Day Date We pray especially for...

**Sunday 29th** ...those worshipping today at Brooke and Topcroft

commemorating St Peter.

Monday 30th ...ourselves with all our fears and anxieties.

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

Bedingham/Woodton: Sheila, Hilary, Peter, Liz, Anne, Bruce, Harry,

Sally, Richard, Susan, Marco Fritton/Morningthorpe: Jason

Hempnall: Lesley and family, Sophia, Claire, David

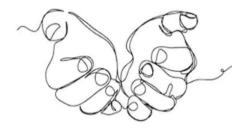
Long Term Care...

Bedingham/Woodton: Dennis, Shirley, Jacob

Fritton/Morningthorpe: Beryl

Hempnall: Colin

Mundham/Seething: Margaret, Nancy



Recently Deceased and Upcoming Funerals...

The Revd Canon Lynn Chapman, Gwen Harber, John Teague



## The Brooke Benefice and The Hempnall Group Thoughts and Prayers June 2025

"upon this rock the church will be built".....

The weather patterns we are experiencing have definitely changed from the traditional rolling on of the seasons that we all probably remember in years gone by. The cause of that may be the subject of some debate but nevertheless we are now moving from spring into summer. The days are long, the sun is hot, if there's shelter from the wind, and mostly, we feel better for it compared with long dreary winter.

The Church too continues to move through its seasons and the calendar of special days commemorating individuals who have played significant parts in its development and mission. Near the end of the month, on the 29th, is the day dedicated to St. Peter the Apostle and of course he is the patron saint of one of our churches, at Brooke. Peter wasn't his given name at the time he was called to be a disciple, that was Simon, but Jesus gave it to him in its original form that meant rock. Matthew's gospel goes on to say, "upon this rock the church will be built" and his presence and influence is throughout the New Testament. Our Roman Catholic friends have just elected Pope Leo XIV to be the direct successor of Peter, emphasising his importance right up to the modern era.



It occurs to me that just as the Church of Christ has stood for two millennia on a rock, a firm foundation, we all need secure footings under our lives in order to flourish and grow as we would wish. These can take many forms. Many find their family are the absolute bedrock upon which their lives are rooted. Others rely upon their vocation or work while some look for a spiritual dimension to their thinking. I believe, however, that the best answer is to look at Peter's example and to make Jesus and his message the underpinning of all we do. If it's stood firm for all this time surely it will continue to support anything we load upon it.

Have a lovely summer.

~Tim Francis~

Sunday Readings	
1 <sup>st</sup> June 2025	Psalm 97
7 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter	Acts 16:16-34
	John 17:20-end
8 <sup>th</sup> June 2025	Psalm 104:26-36, 37b
Pentecost	Acts 2:1-21
	John 14:8-17 [25-27]
15 <sup>th</sup> June 2025	Psalm 8
Trinity Sunday	Romans 5:1-5
	John 16:12-15
22 <sup>nd</sup> June 2025	Psalm 22:19-28
1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday after Trinity	Galatians 3:23-end
	Luke 8:26-39
29 <sup>th</sup> June 2025	Psalm 125
Peter the Apostle	Galatians 5:1, 13-25 or Acts 12:1-11
	Luke 9:51-end or Matthew 16:13-19

Day Sunday	Date 1st	We pray especially forthe congregations gathering today at Seething, Bedingham
Monday	2nd	for all refugees and migrants forced into seeking safe
Tuesday	3rd	those whose mission leads them into dangerous parts of
Wednesday	4th	our churchwardens and designated persons maintaining the operation of our churches so selflessly.

<b>Day</b> Thursday	<b>Date</b> 5th	We pray especially forthose working to understand and improve the world's
		environment.
Friday	6th	all armed forces personnel on the anniversary of D-Day.
Saturday	7th	everyone attending sporting functions today.
Sunday	8th	Christians throughout the world experiencing the coming of the Spirit at Pentecost.
Monday	9th	emergency service workers giving aid to others.
Tuesday	10th	those working to ensure Human Rights for all people.
Wednesday	11th	all those in hospital and the staff caring for them.
Thursday	12th	all those working to make the lives of children better.
Friday	13th	those whose lives are affected by domestic violence of any kind.
Saturday	14th	$\ldots$ local shop workers and other providers in our villages
Sunday	15th	all considering the wonder of the Holy Trinity.
Monday	16th	residents of care homes and hospices.
Tuesday	1 <i>7</i> th	all with debt and financial worries.
Wednesday	18th	employees of those providing us with essential services.
Thursday	19th	those giving thanks for receiving Holy Communion on Corpus Christi.
Friday	20th	those celebrating the Summer Solstice.
Saturday	21st	the disabled that they may live fulfilled and meaningful lives.
Sunday	<b>22</b> nd	all whose lives are enriched by their companion animals.
Monday	23rd	those working anti-social hours in order to serve our needs.
Tuesday	24th	our friends and families wherever they are.
Wednesday	25th	victims of slavery throughout the world.
Thursday	26th	our bishops, clergy and ministers.
Friday	27th	those who have recently died and their grieving families and friends.
Saturday	28th	all travelling on holiday that they may have safe and

enjoyable vacations.