

Weekly update for Sunday 6th September 2026

The Benefice of
Hopton, Corton & Gunton

09:30 Morning Prayer
with Baptism St Benedict's, Gunton

11:00 Holy Communion St Margaret's, Hopton

Followed by a Lite Bite lunch from 12:15; all are welcome

THIS WEEK

Monday 7th September

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 9th September

14:00 – 16:00

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

Thursday 10th September

09:15 – 11:15

LITTLE FOOTPRINTS at St Margaret's, Hopton. Play & Stay for pre-school children (0-4) and their parents/carers.

Saturday 12th September

09:00 – 17:00

SUFFOLK CHURCHES RIDE AND STRIDE will see visitors coming to St Bartholomew's, Corton, and St Peter's and St Benedict's, Gunton. Sponsorship is being collected on behalf of the Suffolk Historic Churches Trust.

10:00 – 14:00

CRAFT FAYRE at St Margaret's, Hopton. Refreshments are available to eat in or take out. Donations for the tombola are gratefully received.

OTHER NOTICES

HARVEST FESTIVAL dates for your diary:

- **St Bartholomew's, Corton** on Sunday 27th September at 09:30.
- **St Peter's, Gunton** on Sunday 27th September at 11:00.
- **St Margaret's, Hopton** on Sunday 4th October at 11:00.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

- Give thanks for the summer **Open Church** mornings at St Bartholomew's, Corton. Many villagers and holidaymakers have visited in recent weeks, receiving hospitality and sharing in fellowship.
- **Amelia Rose**, who is being baptised on Sunday 6th September at St Benedict's, Gunton.
- The family and friends of **Susan Jaeger**, whose ashes are being interred at St Bartholomew's, Corton, on Monday 7th September.
- The family and friends of **Rhoda Harrison**, whose funeral is being held at St Margaret's, Hopton, on Thursday 10th September.

SUNDAY 13th SEPTEMBER

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,
whose only Son has opened for us
a new and living way into your
presence:
give us pure hearts and steadfast wills
to worship you in spirit and in truth;
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.

EZEKIEL 33:7-11

⁷‘Son of man, I have made you a watchman for the people of Israel; so hear the word I speak and give them warning from me. ⁸When I say to the wicked, “You wicked person, you will surely die,” and you do not speak out to dissuade them from their ways, that wicked person will die for their sin, and I will hold you accountable for their blood. ⁹But if you do warn the wicked person to turn from their ways and they do not do so, they will die for their sin, though you yourself will be saved.

¹⁰‘Son of man, say to the Israelites, “This is what you are saying: ‘Our offences and sins weigh us down, and we are wasting away because of them. How then can we live?’” ¹¹Say to them, “As surely as I live, declares the Sovereign LORD, I take no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but rather that they turn from their ways and live. Turn! Turn from your evil ways! Why will you die, people of Israel?”

PSALM 119:33-40

³³Teach me, LORD, the way of your decrees,
that I may follow it to the end.
³⁴Give me understanding, so that I may keep your law
and obey it with all my heart.
³⁵Direct me in the path of your commands,
for there I find delight.

³⁶Turn my heart towards your statutes
and not towards selfish gain.
³⁷Turn my eyes away from worthless things;
preserve my life according to your word.
³⁸Fulfil your promise to your servant,
so that you may be feared.
³⁹Take away the disgrace I dread,
for your laws are good.
⁴⁰How I long for your precepts!
In your righteousness preserve my life.

ROMANS 13:8-14

⁸Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for whoever loves others has fulfilled the law. ⁹The commandments, ‘You shall not commit adultery,’ ‘You shall not murder,’ ‘You shall not steal,’ ‘You shall not covet,’ and whatever other command there may be, are summed up in this one command: ‘Love your neighbour as yourself.’ ¹⁰Love does no harm to a neighbour. Therefore love is the fulfilment of the law.

¹¹And do this, understanding the present time: the hour has already come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. ¹²The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armour of light. ¹³Let us behave decently, as in the daytime, not in carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and debauchery, not in dissension and jealousy. ¹⁴Rather, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the flesh.

MATTHEW 18:15-20

¹⁵‘If your brother or sister sins, go and point out their fault, just between

the two of you. If they listen to you, you have won them over. ¹⁶But if they will not listen, take one or two others along, so that “every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.” ¹⁷If they still refuse to listen, tell it to the church; and if they refuse to listen even to the church, treat them as you would a pagan or a tax collector.

¹⁸‘Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.

¹⁹‘Again, truly I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything they ask for, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. ²⁰For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them.’

POST COMMUNION

Lord God, the source of truth and love,
keep us faithful to the apostles’
teaching and fellowship,
united in prayer and the breaking of bread,
and one in joy and simplicity of heart,
in Jesus Christ our Lord.