

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 26th October
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 28th October
14:00 – 16:00

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

OTHER NOTICES

CONSECRATION OF GUNTON WOODLAND BURIAL PARK will take place on Wednesday 28th October, starting in St Peter's, Gunton, at 13:00. The Bishop of Thetford, Rt Revd Ian Bishop, will be consecrating additional glades in the Burial Park. The service begins in the church and will proceed on foot around the glades as the bishop consecrates them. All are welcome to attend.

BABY LOSS SERVICE will be held on Sunday 1st November, 15:00, at St Margaret's, Hopton (All Saints' Day). This is a service of remembrance for all the babies who are always loved, always remembered. Held in partnership with Max's Legacy. All are welcome to attend.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES will be collected at St Margaret's, Hopton, on behalf of Samaritan's Purse. Fill a shoebox with gifts to be shared with a child in need this Christmas. Empty shoeboxes can be collected from St Margaret's, or you can use one you have at home. A sheet with information of appropriate gift ideas is available. The deadline for returning filled shoeboxes to St Margaret's is Sunday 8th November.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY is on Sunday 8th November.

- 09:30 Remembrance service at St Bartholomew's, Corton, with the 14th Lowestoft Scout group.
- 10:45 Remembrance service at St Margaret's, Hopton, beginning at the war memorial in the churchyard.
- There will be no service at St Peter's, Gunton this week. All are welcome at the services in Hopton & Corton.

SUNDAY 1st NOVEMBER

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

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

COLLECT

Blessed Lord,
who caused all holy Scriptures to be
written for our learning;
help us so to hear them,
to read, mark, learn and inwardly
digest them
that, through patience, and the
comfort of your holy word,
we may embrace and for ever hold fast
the hope of everlasting life,
which you have given us in our Saviour
Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

LEVITICUS 19:1-2, 15-18

¹⁹ The LORD said to Moses, ² ‘Speak to the entire assembly of Israel and say to them: “Be holy because I, the LORD your God, am holy. [...]’

¹⁵ “Do not pervert justice; do not show partiality to the poor or favouritism to the great, but judge your neighbour fairly.

¹⁶ “Do not go about spreading slander among your people.

“Do not do anything that endangers your neighbour’s life. I am the LORD.

¹⁷ “Do not hate a fellow Israelite in your heart. Rebuke your neighbour frankly so that you will not share in their guilt.

¹⁸ “Do not seek revenge or bear a grudge against anyone among your people, but love your neighbour as yourself. I am the LORD.

PSALM I

¹ Blessed is the one
who does not walk in step with
the wicked
or stand in the way that sinners take
or sit in the company of mockers,
² but whose delight is in the law of
the LORD,
and who meditates on his law day
and night.
³ That person is like a tree planted by

streams of water,
which yields its fruit in season
and whose leaf does not wither –
whatever they do prospers.

⁴ Not so the wicked!

They are like chaff
that the wind blows away.

⁵ Therefore the wicked will not stand
in the judgment,
nor sinners in the assembly of the
righteous.

⁶ For the LORD watches over the way
of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked leads to
destruction.

I THESSALONIANS 2:1-8

² You know, brothers and sisters, that our visit to you was not without results.

² We had previously suffered and been treated outrageously in Philippi, as you know, but with the help of our God we dared to tell you his gospel in the face of strong opposition. ³ For the appeal we make does not spring from error or impure motives, nor are we trying to trick you. ⁴ On the contrary, we speak as those approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel. We are not trying to please people but God, who tests our hearts. ⁵ You know we never used flattery, nor did we put on a mask to cover up greed – God is our witness.

⁶ We were not looking for praise from people, not from you or anyone else, even though as apostles of Christ we could have asserted our authority.

⁷ Instead, we were like young children among you.

Just as a nursing mother cares for her children, ⁸ so we cared for you. Because we loved you so much, we were delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God but our lives as well.

MATTHEW 22:34-46

³⁴ Hearing that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, the Pharisees got together.

³⁵ One of them, an expert in the law, tested him with this question:

³⁶ ‘Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?’

³⁷ Jesus replied: “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.”

³⁸ This is the first and greatest commandment. ³⁹ And the second is like it: “Love your neighbour as yourself.” ⁴⁰ All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.’

⁴¹ While the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them, ⁴² ‘What do you think about the Messiah? Whose son is he?’

‘The son of David,’ they replied.

⁴³ He said to them, ‘How is it then that David, speaking by the Spirit, calls him “Lord”? For he says,

⁴⁴ “‘The Lord said to my Lord:
‘Sit at my right hand
until I put your enemies
under your feet.’”

⁴⁵ If then David calls him “Lord”, how can he be his son?’ ⁴⁶ No one could say a word in reply, and from that day on no one dared to ask him any more questions.

POST COMMUNION

God of all grace,
your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry
with the bread of his life
and the word of his kingdom:
renew your people with your heavenly
grace,
and in all our weakness
sustain us by your true and living
bread;
who is alive and reigns, now and for
ever.