

# Thoughts and Prayers for the Week

## Sunday 28th August 2022

### 11th Sunday after Trinity

God of glory,  
the end of our searching,  
help us to lay aside  
all that prevents us from  
seeking your kingdom,  
and to give all that we have  
to gain the pearl beyond all price,  
through our Saviour Jesus Christ.  
Amen



### Readings for the Week:

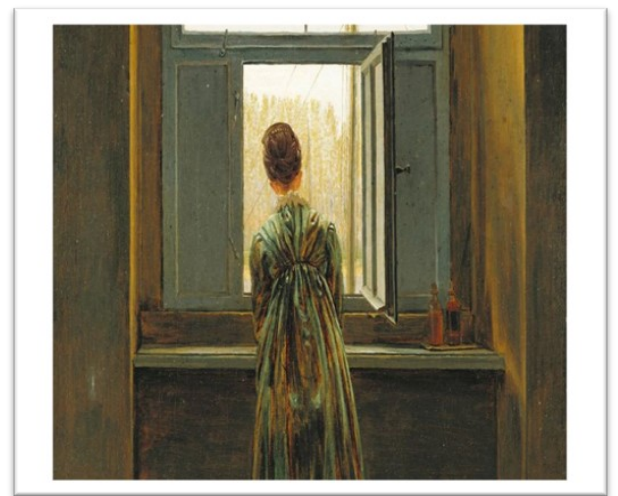
Proverbs 25: 6-7  
Psalm 112  
Hebrews 13: 1-8, 15-16  
Luke 14: 1, 7-14



## Looking beyond ourselves...

A poem this week by the late Carol Bialock, an American nun who died in 2020 after a long and unconventional life, including nearly two decades of service in Chile, where she worked in support of the mining community of Copiapo. We have featured Carol's poetry in several of our Zoom services. If anyone would like to read the book of Carol's poems (Coral Castles) published shortly before her death, please let me know: a couple of us in the Group have copies.

This piece is called *I Embrace the World this Morning*.



*Woman at a Window* by Caspar David Friedrich (1822)  
(Credit: Getty Images)

*I embrace the world this morning,  
hold her in my arms in a long moment  
and decide never to let her go,  
never to return to safety,  
never to say, 'It's none of my business.'  
It is.*

*Maybe there should be a ritual  
when we come of age,  
when we're old enough to respond,  
'I do',  
to the most crucial question:  
'Do you love this world?'*

*Perhaps that will be the final question:  
'Have you truly,  
deeply,  
faithfully  
loved this world?'*

~Contributed by Liam Pilgrim~

**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:**

<b>Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> Aug 2022</b> <b>11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity</b>	<b>9:30am   Eucharist</b> <b>(Service conducted by the Revd Cate Turner, Assistant Curate, Bramerton Group Ministry, Thurton Benefice)</b>	<b>Fritton Church</b>
	<b>11:00am   Harvest Thanksgiving</b>	<b>Topcroft Church</b>
	<b>6:00pm   Evening Prayer—Reflections on Summer</b> <i>Join Zoom Meeting</i> <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83883489839?pwd=NWt6RkNFWDQdmNHR2x2SW5zNDNCQT09">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83883489839?</a> pwd=NWt6RkNFWDQdmNHR2x2SW5zNDNCQT09 <b>Meeting ID:</b> 838 8348 9839 <b>Passcode:</b> 467117	<b>Via Zoom</b>
<b>Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> Sep 2022</b> <b>12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity</b>	<b>10:00am   Group Eucharist</b> <b>(Service conducted by the Right Revd. Bishop David Gillett, retired Bishop of Bolton, Honorary Assistant Bishop in our Norwich Diocese )</b>	<b>Topcroft Church</b>
	<b>4:00pm   Family Praise</b>	<b>Hempnall Church</b>

**This week we pray for:**

- ◇ In the morning: the day and its tasks; the world and its needs; the Church and her life
- ◇ All who are sick in body, mind or spirit
- ◇ Those in the midst of famine or disaster
- ◇ Victims of abuse and violence, intolerance and prejudice
- ◇ Those who are bereaved
- ◇ All who work in the medical and healing professions
- ◇ 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 4<sup>th</sup> September 2022. Any items can be left at Hempnall Church Office Mon-Thu, 9am-12:30pm. Please phone before arrival - 01508 498157**

**URGENTLY NEEDED FOOD ITEMS**

SUGAR, UHT FRUIT JUICE, INSTANT MASH

NO PEANUT BUTTER PLEASE

HYGIENE—MALE & FEMALE DEODORANT

ANIMALS—DOG, RABBIT & GUINEA PIG FOOD (NOT CAT)

**WE REMEMBER:**

Martin, Molly, Dennis, Ian

**Hempnall:** Lesley and family,  
Phillip, Sophie

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

**Topcroft:** Gerald

**LONG TERM CARE:**

**Bedingham /Woodton:**  
Dennis, Shirley, Jacob, Myrtle, Rudolph  
**Fritton/Morningthorpe:** Beryl



**RECENTLY DIED:**

Robert Crawford

**Please ring us if you need:**

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