before dawn Jesus went out
to them, walking on the lake. ²⁶ When
the disciples saw him walking on the
lake, they were terrified. 'It's a ghost,'
they said, and cried out in fear.

²⁷ But Jesus immediately said to
them: 'Take courage! It is I. Don't be
afraid.'

²⁸ 'Lord, if it's you,' Peter replied, 'tell
me to come to you on the water.'

²⁹ 'Come,' he said.

Then Peter got down out of the boat,
walked on the water and came
towards Jesus. ³⁰ But when he saw the
wind, he was afraid and, beginning to
sink, cried out, 'Lord, save me!'

³¹ Immediately Jesus reached out his
hand and caught him. 'You of little
faith,' he said, 'why did you doubt?'

³² And when they climbed into the
boat, the wind died down. ³³ Then
those who were in the boat
worshipped him, saying, 'Truly you
are the Son of God.'