

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

Monday 14th 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 16th September
10:00 – 10:30

MIDWEEK HOLY COMMUNION at St Peter's, Gunton. A short, said, service of Holy Communion followed by the Coffee Morning for Gunton Woodland Burial Park in the church annex. All are welcome.

14:00 – 16:00

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

Thursday 17th September
09:15 – 11:15

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

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 ministry of **the Venerable Steven Betts**, who is retiring as Archdeacon of Norfolk. A service will be held at Norwich Cathedral on Friday 18th September at 17:30 to say farewell. No announcement has yet been made about who will succeed him in the role.
- The family and friends of **Susan Jaeger**, whose ashes are being interred at St Bartholomew's, Corton, on Monday 14th September.
- Couples whose **Banns of Marriage** are being read on Sunday: Danny Perring & Isobel Williams (Corton).

SUNDAY 20th SEPTEMBER

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

COLLECT

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; 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.

GENESIS 50:15-21

¹⁵ When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, 'What if Joseph holds a grudge against us and pays us back for all the wrongs we did to him?' ¹⁶ So they sent word to Joseph, saying, 'Your father left these instructions before he died: ¹⁷ "This is what you are to say to Joseph: I ask you to forgive your brothers the sins and the wrongs they committed in treating you so badly." Now please forgive the sins of the servants of the God of your father.' When their message came to him, Joseph wept.

¹⁸ His brothers then came and threw themselves down before him. 'We are your slaves,' they said.

¹⁹ But Joseph said to them, 'Don't be afraid. Am I in the place of God? ²⁰ You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives. ²¹ So then, don't be afraid. I will provide for you and your children.' And he reassured them and spoke kindly to them.

ROMANS 14:1-12

Accept the one whose faith is weak, without quarrelling over disputable matters. ² One person's faith allows them to eat anything, but another,

whose faith is weak, eats only vegetables. ³ The one who eats everything must not treat with contempt the one who does not, and the one who does not eat everything must not judge the one who does, for God has accepted them. ⁴ Who are you to judge someone else's servant? To their own master, servants stand or fall. And they will stand, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

⁵ One person considers one day more sacred than another; another considers every day alike. Each of them should be fully convinced in their own mind. ⁶ Whoever regards one day as special does so to the Lord. Whoever eats meat does so to the Lord, for they give thanks to God; and whoever abstains does so to the Lord and gives thanks to God. ⁷ For none of us lives for ourselves alone, and none of us dies for ourselves alone. ⁸ If we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord. So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord. ⁹ For this very reason, Christ died and returned to life so that he might be the Lord of both the dead and the living.

¹⁰ You, then, why do you judge your brother or sister? Or why do you treat them with contempt? For we will all stand before God's judgment seat. ¹¹ It is written:

"As surely as I live," says the Lord, "Every knee will bow before me; every tongue will acknowledge God."

¹² So then, each of us will give an account of ourselves to God.

MATTHEW 18:21-35

²¹ Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, 'Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?'

²² Jesus answered, 'I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times.'

²³ 'Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. ²⁴ As he began the settlement, a man who owed him ten thousand bags of gold was brought to him. ²⁵ Since he was not able to pay, the master ordered that he and his wife and his children and all that he had be sold to repay the debt.'

²⁶ 'At this the servant fell on his knees before him. "Be patient with me," he begged, "and I will pay back everything." ²⁷ The servant's master took pity on him, cancelled the debt and let him go.'

²⁸ 'But when that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred silver coins. He grabbed him and began to choke him. "Pay back what you owe me!" he demanded.'

²⁹ 'His fellow servant fell to his knees and begged him, "Be patient with me, and I will pay it back."

³⁰ 'But he refused. Instead, he went off and had the man thrown into prison until he could pay the debt. ³¹ When the other servants saw what had happened, they were outraged and went and told their master everything that had happened.'

³² 'Then the master called the servant in. "You wicked servant," he said, "I cancelled all that debt of yours because you begged me to. ³³ Shouldn't you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?" ³⁴ In anger his master handed him over to the jailers to be tortured, until he should pay back all he owed.'

³⁵ 'This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother or sister from your heart.'