

Day	Date	We pray especially for...
Thursday	25th	...all who provide pastoral support in our parishes, in many different ways.
Friday	26th	...all, who need us to pray with or for them, for whatever reason.
Saturday	27th	...all involved in the Mission of the Church in our Benefices and in the world.
Sunday	28th	...For leaders and worshippers of services in Mundham and Fritton today.
Monday	29th	...for the work of charities bringing relief to those overseas in need of health care.
Tuesday	30th	...for our Diocese, Bishops, Archdeacons and all those involved in the administration at Diocesan House.

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

Topcroft: Candy, Penny

Long Term Care...

Bedingham/Woodton: Dennis, Shirley, Jacob, Sally

Hempnall: Colin, Denise

Mundham/Seething: Margaret, Nancy



Recently Died and Upcoming Funerals...

George Daniels

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

Thought for the month.....

I always look forward to June with the promise of warm weather, sunshine and being outdoors without a warm coat. It is also the time for outdoor sports such as cricket which is played by my youngest grandson, Isaac, who is 13 and a very good player, playing for the village team and his school team. This year he was treated to a new cricket bat, one made from English cricket bat willow. From my time looking after the rivers of Norfolk I remember being shown cricket bat willows being grown alongside the River Waveney. Willow trees, including the cricket bat willow need to be near a source of water to grow into fine specimens of trees to provide the quality of wood to be made into a cricket bat. The bats need to be strong and hard wearing to be able to effective.



As I write this we have just had two of the driest months (March and April) for many years. The gardens are parched and the river levels very low. This appears to be as a result of climate change and probably does not bode well for the cricket bat willows. But willows do have roots that will spread out to find accessible water.

In the book of Jeremiah (17. 7-8a) we read: 'But blessed is the one who trusts the Lord, whose confidence is in him. They will be like a tree planted by the water that send out its roots by the stream'. As a Christian we have to develop 'deep roots' of faith to meet the challenges of life. For new and old Christians it is never too late to put down roots, exploring faith, and the good news of Jesus Christ.

With roots deep in the riverside soil, the willow will have its source of life even during difficult times of drought and low river levels. The same goes for us. When times get difficult, it may be through poor health, the loss of a loved one, losing one's job, or just feeling down with the worries of the world on your shoulders, that is the time to nurture our roots, such as reading the bible, praying, coming closer to God, finding spiritual refreshment in a quiet place or with Christian friends. Roots are vital for the production of a good strong tree (and a good cricket bat to help win matches) our faith roots are vital for us to be able to face the difficulties of life, to be able to live a full and rewarding life that God has given us, and to be those good neighbours that Jesus has told us to be.

Lord Jesus,
 Help us to put down roots of faith,
 To trust in you when we find ourselves in difficult times,
 Give us roots to our faith that will keep us close to you at all times,
 To help us grow strong and resilient to resist all the trials of our lives.
 Through Jesus Christ our Lord,
 Amen

John Ash



Sunday Readings	
7th June 1 st Sunday after Trinity	Psalm 50. 7-15 Hosea 5.15 – 6.6 Matthew 9.9-13, 18-26
14th June 2 nd Sunday after Trinity	Psalm 100 Exodus. 19. 2-8a Matthew 9. 35 – 10.8
21st June 3 rd Sunday after Trinity	Psalm 69. 8-11, 18-20 Jeremiah 20. 7-13 Matthew 10. 24-39
28th June 4 th Sunday after Trinity	Psalm 89. 1-4, 15-18 Jeremiah 28. 5-9 Matthew 10. 40-end

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<i>Monday</i>	<i>1st</i>	...our intercessors, lesson readers and Churchwardens all who share in enabling our worship together.
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>2nd</i>	...peace in a divided world especially in the Ukraine, and other countries where there is war and fighting.
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>3rd</i>	...our Ministry Team (Austin and Susanna as our priests, John and Liam as LLMs and Tim Jackie and Angela as AWAs).
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>4th</i>	...our Home Communion Assistants and all whom they visit.
<i>Friday</i>	<i>5th</i>	...all organising and attending community and social events in our villages.
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>6th</i>	...those taking part in sports activities today as part of a team.

Day	Date	We pray especially for...
Sunday	7th	...for those leading services and the congregations worshipping at Brooke and Woodton and Hempnall today.
<i>Monday</i>	<i>8th</i>	...those we know who are experiencing physical or mental ill health issues and those who provide care and support.
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>9th</i>	...all involved in church governance, serving on Church Councils and acting as representatives in decision making and forward planning.
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>10th</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>11th</i>	...Those in our villages providing services including shops, garages and public houses.
<i>Friday</i>	<i>12th</i>	...all who volunteer in offering communal and social activities in our villages and all who participate in them.
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>13th</i>	...those gardeners looking to provide more wildlife friendly places in their gardens for the benefit of the natural world.
Sunday	14th	...congregations worshipping in Kirstead and Topcroft today.
<i>Monday</i>	<i>15th</i>	...our organists, singers and musicians; bell ringers, flower arrangers, 'meeters and greeters' and refreshment servers.
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>16th</i>	...all who give generously to the work of the church, financially or in other ways.
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>17th</i>	...those who are involved in the running of the community cafes in Brooke and Seething.
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>18th</i>	...those across the world who are marginalised or oppressed.
<i>Friday</i>	<i>19th</i>	...all who run businesses/offer services in our communities.
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>20th</i>	...all offering support to older people.
Sunday	21st	...those taking and attending services Brooke, Hempnall and Shelton, and those at home joining the zoom service this evening.
<i>Monday</i>	<i>22nd</i>	...those subjected to domestic abuse and violence that they may have hope for relief.
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>23rd</i>	...those who need the services of local foodbanks and those who make donations to them.
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>24th</i>	...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.