

<b>Day</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>We pray especially for...</b>
Thursday	28 <sup>th</sup>	.. The Ministry team of Lynn, John, Liam and Tim as they meet to organise worship in our churches.
Friday	29 <sup>th</sup>	...families who are struggling with the cost of living, especially single parents with children.
Saturday	30 <sup>th</sup>	...fundraising in our villages and especially today the booksale at Hardwick.

**Throughout, we pray for those who especially need your help at this time, remembering:**

Martin, Molly, Ian; **Bedingham/Woodton:** Sheila, Hilary, Peter, Liz, Anne, Chris, Barrie, Carolyn, Bruce, Pat, Anthea, Harry, Sally, Kath, Richard, Susan; **Brooke:** Liz and Bob, Diana; **Hempnall:** Lesley and family, Phillip, Sophie, Ross, Claire, David; **Topcroft:** Gerald;

**and those in long term care:**

**Bedingham/Woodton:** Dennis, Shirley, Jacob; **Brooke:** Marjory, Yvonne; **Fritton/Morningthorpe:** Beryl; **Mundham with Seething:** Margaret, Nancy.



**Recently Died:**

Paul Victor Hitchings, Gwendoline Jewson

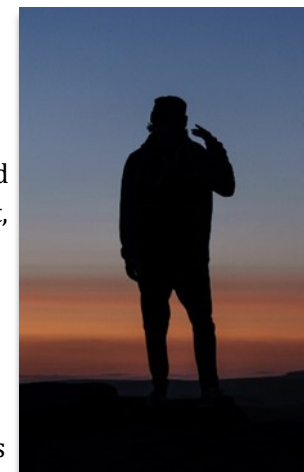
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# The Langhale Benefice Thoughts and Prayers September 2023

**Looking forward.....**

I have always looked forward to September. Not just because my birthday falls in the middle of it and our wedding anniversary towards the end, but as a child and teenager looking forward to either a new class at school or even a new school. I can vividly remember being fitted out with a new uniform for secondary school. White shirt, school tie and long trousers (for the first time) and of course a school blazer with the school badge. It felt very special and was opening a new chapter in my life. And this happens for me each September. Looking forward to what will happen in the next year. How will I use the time, what can I do that helps other people, what projects do I want to undertake. I think it is helpful to take stock of what we are doing every so often and see if any changes are needed. As individuals we all have something to offer to our friends, families, and communities, it is just a matter of looking forward and perhaps making changes to ensure that what we are doing is for others as well as for ourselves. The other notable occasion in September is the day we remember St Matthew. There must have been a time when he looked at what he was doing as a tax collector and decided that following Jesus was a better option. Preaching the word of God was preferable to him rather than collecting Roman taxes. So, looking forward he went out as a disciple preaching the Gospel to the Jewish communities in Judea and then to other countries. September may not be the time for you to look forward, but I suggest that you take a notable date to take stock, look backwards to your life but then look forward to the coming year and what, if any, changes you may want to make.



~John Ash~

<b>Sunday Readings</b>	
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> September Trinity 13 (Harvest Festival)</b>	<i>Psalm 105. 1-15 2 Corinthians 9. 6-end Luke 12. 16-30</i>
<b>10<sup>th</sup> September Trinity 14</b>	<i>Psalm 149 Romans 13. 8-end Matthew 18. 15-20</i>
<b>17<sup>th</sup> September Trinity 15</b>	<i>Psalm 114 Romans 14. 1-12 Matthew 18. 21-35</i>
<b>24<sup>th</sup> September Trinity 16</b>	<i>Psalm 105. 1-6; 37-end Philippians 1.21-end Matthew 20. 1-16</i>

## Prayers – This month

<b>Day</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>We pray especially for...</b>
Friday	1st	...all those who will be starting new jobs, new projects, etc. as we start a new month
Saturday	2 <sup>nd</sup>	...those who look forward to weekends for a time of rest and reflection.
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	...Farmers and all who provide our food and our Benefice Harvest Festival service at Hempnall.
Monday	4 <sup>th</sup>	...all those who give to foodbanks to help those struggling with feeding themselves and their families.
Tuesday	5 <sup>th</sup>	...for our Deanery, Lynn as Rural Dean and the Greater Chapter meeting this evening
Wednesday	6 <sup>th</sup>	...for the schools in the Langhale Benefice as the new term begins. For pupils, teachers and classroom assistants.
Thursday	7 <sup>th</sup>	...friends and family in care homes and all those who work giving them support.
Friday	8 <sup>th</sup>	...the businesses in our villages providing vital services.
Saturday	9 <sup>th</sup>	...all those taking part in the Norfolk Churches Trust 40 <sup>th</sup> bike ride.
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>10<sup>th</sup></b>	... our worship today at Hempnall and Harvest Worship at Kirstead.

<b>Day</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>We pray especially for...</b>
Monday	11 <sup>th</sup>	.... our Home Communion Assistants and all whom they visit; those in our communities who are especially vulnerable; all who provide pastoral support in our parishes.
Tuesday	12 <sup>th</sup>	...all involved in the administration of our church activities, including Frances as our administrator, PCC Secretaries and PCC Treasurers.
Wednesday	13 <sup>th</sup>	...the Ecochurch community and those working to make our churches more environmentally friendly.
Thursday	14 <sup>th</sup>	...peace in the Ukraine and those who have found sanctuary in other countries, especially those known to us.
Friday	15 <sup>th</sup>	... all who give generously to the work of the church, financially or in other ways.
Saturday	16 <sup>th</sup>	....Readers Day at the Cathedral, all Lay Ministers in the Diocese and those being newly licenced as Lay Ministers today.
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>17<sup>th</sup></b>	...our worship today in Brooke, Bedingham, Morningthorpe, Topcroft and Seething.
Monday	18 <sup>th</sup>	... those recently bereaved and those supporting the mourners and taking funeral services
Tuesday	19 <sup>th</sup>	...those in positions of responsibility in our churches, churchwardens, treasurers and PCC members.
Wednesday	20 <sup>th</sup>	...our Diocesan Bishops Graham and Jane (and Ian, soon to be ordained Bishop of Thetford).
Thursday	21 <sup>st</sup>	...St Matthew and those who provide us with financial advice.
Friday	22 <sup>nd</sup>	... all those who have a wedding anniversary in September.
Saturday	23 <sup>rd</sup>	..... our organists, singers and musicians; our bell ringers; flower arrangers; ‘meeters and greeters’; and refreshment servers
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>24<sup>th</sup></b>	...For the baptism party at Fritton and Harvest Thanksgiving at Thwaite, Woodton, Shelton and Brooke. worship
Monday	25 <sup>th</sup>	...world leaders that they may govern fairly and look to the good of all in our world.
Tuesday	26 <sup>th</sup>	... those we know who suffer from mental health problems and all that is being done for them.
Wednesday	27 <sup>th</sup>	...all who volunteer in offering communal and social activities in our villages and all who participate in them