



Village News

Produced by the Hempnall Group



Painted Lady Butterfly

Picture by curtsy of David Ferre

September 2026

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GROUP WALK SEPTEMBER 2026

Thursday 10th September 2026

A walk from Reydon Old Farm to Southwold and back. Contact Josephine Murgatroyd for further information 01508 530453.



OTHER GROUP WALKS COMING UP

THIS AUTUMN AND WINTER

4th October 2026

Walk around Hempnall to be led by Andy March and finishing with tea in Hempnall Church.

1st November 2026

Walk around Poringland to be led by Daphne and John Joyce finishing with tea at their home in Poringland.

Hempnall Christmas Craft Fair

Once again St Margaret's Church Hempnall will be holding a Christmas Craft Fair in Hempnall Village Hall on **Saturday 14th November 2026** from **10:00am-1:00pm**.



This is a popular event, and all are welcome to attend. Refreshments will be served and there will be a grand Raffle. Offers of cakes or Raffle prizes would be much appreciated.

Contact either Jill Turner 01508 499344 or Yvonne Davy 01508499405

ydavy01@gmail.com



Items for our Food Bank are still needed; we are very grateful to all who continue to contribute during these difficult times.

URGENTLY NEEDED ITEMS

Tinned Meat, Fruit Juice (Longlife), Plain Rice (not instant),
Tinned Potatoes, UHT Milk, Rice Pudding

Donating Food: Items for the food bank can be left at the back of St Margaret's Church, Hempnall, at the Group Office, Hempnall or in the porch at St Peter's Church, Brooke.

Donating Money: Regular giving is a great way to support the Food Bank
For further details please check out this website: [https://waveney.foodbank.org.uk/give -help/donate -money/](https://waveney.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-money/)

Woodton Parish Council Meeting Dates 2026/27

Woodton Parish Council meetings for the 2026/27 financial year have now been scheduled.

Meetings will take place on the following dates:

- Tuesday 1st September 2026
- Tuesday 13th October 2026
- Tuesday 8th December 2026
- Tuesday 19th January 2027
- Tuesday 16th March 2027

All Parish Council meetings are held at **Woodton Village Hall** and start at **7.30pm**, unless otherwise stated.

Members of the public are very welcome to attend and are encouraged to come along to see how local decisions are made and to raise any matters of interest or concern.

Topcroft Parish Council

Meeting Dates 2026

All meetings are held in The Sports Pavilion, Topcroft Street, NR35 2BL

- Monday 21st September 2026 - 7.30 pm
- Monday 16th November 2026 - 7.30 pm

The agenda is displayed on village noticeboards and published on TPC's website <https://topcroft-pc.gov.uk> three days prior to the meeting. Planning meetings are scheduled as needed, and additional meetings may be arranged if necessary.

~ Members of the public are welcome to attend the meetings ~

*For further details contact the Clerk email:
clerk@topcroft-pc.gov.uk or Tel: 07774 734411*

GRANTS AVAILABLE FOR PARISHIONERS

The Foundation is keen to support all Hempnall residents (adults and children), regardless of financial circumstances, to take advantage of a wide range of educational and recreational opportunities. Consequently, if you would like to discuss any aspect of a claim you may be planning to make, including how it may be funded, we would be happy to talk with you informally. Please contact Ian (see below).

The next meeting of the Hempnall Town Estate Educational Foundation is during September 2026. Completed applications for grants by 16 September 2026 to Ian Nelson, Clerk to the Trustees, Karinya, Bungay Rd, Hempnall, NR15 2NG. or email to hteef.clerk@gmail.com

Application forms are available online at

<https://hempnalltrust.org.uk/https-hempnalltrust-org-uk-town-estate-educational-foundation/> and in Hempnall Village Hall, Hempnall Church, The Mill Centre, Hempnall Surgery or by email.

Any queries or requests for forms to Ian Nelson - hteef.clerk@gmail.com Tel : 01508 498467.

PLEASE NOTE - WE ARE ABLE TO ACCEPT COMPLETED APPLICATIONS BY EMAIL. VALID RECEIPTS/PROOF OF PAYMENT MUST BE INCLUDED. INVOICES ALONE CANNOT BE CONSIDERED AS PROOF OF PAYMENT MADE.

