

| <i>Day</i> | <i>Date</i> | <i>We pray especially for...</i> |
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| Sunday | 24th | ... those taking and attending services in Brooke and Bedingham and on Zoom today |
| <i>Monday</i> | <i>25th</i> | ...all involved in the Mission of the Church in our Benefices and in the world |
| <i>Tuesday</i> | <i>26th</i> | ... those who need the services of local foodbanks and those who make donations to them; |
| <i>Wednesday</i> | <i>27th</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. |
| <i>Thursday</i> | <i>28th</i> | ... all who provide pastoral support in our parishes, in many different ways. |
| <i>Friday</i> | <i>29th</i> | ...all, who need us to pray with or for them, for whatever reason. |
| <i>Saturday</i> | <i>30th</i> | those who need to relax from a week's hard work. |

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

Topcroft: Gerald

Long Term Care...

Bedingham/Woodton: Dennis, Shirley, Jacob, Ruth

Brooke: Ron

Fritton/Morningthorpe: Beryl

Hempnall: Colin

Mundham/Seething: Margaret, Nancy

Recently Deceased...

Blanche Mary Lyon , Adeline Richardson Halton , Geraldine Flatt , Ann Ling

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The Brooke Benefice and The Hempnall Group Thoughts and Prayers November 2024

Remember...

The nights are drawing in, the weather is turning colder, the leaves are falling and Autumn is with us. The falling of leaves for me brings to mind those loved ones we have lost and I think of my parents and friends no longer with us. A time to remember. I reflect on my parents, remembering how I was



brought up, what skills they gave me and how they prepared me for adult life. I also remember good friends who have passed away leaving a 'hole' in my life. On Sunday 3rd November the churches in the Brooke Benefice and Hempnall Group will be holding commemoration services. This is to link it with All Souls Day which is commemorated on Saturday 2nd November, when we set aside a day to remember the departed, those parents, family members, and friends no longer with us. The services will be reflective with a chance to light a candle of remembrance.

The following Sunday is Remembrance Sunday, remembering those who lost their lives in the world wars and conflicts since. Again, there will be services in many of our churches and villages to pay our respects to those who gave their lives in the first and second world wars, and conflicts since. Names will be read out to remind us that these were real people with families and friends, giving their lives for our freedom. War, I am sure is in our minds at present with the war in Ukraine and conflict in Israel, Palestine and Lebanon, and the Sudan still very much in the news. These terrible events make me feel angry and very sad that such killing is going on in our world. Such a waste of human life and resources, when we should be striving for peace for all and I feel inadequate in what I can do. What we can do is pray for peace. Since the outbreak of the war in the Ukraine every Sunday at the morning service in Brooke we light a candle and say a pray for peace. It may not seem much but it is doing something and means that those bearing the horror of war and destruction are not forgotten. We do live in a broken world and it brings to mind a hymn by Timothy Dudley Smith who died recently, (and we remember him as Bishop of Thetford).

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This is the first verse:

*Behold a broken world, we pray,
where want and war increase,
and grant us, Lord, in this our day,
the ancient dream of peace:*

We may dream of peace but we must also pray for peace in our world.

May God keep and bless you all

~John Ash~

| Sunday Readings | |
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| 3rd November All Saints | <i>Psalm 24. 1-6</i> <i>Wisdom 3.1-9</i> <i>John 11. 32-44</i> |
| 10th November Remembrance Sunday | <i>Psalm 62. 5-end</i> <i>Jonah 3.1-5,10</i> <i>Mark 1. 14-20</i> |
| 17th November 2nd Sunday before Advent | <i>Psalm 16</i> <i>Daniel 12. 1-3</i> <i>Mark 13. 1-8</i> |
| 24th November Sunday next before Advent Christ the King | <i>Psalm 93</i> <i>Daniel 7. 9-10, 13-14</i> <i>John 18. 33-37</i> |

Prayers – This month

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| <i>Friday</i> | <i>1st</i> | ... peace in a divided world especially in the Ukraine, Israel and Palestine and other countries at war. |
| <i>Saturday</i> | <i>2nd</i> | for those enjoying firework displays this evening. |
| Sunday | 3rd | ... those attending commemoration services and family and friends no longer with us |
| <i>Monday</i> | <i>4th</i> | our intercessors, lesson readers and Churchwardens all who share in enabling our worship together. |
| <i>Tuesday</i> | <i>5th</i> | ... for King Charles and Queen Camilla on the day we remember the plot to blow up parliament. |
| <i>Wednesday</i> | <i>6th</i> | ... our Ministry Team (John as a Licensed Lay Minister and Liam, Tim and Jackie as Authorised Worship Assistants); |

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| <i>Thursday</i> | <i>7th</i> | ...our Home Communion Assistants and all whom they visit; ...all in our communities who are especially vulnerable; |
| <i>Friday</i> | <i>8th</i> | ...all organising and attending community and social events in our villages. |
| <i>Saturday</i> | <i>9th</i> | ... those taking part in sports activities today as part of a team. |
| Sunday | 10th | ... all those who selflessly gave their lives in the two world wars and conflicts since |
| <i>Monday</i> | <i>11th</i> | ...those we know who are experiencing physical or mental ill health issues and those who provide care and support. |
| <i>Tuesday</i> | <i>12th</i> | ...all involved in church governance, serving on Church Councils and acting as representatives in decision making and forward planning. |
| <i>Wednesday</i> | <i>13th</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>14th</i> | ...those across the world who are marginalised or oppressed. |
| <i>Friday</i> | <i>15th</i> | ...all who volunteer in offering communal and social activities in our villages and all who participate in them. |
| <i>Saturday</i> | <i>16th</i> | those gardeners tidying their gardens ready for winter and planning for next year, perhaps thinking how to provide a more wildlife friendly place, |
| Sunday | 17th | ...congregations worshipping in Brooke Morningthorpe and Hempnall today |
| <i>Monday</i> | <i>18th</i> | ...our organists, singers and musicians; bell ringers, flower arrangers, 'meeters and greeters' and refreshment servers. |
| <i>Tuesday</i> | <i>19th</i> | ...all who give generously to the work of the church, financially or in other ways. |
| <i>Wednesday</i> | <i>20th</i> | ... those who are involved in the running of the community cafes in Brooke and Seething. |
| <i>Thursday</i> | <i>21st</i> | ...those across the world who are marginalised or oppressed. |
| <i>Friday</i> | <i>22nd</i> | ...all who run businesses/offer services in our communities. |
| <i>Saturday</i> | <i>23rd</i> | ...all offering support to older people. |