

<i>Day</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>We pray especially for...</i>
Thursday	26th	...all seeking to alleviate child poverty in our society.
Friday	27th	...shop and retail workers providing the goods and services we need.
Saturday	28th	...those attending or participating in sporting events today.
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>29th</b>	...congregations gathering today at Topcroft and Thwaite to give thanks for God's abundance.
Monday	30th	...ourselves as we come before God in penitence.

**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, Pat, 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

**Mundham/Seething:** Margaret, Nancy



***Recently Deceased...***

David Kent, Geoffrey Maer, Jane Crawford, Susan Jarrett



## *The Brooke Benefice and The Hempnall Group Thoughts and Prayers September 2024*

***New beginnings .....***

Traditionally it is the New Year that is associated with making significant changes in our lives and embarking on fresh adventures, but it occurs to me that in fact September is often when that really happens.



For those still at school the long holidays are over, and another academic year begins. Even if it doesn't involve a change in institution there are new teachers, new subjects, new friends and different things to think about. I can still remember the mixture of excitement and trepidation this time entailed before life settled back into familiarity. Even for those beyond normal educational age, or in some cases well beyond, this is the start of courses and learning that may take up the next year and even change their lives.

Away from learning, holiday season is over, and businesses are implementing new strategies with a workforce refreshed and ready for their labours. Our farmers by now will have completed most of the harvest and the fields are being ploughed or cultivated ready for seed so that the cycle can commence once more. It's the beginning of the crop for next year.

Now is the time, no matter what stage we are at in our lives, when perhaps we should pause and think about starting something. That something could be for our own benefit, like taking action to improve our health and body or to improve our knowledge and mind. It might be doing something that will improve the lives of others, like volunteering at charitable or social events or

being of more help to struggling neighbours. We might even find that it's possible to achieve both these aims at the same time.

Is there anything stopping us from embarking on new adventures, new beginnings this September? The answer is usually "no", but we are afraid to try. We need some support or encouragement and forget where it may be found.

We can do no better than to remember what is written in Isaiah 41:10  
*"do not fear, for I am with you, do not be afraid, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my victorious right hand."*  
 ~Tim Francis~

<b>Sunday Readings</b>	
<b>1st September – Trinity 14</b>	<i>Psalm 15 Deuteronomy 4:1-2,6-9 Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23</i>
<b>8th September – Trinity 15</b>	<i>Psalm 146 Isaiah 35:4-7a Mark 7:24-end</i>
<b>15th September – Trinity 16</b>	<i>Psalm 116:1-8 Isaiah 50:4-9a Mark 8:27-end</i>
<b>22nd September – Trinity 17</b>	<i>Psalm 54 Jeremiah 11:18-20 Mark 9:30-37</i>
<b>29th September – Trinity 18</b>	<i>Psalm 19:7-end Numbers 11:4-6,10-16,24-27 Mark 9:38-end</i>

### Prayers – This month

<b>Day</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>We pray especially for...</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>1st</b>	...the peace of the world and a cessation of warfare, destruction and violence.
Monday	2nd	...all living and working in care homes.
Tuesday	3rd	... our churchwardens and designated persons generously maintaining the operation of our churches.

<b>Day</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>We pray especially for...</b>
Wednesday	4th	... the schools in our benefices nurturing their pupils at the start of a new term.
Thursday	5th	...all charitable organisations and those who tirelessly support them.
Friday	6th	...all missionaries spreading the word of God at home and abroad.
Saturday	7th	...aid agencies supporting victims of natural disaster throughout the world.
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>8th</b>	...the royal family and King Charles III on the anniversary of his accession.
Monday	9th	...the emergency services and all they do for us when in dire circumstances.
Tuesday	10th	...the Samaritans and all those suffering alone in need of a listening presence.
Wednesday	11th	...all those in hospital and the staff caring for them.
Thursday	12th	...farmers and all who work in agriculture giving us our daily bread.
Friday	13th	...those whose lives are affected by domestic violence of any kind.
Saturday	14th	...those inspired by Christ today on the Feast of the Holy cross.
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>15th</b>	...our congregations gathering to worship at Brooke and Hempnall.
Monday	16th	...our families, loved ones and all who we hold dear.
Tuesday	17th	...those practising veterinary medicine as they protect the welfare of our companion and farm animals.
Wednesday	18th	...climate scientists and all trying to understand and mitigate what is happening to the planet we live on.
Thursday	19th	...the Government that they may work towards the good of all.
Friday	20th	...all serving on our PCCs giving life to our churches.
Saturday	21st	...those suffering from Alzheimer's disease and other dementias and their carers.
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>22nd</b>	...our bishops, archdeacons, clergy and all who minister in Christ's name.
Monday	23rd	...the homeless and all with accommodation needs in our communities.
Tuesday	24th	...those who maintain our churchyards.
Wednesday	25th	...anyone receiving bad news of any kind today.