

Day	Date	We pray especially for...
Sunday	26th	...those worshipping at Seething and Morningthorpe where the sacrament of Holy Baptism will be offered.
Monday	27th	... all those in hospital and the staff caring for them.
Tuesday	28th	...the lonely and isolated that they may find companionship and joy in Christ.
Wednesday	29th	...all working to protect and sustain the endangered species of our world.
Thursday	30th	... our friends and neighbours who support our lives.
Friday	31st	...ourselves putting all our anxieties and worries in God's caring hands.

Throughout, we pray for those in special need at this time, remembering:

Martin, Ian, Emma, Helen, Michael, Ann
Bedingham/Woodton: Sheila, Hilary, Anne, Bruce,
 Richard, Susan, Marco, David
Fritton/Morningthorpe: Jason, Carol
Hempnall: Lesley and family, Sophia
Shelton/Hardwick: Maureen
Topcroft: Candy, Penny

Long Term Care...

Bedingham/Woodton: Dennis, Shirley, Jacob, Sally
Hempnall: Colin, Denise
Mundham/Seething: Margaret, Nancy



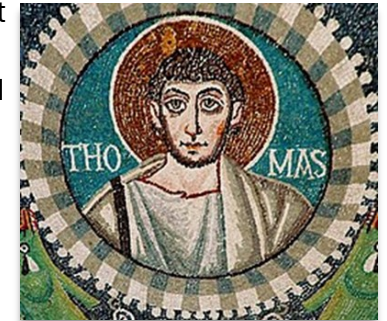
Recently Died and Upcoming Funerals...

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***The Brooke Benefice and
 The Hempnall Group
 Thoughts and Prayers
 July 2026***

....can we be in doubt.

Summer weather and the long hours of daylight at this time of year always make me notice all the things that are around me more clearly than how I interact with the world in the rather introspective mood that can arise during the winter. I see the wonders in the nature that we are so fortunate to live amongst in our two benefices. The birds singing in our gardens as they forage for food to sustain their brood, the beauty of high clouds in otherwise benign blue skies and the profusion of colour and scent from summer blooms. The farm fields are yielding the hay and silage that will provide for livestock later in the year and the crops for our own food are developing. Gardens and allotments are already yielding fruit and vegetables for us.



It's not a huge leap from this to start noticing other things happening around us between people. Among all the aggression and anxiety in the world I see countless examples of people showing kindness, compassion and love for their neighbours. This can range in scale from a simple friendly word of greeting to someone feeling low, to providing practical care and assistance for those unwell or disabled, to massive fundraising effort or volunteering to help others in far-flung countries.

All this brings me round to the question "where does it all come from?". I can't of course point to any demonstrable answer to that, but faith and Scripture, tell me the wonder and beauty of the world and the goodness of the people in it, come from God. If I look carefully around any doubt is quickly put to one side, it's just too marvellously crafted.

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That word “doubt” then makes the fact doubly relevant that the 3rd of this month is the feast of Thomas the Apostle, him of doubting fame. Thomas couldn’t bring himself to believe in the resurrection until he physically witnessed Christ’s wounds. Jesus said to him “*Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe*” (Jn.20:29). I pray we can all look around, have any doubt in God’s providence lifted, and be blessed by believing.

Have a wonderful summer.

Tim Francis

Sunday Readings	
5th July – Trinity 5	<i>Psalm 145:8-15</i> <i>Zechariah 9:9-12</i> <i>Matthew 11:16-19,25-30</i>
12th July – Trinity 6	<i>Psalm 65</i> <i>Isaiah 55:10-13</i> <i>Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23</i>
19th July – Trinity 7	<i>Psalm 86:11-end</i> <i>Wisdom 12:13, 16-19</i> <i>or Isaiah 44:6-8</i> <i>Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43</i>
26th July – Trinity 8	<i>Psalm 119:129-136</i> <i>1 Kings 3:5-12</i> <i>Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52</i>

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<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>1st</i>	...those in the Anglican Communion in Canada.
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>2nd</i>	...anyone subjected to modern slavery and for those seeking to abolish it.
<i>Friday</i>	<i>3rd</i>	...all struggling with doubt that they may be encouraged by the example of Thomas the Apostle.
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>4th</i>	...the Christian communities of the USA celebrating their Independence Day.
Sunday	5th	...the congregations gathering and worshipping today at Brooke and Topcroft.

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<i>Monday</i>	<i>6th</i>	...all aid workers bringing relief to others at home and abroad.
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>7th</i>	...farmers and growers as they prepare to gather the harvest for us all.
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>8th</i>	... the Samaritans providing comfort and support to those in despair.
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>9th</i>	...emergency service workers assisting and saving others.
<i>Friday</i>	<i>10th</i>	...those who work to maintain our church buildings and outside spaces.
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>11th</i>	...all working to educate and bring relief in those areas suffering from overpopulation.
Sunday	12th	... persecuted Christians everywhere gathered today in Christ’s name.
<i>Monday</i>	<i>13th</i>	...local shop workers and other providers in our villages.
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>14th</i>	...our bishops, archdeacons, clergy and all who minister in Christ’s name.
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>15th</i>	...all seeking to establish peace throughout the world.
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>16th</i>	...all the communities, clergy and congregations in the Deanery of Depwade..
<i>Friday</i>	<i>17th</i>	...the villages of Brooke, Kirstead, Seething, Mundham and Thwaite as they live together with our new clergy team.
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>18th</i>	...the Hempnall Group of Parishes enjoying the benefits of long-term collaborative team ministry.
Sunday	19th	...the churches in Hardwick, Hempnall, Kirstead and Topcroft on their Patronal Festival of St. Margaret of Antioch.
<i>Monday</i>	<i>20th</i>	...those whose Christian mission leads them into dangerous parts of the world.
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>21st</i>	...all those on holiday that they may return refreshed and invigorated.
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>22nd</i>	...scientists working tirelessly to develop treatments for disease and disability.
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>23rd</i>	...all travelling to and attending the Commonwealth Games starting today in Glasgow.
<i>Friday</i>	<i>24th</i>	...the homeless and all with accommodation needs.
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>25th</i>	...those subjected to domestic abuse and violence that they may have hope for relief.