

Day	Date	We pray especially for...
Monday	29th	...anyone finding love and support in the Church for the first time.
Tuesday	30th	...ourselves as we come before God in penitence.
Wednesday	31st	...peace throughout the world as we prepare to enter a New Year.

Throughout, we pray for those who especially need your help at this time, remembering: Martin, Ian, Emma, Helen, Michael, Ann

Bedingham/Woodton: Sheila, Hilary, Anne, Bruce, Harry, Sally, Richard, Susan, Marco

Fritton/Morningthorpe: Jason

Hempnall: Lesley and family, Sophia

Topcroft: Candy, Gail

Long Term Care...

Bedingham/Woodton: Dennis, Shirley, Jacob

Fritton/Morningthorpe: Beryl

Hempnall: Colin

Mundham/Seething: Margaret, Nancy



Recently Deceased and Upcoming Funerals...
Eileen Workmaster, Peter Stevens, Suzanne Holland

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The Brooke Benefice and The Hempnall Group Thoughts and Prayers December 2025

....the path ahead

It seems incredible that we are entering the final month of 2025 but here we are. December can be a month of great activity but very mixed emotion for many. The weather is often gloomy, winter commences and the shortest day



ensures that daylight is at a premium. Some find themselves isolated and alone, denied the opportunity to meet others as often as they would wish. On the other hand, there is the bustle and excitement of preparing for Christmas. Planning the festivities, putting up decorations, inviting friends and family and taking children to visit Santa in his grotto. All of which culminates, for the fortunate, in the joyous celebrations, carol services and meeting up with those we don't often see in the rest of the year.

In the final month it's also a time to look back and review what has happened in our lives during the year. There will have been times of great joy and times of sadness. Babies will have been born, exams passed and success finally achieved in the garden. Loved ones will have died, health been afflicted or disappointment felt when goals haven't been achieved. Whatever our view of the year has been, it's important not to dwell there. The past is not somewhere we should continue to live in, but it should be used as a guide for the future.

Having looked back we can endeavour to avoid the mistakes we have made or benefit from our successes. We can plan new challenges, new directions, new ways of remembering those who are behind us as we make new relationships. Whatever pathways are mapped out before us, we must always take comfort and support in the knowledge that we don't journey alone. Jesus moves with us

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as a guide, if only we let him and He assures us of the all-enfolding love of God.
As it is written in Proverbs 3, *trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.*

Happy Christmas.

~Tim Francis~

Sunday Readings	
7th December 2025 2nd Sunday of Advent	<i>Psalm 72:1-7,18,19</i> <i>Isaiah 11:1-10</i> <i>Matthew 3:1-12</i>
14th December 2025 3rd Sunday of Advent	<i>Psalm 146:4-10</i> <i>Isaiah 35:1-10</i> <i>Matthew 11:2-11</i>
21st December 2025 4th Sunday of Advent	<i>Psalm 80:1-8,18-20</i> <i>Isaiah 7:10-16</i> <i>Matthew 1:18-end</i>
28th December 2025 1st Sunday of Christmas	<i>Psalm 148</i> <i>Isaiah 63:7-9</i> <i>Matthew 2:13-end</i>

Day	Date	We pray especially for...
Monday	1st	...all Christians thinking of the coming of Christ's light as Advent begins.
Tuesday	2nd	...anyone subjected to modern slavery and for those seeking to abolish it.
Wednesday	3rd	...those suffering from disabilities of body or mind and their carers.
Thursday	4th	...our churchwardens and designated persons maintaining the operation of our churches so selflessly.
Friday	5th	...all voluntary organisations helping others and those who tirelessly work for them.
Saturday	6th	...all missionaries spreading the word of God at home and abroad.
Sunday	7th	...everyone worshipping today at Brooke, Topcroft and Hempnall.
Monday	8th	...medical scientists working to alleviate the suffering of infirmity.
Tuesday	9th	...emergency service workers giving aid to others.

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Wednesday	10th	...all seeking to improve the life and dignity of others as the world commemorates Human Rights Day.
Thursday	11th	... those whose mission leads them into dangerous parts of the world.
Friday	12th	... all those working to make the lives of children better.
Saturday	13th	...local shop workers and other providers in our villages.
Sunday	14th	...Christians throughout the world gathered in prayer and worship today.
Monday	15th	... the Samaritans and all those suffering alone in need of a listening presence.
Tuesday	16th	...residents of care homes and hospices.
Wednesday	17th	...the Government that they may work towards the good of all.
Thursday	18th	... those who uncomplainingly assist their less able neighbours.
Friday	19th	... the pupils and staff at our schools as they break for their deserved holiday.
Saturday	20th	...those who have recently died and their grieving families and friends.
Sunday	21st	... our bishops, archdeacons, clergy and all who minister in Christ's name.
Monday	22nd	...the village of Thwaite St. Mary as they give thanks today for the coming of the Light to shine in the darkness.
Tuesday	23rd	...everyone decorating and preparing our churches for Christmas worship.
Wednesday	24th	...the homeless and all with accommodation needs at this festive time.
Thursday	25th	... our families and friends as we celebrate Christ coming into the world and all those who spend this day alone.
Friday	26th	...those attending or participating in sporting events today.
Saturday	27th	... all those in hospital and the staff caring for them.
Sunday	28th	...congregations meeting in Brooke and Topcroft looking back on the year past.