

Day	Date	We pray especially for...
Wednesday	26th	... 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..
Thursday	27th	... all who provide pastoral support in our parishes, in many different ways.
Friday	28th	...all, who need us to pray with or for them, for whatever reason.



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

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, Bruce, Harry,
Sally, Kath, Richard, Susan, June

Fritton/Morningthorpe: Jason

Hempnall: Lesley and family, Phillip, Sophia, Claire, David

Long Term Care...

Bedingham/Woodton: Dennis, Shirley, Jacob, Ruth

Brooke: Ron

Fritton/Morningthorpe: Beryl

Hempnall: Colin

Mundham/Seething: Margaret, Nancy



(Compiled by and for the Brooke Benefice and the Hempnall Group of Parishes)

Thought for the month.....

The news in January was full of the terrible fires in California, it is difficult to comprehend the devastation and large number of people evacuated. Closer to home floods in England and Wales have again highlighted the damage and misery caused by these events which are happening more often.

I found a sentence from Leviticus, a book primarily of laws and regulations for the Jews but it also has some interesting insights for us all. The sentence in question was "I will send you rain in its season, and the ground will yield its crops, and the tree their fruit". I do enjoy the different seasons and look forward the changes in my garden and the countryside: the primroses and fresh green leaves of spring, summer's colour in the flowers and warm days; autumn leaves and the glorious golden display of the trees and even winter as the garden slows down and hibernates and occasionally we have snow and frost (but much less often than we used to).

Looking round the garden yesterday (mid January) I saw a primrose out, bluebell leaves pushing through the soil, buds on the roses and even leaves on the rhubarb. Yes, the seasons are changing. Spring is coming earlier, daffodils in March rather than April, golden October is becoming golden November, and the winters are warmer. Floods in the UK and the world are more frequent and much more damaging. In other parts of the world these changes have had a catastrophic effect on agriculture with droughts and floods giving rise to crop failures and shortages of food and resulting famine. The sentence I started with needs to be looked at in the light of these changes. The seasons are changing and the old ways and times of planting and harvesting are changing. Why? because the world's climate is warming, caused by our actions over the past 100+ years.

As our climate changes, it is important to remember that in the book of Genesis, (the first book of the Bible), we are told by God that we are to look after the world as good stewards and care for it. We don't seem to have done a very good job of it! But it is not too late, we can each do our small bit to help reverse the trend and these small

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changes can include: changing to a renewable energy tariff, installing solar panels on our house roofs, not wasting food and other resources, repairing and recycling wherever possible. We can all do our bit, however small. After all, running a marathon starts with one small step. It is a step for the environment we now need to take for the world.

May God keep and bless you all,

~John Ash~

Sunday Readings	
2nd February Candlemas	Psalm 24. 7-end Hebrews 2. 14-end Luke 2. 22-40
9th February 4 before Lent	Psalm 138 1 Corinthians 15. 1-11 Luke 5. 1-11
16th February 3 Before Lent	Psalm 1 1 Corinthians 15.12-20 Luke 6. 17-26
23rd February 2 before Lent	Psalm 65 Revelation 4 Luke 8. 22-25

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<i>Saturday</i>	<i>1st</i>	... All those who are looking at ways to reduce the impact of Climate Change in our world and acting upon them
Sunday	2nd	...for those attending services and keeping Candlemas, recognising Jesus as the light of the world.
<i>Monday</i>	<i>3rd</i>	...our intercessors, lesson readers and Churchwardens all who share in enabling our worship together.
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>4th</i>	... peace in a divided world especially in the Ukraine, Israel and Palestine and other countries at war.
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>5th</i>	... our Ministry Team (John as a Licensed Lay Minister and Liam, Tim and Jackie as Authorised Worship Assistants);
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>6th</i>	...our Home Communion Assistants and all whom they visit; ...all in our communities who are especially vulnerable;

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<i>Friday</i>	<i>7th</i>	...all organising and attending community and social events in our villages.
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>8th</i>	... those taking part in sports activities today as part of a team.
Sunday	9th	... for Lynn as she is installed as a Canon in Norwich Cathedral this afternoon
<i>Monday</i>	<i>10th</i>	...those we know who are experiencing physical or mental ill health issues and those who provide care and support.
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>11th</i>	...all involved in church governance, serving on Church Councils and acting as representatives in decision making and forward planning.
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>12th</i>	... all involved in the administration of our church activities, including Frances as our administrator and our PCC Secretaries and Treasurers.
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>13th</i>	...Depwade Deanery Synod meeting tonight
<i>Friday</i>	<i>14th</i>	...all who volunteer in offering communal and social activities in our villages and all who participate in them
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>15th</i>	...those gardeners looking to spring, planning for this year, perhaps thinking how to provide more wildlife friendly places
Sunday	16th	...congregations worshipping in our Churches today
<i>Monday</i>	<i>17th</i>	...our organists, singers and musicians; bell ringers, flower arrangers, 'meeters and greeters' and refreshment servers.
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>18th</i>	...all who give generously to the work of the church, financially or in other ways.
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>19th</i>	... those who are involved in the running of the community cafes in Brooke and Seething.
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>20th</i>	...those across the world who are marginalised or oppressed.
<i>Friday</i>	<i>21st</i>	...all who run businesses/offer services in our communities.
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>22nd</i>	...all offering support to older people.
Sunday	23rd	... those taking and attending services in our Churches today
<i>Monday</i>	<i>24th</i>	...all involved in the Mission of the Church in our Benefices and in the world
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>25th</i>	... those who need the services of local foodbanks and those who make donations to them;