Weekly update for
Sunday 8th November 2026

The Benefice of
Hopton, Corton & Gunton

09:30	Remembrance Service	St Bartholomew's, Corton
10:45	Remembrance Service	St Margaret's, Hopton

THIS WEEK

Monday 9th November
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 11th November
14:00 – 16:00
FRIENDSHIP CLUB at St Benedict's, Gunton. A group to get together to enjoy friendship and activities. All are welcome.

Thursday 12th November
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

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES will be collected at St Margaret's, Hopton, on behalf of Samaritan's Purse – the deadline is today.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

- The family and friends of **Rhoda Harrison**, whose ashes are being interred at St Margaret's, Hopton, on Monday 9th November

SUNDAY 15th NOVEMBER

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

THE GIFT OF CHRISTMAS

Save the dates!

Christmas Services

Sunday 29th November	10:30	Christingle	St Margaret's, Hopton
Wednesday 16th December	18:30	Carol Service	St Margaret's, Hopton
Sunday 20th December	16:00	Carol Service	St Peter's, Gunton
Thursday 24th December	16:30	Nativity	St Margaret's, Hopton
	22:00	Midnight Mass	St Bartholomew's, Corton
	23:30	Midnight Mass	St Margaret's, Hopton
Friday 25th December	10:30	Holy Communion	St Peter's, Gunton
Sunday 27th December	10:30	Holy Communion	St Bartholomew's, Corton

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Sunday 8th November 2026 — Remembrance Sunday

COLLECT

Almighty Father,
whose will is to restore all things
in your beloved Son, the King of all:
govern the hearts and minds of those
in authority,
and bring the families of the nations,
divided and torn apart by the ravages
of sin,
to be subject to his just and gentle
rule;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

AMOS 5:18-24

18 Woe to you who long
for the day of the LORD!
Why do you long for the day of the
LORD?
That day will be darkness, not
light.
19 It will be as though a man fled from
a lion
only to meet a bear,
as though he entered his house
and rested his hand on the wall
only to have a snake bite him.
20 Will not the day of the LORD be
darkness, not light –
pitch-dark, without a ray of
brightness?

21 'I hate, I despise your religious
festivals;
your assemblies are a stench to
me.
22 Even though you bring me burnt
offerings and grain offerings,
I will not accept them.
Though you bring choice fellowship
offerings,
I will have no regard for them.
23 Away with the noise of your songs!
I will not listen to the music of
your harps.
24 But let justice roll on like a river,
righteousness like a never-failing
stream!

PSALM 70

1 Hasten, O God, to save me;
come quickly, Lord, to help me.

2 May those who want to take my life
be put to shame and confusion;
may all who desire my ruin
be turned back in disgrace.
3 May those who say to me, 'Aha!
Aha!'
turn back because of their shame.
4 But may all who seek you
rejoice and be glad in you;
may those who long for your saving
help always say,
'The Lord is great!'

5 But as for me, I am poor and needy;
come quickly to me, O God.
You are my help and my deliverer;
Lord, do not delay.

1 THESSALONIANS 4:13-18

13 Brothers and sisters, we do not
want you to be uninformed about
those who sleep in death, so that you
do not grieve like the rest of mankind,
who have no hope. 14 For we believe
that Jesus died and rose again, and so
we believe that God will bring with
Jesus those who have fallen asleep in
him. 15 According to the Lord's word,
we tell you that we who are still alive,
who are left until the coming of the
Lord, will certainly not precede those
who have fallen asleep. 16 For the Lord
himself will come down from heaven,
with a loud command, with the voice
of the archangel and with the trumpet
call of God, and the dead in Christ will
rise first. 17 After that, we who are still
alive and are left will be caught up
together with them in the clouds to
meet the Lord in the air. And so we
will be with the Lord for ever.
18 Therefore encourage one another
with these words.

MATTHEW 25:1-13

25 'At that time the kingdom of
heaven will be like ten virgins who
took their lamps and went out to
meet the bridegroom. 2 Five of them
were foolish and five were wise. 3 The
foolish ones took their lamps but did
not take any oil with them. 4 The wise
ones, however, took oil in jars along
with their lamps. 5 The bridegroom
was a long time in coming, and they all
became drowsy and fell asleep.

6 'At midnight the cry rang out:
"Here's the bridegroom! Come out
to meet him!"

7 'Then all the virgins woke up and
trimmed their lamps. 8 The foolish
ones said to the wise, "Give us some
of your oil; our lamps are going out."

9 '"No," they replied, "there may not
be enough for both us and you.
Instead, go to those who sell oil and
buy some for yourselves."

10 'But while they were on their way
to buy the oil, the bridegroom
arrived. The virgins who were ready
went in with him to the wedding
banquet. And the door was shut.

11 'Later the others also came. "Lord,
Lord," they said, "open the door for
us!"

12 'But he replied, "Truly I tell you, I
don't know you."

13 'Therefore keep watch, because
you do not know the day or the hour.

POST COMMUNION

God of peace,
whose Son Jesus Christ proclaimed the
kingdom
and restored the broken to wholeness of
life:
look with compassion on the anguish of the
world,
and by your healing power
make whole both people and nations;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

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