

Day **Date** **We pray especially for...**
Tuesday 30th ...all, who need us to pray with or for them, for whatever reason.

Throughout, we pray for those who especially need your help at this time, remembering:

Martin, Ian, Emma, Helen, Michael, Ann;

Bedingham/Woodton: Sheila, Hilary, Peter, Liz, Anne, Barrie, Carolyn, Bruce, Pat, Anthea, Harry, Sally, Kath, Richard, Susan, June;

Hempnall: Lesley and family, Phillip, Sophie, Claire, David;

Topcroft: Gerald;

and those in long term care:

Bedingham/Woodton: Dennis, Shirley, Jacob; **Brooke:** Yvonne;

Fritton/Morningthorpe: Beryl;

Mundham with Seething: Margaret, Nancy.



Recently Died:

Richard Deller, Dorothy Brownlee

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The Brooke Benefice and The Hempnall Group Thoughts and Prayers April 2024



New Beginnings...

The season of Lent, a time for reflection, is over and Easter has been celebrated in our Churches. Easter, a joyous time to reflect on Jesus' resurrection and a new beginning to his ministry here on earth. This could also be a time for us to reflect on our own lives.

Rather than taking the New Year as a time for new beginnings, we could look forward from Easter Day as the start of something new. In the days after the resurrection, Jesus appeared to the disciples to give encouragement and also to set them off as his disciples in the world. He said "Go and make disciples of all nations... and remember I am with you always to the end of the age".

Jesus was empowering them, allowing them to go out and show to all how to be followers of Christ, how to be a Christian. But of course he did not send them out ill-equipped – no they had been with him for some three years, they must have learnt something, and of course there was the Holy Spirit sent to guide and help them. We can set out after Easter with new hope of the risen Christ as our teacher, guide and mentor.

There is also the new beginning in our church life as we move into vacancy. This will bring challenges and opportunities, and we need to work together to ensure we are serving the local communities of our parishes. There may be new ways of doing things we want to try, taking on additional responsibilities in our churches and parishes or just trying to be better Christians. Whatever it is, we will have the Holy Spirit to guide and help us.

*Lord Jesus as we set out on our daily journey,
We ask for the guidance of the Holy Spirit,
Help us to recognise the great gift you have sent us:
Turn our thoughts into plans, and our plans into action,
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*



~John Ash~

Sunday Readings	
7th April 2024 2nd Sunday of Easter	<i>Psalm 133</i> <i>Acts 4:32-35</i> <i>John 20. 19-31</i>
14th April 2024 3rd Sunday of Easter	<i>Psalm 4</i> <i>Acts 3. 12-19</i> <i>Luke 24. 36b-48</i>
21st April 2024 4th Sunday of Easter	<i>Psalm 23</i> <i>Acts 4. 5-12</i> <i>John 10. 11-18</i>
28th April 2024 5th Sunday of Easter	<i>Psalm 22. 25-end</i> <i>Acts 8. 26-40</i> <i>John 15. 1-8</i>

Prayers – This month

Day	Date	We pray especially for...
Monday	1st	...those starting new jobs or new ventures this month.
Tuesday	2nd	... our Ministry Team (John as a Licensed Lay Minister and Liam, Tim and Jackie as Authorised Worship Assistants);
Wednesday	3rd	... for Lynn and the Hethersett Group as she is installed and inducted as the new Rector.
Thursday	4th	...those this month who will be preparing for funerals; ...all those recently bereaved.
Friday	5thour intercessors, lesson readers and Churchwardens all who share in enabling our worship together.
Saturday	6th	...those taking part in sports activities today as part of a team.
Sunday	7th	...worshippers in Brooke and Fritton this morning and Hempnall this afternoon.
Monday	8th	...our Home Communion Assistants and all whom they visit; ...all in our communities who are especially vulnerable;
Tuesday	9th	...all running and attending community and social events in our villages.
Wednesday	10th	... for the annual church meetings in the Hempnall group starting this evening.
Thursday	11th	... all who provide pastoral support in our parishes, in many different ways.

Day	Date	We pray especially for...
Friday	12th	...those we know who are experiencing physical or mental ill health issues and those who provide care and support.
Saturday	13th	...all involved in church governance, serving on church Councils and acting as representatives in decision making and forward planning.
Sunday	14th	...those leading services and taking part in the worship in Brooke and Woodton this morning and Shelton this afternoon.
Monday	15th	...those across the world who are marginalised or oppressed.
Tuesday	16th	...all who volunteer in offering communal and social activities in our villages and all who participate in them.
Wednesday	17th	...peace in a divided world especially in the Ukraine, Israel and Palestine and other countries at war.
Thursday	18th	...all involved in the administration of our church activities, including Frances as our administrator and our PCC Secretaries and Treasurers.
Friday	19th	...our organists, singers and musicians; ...our bell ringers, flower arrangers, 'meeters and greeters' and refreshment servers.
Saturday	20th	...all who give generously to the work of the church, financially or in other ways.
Sunday	21st	...the congregations and leaders of worship this morning in Brooke and Hempnall
Monday	22nd	...those across the world who are marginalised or oppressed.
Tuesday	23rd	...all who run businesses/offer services in our communities.
Wednesday	24th	...all offering support to older people.
Thursday	25th	... pray with those attending morning prayer in St Peters, Brooke.
Friday	26th	...all involved in our Mission Teams (Finance, Growing and Giving, Pastoral) and the work they do;
Saturday	27th	... those who need the services of local foodbanks and those who make donations to them;
Sunday	28th	... for those attending and leading worship this morning in Brooke and Topcroft and Zoom in the evening.
Monday	29th	... our church premises and all involved in looking after them; ...our Churchwardens and Designated Persons; ...our Fabric Officers and Building Administrators; ...our cleaners and those who tend our churchyards.