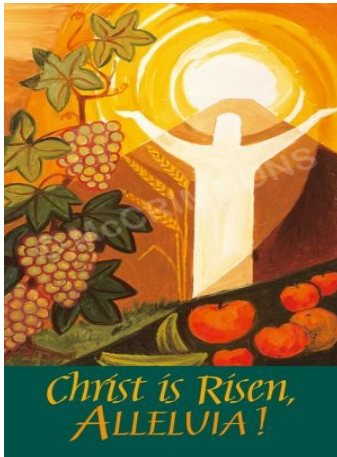


Thoughts and Prayers for the Week

Sunday 8th May 2022



4th Sunday of Easter

Risen Christ,
faithful shepherd of
your Father's sheep:
teach us to hear your voice
and to follow your command,
that all your people may be
gathered into one flock,
to the glory of God the Father.
Amen.



Readings for the Week:

Acts 9: 36-43

Psalms: 23

Revelation 7: 9-17

John 10: 22-30

Thought for the Week

This week I am looking forward to the pet service at Shelton. I love animals and am so pleased to have a rescue cat and a rescue dog.

What amazes me is the great variety of fish, insects, and animals that God has created for us. From the massive elephants to the tiny mice and birds not to mention the ants who have their place but hopefully not in doors!

Animals provide us with milk, eggs, meat, wool, transport, guide for the blind and much more.

I have had cats most of my life and at one time four. My present cat has a beautiful thick coat and golden eyes.

In the evening when he has finished terrorizing the local wildlife he likes to sit on my lap and I obediently stroke him, and you can hear his purr across the room. Now I understand that he is not saying "I love you June", I understand that he is saying "aren't I beautiful" and of course he is.

Since I was a child I have wanted a dog but it wasn't until I was forty that I finally came home with this little bundle of German Shepherd one ear up and one ear down. For me it was like Christmas and birthday all rolled into one. I loved him to bits and, unlike the cat, he loved us back. He never complained about the catering or if we were late home. I would go upstairs to make the beds and the joy with which he greeted me when I came down was



something I had not witnessed before, he quite took me by surprise.

In our reading this week, John Ch.10 vs. 27, Jesus likens us to sheep that know his voice and he promises we shall never perish and no one shall snatch us out of his hand. We know that he loved us so much he gave his life for us.

Amen.

~June Cutting~

Let us continue to support and strengthen each other

- ◇ Daily, by saying The Lord’s Prayer together, morning and evening
- ◇ Lighting a candle at home 10.00am on Sunday if we are unable to come to church

Our Services:

Thursday 5th May 2022	10:00am Holy Communion Book of Common Prayer	Hempnall Church
8th May 2022 4th Sunday of Easter	9:30am Eucharist	Hempnall Church
	11:00am A service with our animal friends	Shelton Church
15th May 2022 - Rogation Tide	Michael’s Vintage Bus Tour	

This week we pray for:

- ◇ In the morning: the day and its tasks; the world and its needs; the Church and her life
- ◇ The people of God, that they may proclaim the risen Lord
- ◇ God’s creation, that the peoples of the earth may meet their responsibility to care
- ◇ Those in despair and darkness, that they may find the hope and light of Christ
- ◇ Those in fear of death, that they may find faith through the resurrection
- ◇ Prisoners and captives
- ◇ In the evening: peace; individuals and their needs

Food Bank

Items for our Food Bank are still needed; we are very grateful to all who continue to contribute during this difficult time.

Our next collections will be on:

Sunday 5th June 2022. Any items can be left at Hempnall Church Office Mon-Thu, 9am-12:30pm.

Please phone before arrival – 498157

URGENTLY NEEDED FOOD ITEMS

FRUIT JUICE ***URGENT***

TINNED TOMATOES

LONG LIFE MICROWAVEABLE SPONGE PUDDINGS

SMALL JAR COFFEE

PASTA SAUCE

COOKING SAUCE TO GO WITH RICE

WE REMEMBER:

Martin, Molly, Dennis, Ian, Vievenne

Hempnall: Lesley and family,
Phillip, Sophie

Bedingham/Woodton:
Sheila, Hilary, Peter, Liz, Anne, Chris

Topcroft: Gerald, Jane

LONG TERM CARE:

Bedingham /Woodton:
Dennis, Shirley, Jacob

Fritton/Morningthorpe: Beryl



RECENTLY DIED:

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Mahony Time.....always a bit late! But my grateful thanks to the Hempnall group for encouraging me to become an AWA. Sunday 24th April the day I was commissioned was so utterly special, because you all made it so. It was joyful, moving and I felt so blessed and loved by you all. I will endeavour to do my very best for the Hempnall group in the coming days, months, years!. A special thanks to Liz, to Leam, June and Tim my fellow AWA’s and of course to Susan who came all the way from Warwickshire to play for us, such a treat. Love to you all! Jackie Mahony