

Weekly update for Sunday 2nd August 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 at 12:15; all are welcome.

THIS WEEK

Monday 3rd 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 5th August

14:00 – 16:00

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

Thursday 6th August

10:00 – 14:00

FUN DAY at St Margaret's, Hopton. Come along for a relaxed day of fun, friendship, creativity, and laughter. Free lunch is provided (donations welcome). Everyone welcome!

Saturday 8th August

10:00 – 14:00

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.

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. 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 **Phillip List**, who died on Sunday 26th July.
- The family and friends of **Bill Byford**, whose funeral will be held at St Nicholas, Bradwell, on Friday 7th August at 4pm.
- Couples whose **Banns of Marriage** are being read on Sunday: Tyler Gallant & Isabelle Page (Hopton, to be married at St Michael's, Oulton).

SUNDAY 9th AUGUST

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 God,
who sent your Holy Spirit
to be the life and light of your
Church:
open our hearts to the riches of
your grace,
that we may bring forth the fruit of
the Spirit
in love and joy and peace;
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 55:1-5

‘Come, all you who are thirsty,
come to the waters;
and you who have no money,
come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without cost.
² Why spend money on what is not
bread,
and your labour on what does not
satisfy?
Listen, listen to me, and eat what is
good,
and you will delight in the richest
of fare.
³ Give ear and come to me;
listen, that you may live.
I will make an everlasting covenant
with you,
my faithful love promised to
David.
⁴ See, I have made him a witness to
the peoples,
a ruler and commander of the
peoples.
⁵ Surely you will summon nations you
know not,
and nations you do not know will
come running to you,
because of the LORD your God,
the Holy One of Israel,
for he has endowed you with
splendour.’

PSALM 145:15-21

¹⁵ The eyes of all look to you,
and you give them their food at
the proper time.
¹⁶ You open your hand
and satisfy the desires of every
living thing.
¹⁷ The LORD is righteous in all his
ways
and faithful in all he does.
¹⁸ The LORD is near to all who call on
him,
to all who call on him in truth.
¹⁹ He fulfils the desires of those who
fear him;
he hears their cry and saves them.
²⁰ The LORD watches over all who
love him,
but all the wicked he will destroy.
²¹ My mouth will speak in praise of
the LORD.
Let every creature praise his holy
name
for ever and ever.

ROMANS 9:1-5

I speak the truth in Christ – I am not
lying, my conscience confirms it
through the Holy Spirit – ² I have
great sorrow and unceasing anguish in
my heart. ³ For I could wish that I
myself were cursed and cut off from
Christ for the sake of my people,
those of my own race, ⁴ the people of
Israel. Theirs is the adoption to
sonship; theirs the divine glory, the
covenants, the receiving of the law,
the temple worship and the
promises. ⁵ Theirs are the patriarchs,
and from them is traced the human
ancestry of the Messiah, who is God
over all, for ever praised! Amen.

MATTHEW 14:13-21

¹³ When Jesus heard what had
happened, he withdrew by boat

privately to a solitary place. Hearing
of this, the crowds followed him on
foot from the towns. ¹⁴ When Jesus
landed and saw a large crowd, he had
compassion on them and healed those
who were ill.

¹⁵ As evening approached, the
disciples came to him and said, ‘This is
a remote place, and it’s already getting
late. Send the crowds away, so that
they can go to the villages and buy
themselves some food.’

¹⁶ Jesus replied, ‘They do not need to
go away. You give them something to
eat.’

¹⁷ ‘We have here only five loaves of
bread and two fish,’ they answered.

¹⁸ ‘Bring them here to me,’ he
said. ¹⁹ And he told the people to sit
down on the grass. Taking the five
loaves and the two fish and looking up
to heaven, he gave thanks and broke
the loaves. Then he gave them to the
disciples, and the disciples gave them
to the people. ²⁰ They all ate and were
satisfied, and the disciples picked up
twelve basketfuls of broken pieces
that were left over. ²¹ The number of
those who ate was about five
thousand men, besides women and
children.

POST COMMUNION

Holy Father,
who gathered us here around the
table of your Son
to share this meal with the whole
household of God:
in that new world where you reveal
the fullness of your peace,
gather people of every race and
language
to share in the eternal banquet of
Jesus Christ our Lord.