Hardwick and Shelton History Exhibition

**Saturday 26th September
11-4**

Hardwick Village Hall
*Old photographs, family and
building histories, stories of past
residents, Shelton school, metal
detector finds and much more.*

*Do you live or have lived in the
villages, have family links or are
interested in the past of these quiet
rural communities? If so, don't miss
this date!*

**Free admission, but donations
welcome to help us preserve the
village archives and for village hall
upkeep. Refreshments available.**

The exhibition is being staged by Hardwick
and Shelton Local History Group, local
people sharing their family archives and
information about the past



Community Coffee Stop

Everyone welcome for coffee, cakes
and more.

At the Mill@ Hempnall

9:30am-12:00pm

1st Monday of the month

7th September

All profits for the Mill Centre.

Request from Ann Waterhouse

Ann has lived in Poringland since 2002 but has had Hempnall connections all her life. Her grandparents lived on Bungay Road, and to this day she has had relations in the village from both sides of her family. In 1956-58 her late husband was the Methodist minister in Hempnall and Hardwick.

She has been hoping to find, without success, copies of the 3-volume book 'Bedingham 1066-2001' which was written by Margaret Latham and Ruth Hadman, published in about 2016, and given to every house in the village. If anyone can help Ann obtain copies of this book please contact the Benefice Office on 01508 498157 or by email on hempnallgroup.office@btinternet.com

- Door to door dial-a-ride service
- Weekly members outings throughout the year
- Group hires for not-for-profit organisations

Borderhoppa Outings for September 2026

- Tue 1st** Bressingham Garden Centre – Dial-a-Ride
Thu 3rd The Chip Inn, Long Stratton – Dial-a-Ride
Mon 7th Lunch at Earsham Hall Tea Rooms - £8.00
Wed 9th Bury Market Day (Diss Area) – £18.00
Mon 14th Anglia Retail Park, Ipswich - £18.00
Thu 17th Attleborough Market Day - £15.00
Mon 21st Brunch at Wortham Tea Rooms – Dial-a-Ride
Mon 28th Stowmarket - £15.00

Borderhoppa Outings for October 2026

- Mon 1st** Notcutts, Norwich - £15.00
Thu 3rd Stoke Ash White Horse – Dial-a-Ride
Mon 12th Hillcrest Nurseries, Stanton - £10
Thu 15th Bungay Market Day - £10
Mon 19th Thetford Town and Garden Centre - £15
Mon 26th Longwater Retail Park and
Lunch at The Copper Beech - £18
Thu 29th Taverham Garden Centre - £18

*To book or for more information please call 01379 854800
or visit our website www.borderhoppa.org*

Mobile Library Timetable

CEN 424

Bedingham, Earsham, Denton, Alburgh, Wortwell, Woodton

Village	Stop Name	Arrival Time	Departure Time	Postcode
Earsham	Village Hall	10:00	10:20	NR35 2TZ
Denton	Norwich Road (just past Sunbeam Cottage)	10:30	10:45	IP20 0BB
Denton	Village Hall (Norwich Road)	10:50	11:05	IP20 0BD
Denton	Ex Post Office	11:10	11:30	IP20 0AN
Denton	The Old School	11:35	11:50	IP20 0AE
Alburgh	Mill Farm, Mill Road	12:00	12:15	IP20 0DS
Alburgh	Village Hall	12:20	12:30	IP20 0AD
Wortwell	Willow Close	13:40	14:00	IP20 0EG
Wortwell	The Packway	14:05	14:25	IP20 0HE
Bedingham	Bedingham Green	14:50	15:05	NR35 2DB
Bedingham	Green Lane(Rose Cottage)	15:10	15:25	NR35 2AS
Woodton	The Close (Triple Pleas Road)	15:35	16:05	NR35 2NS
Woodton	Suckling Place	16:05	16:15	NR35 2NL
Woodton	Kings Head	16:20	17:00	NR35 2LZ

• **24 September 2026**

• **22 October 2026**

• **19 November**

Please note this information is subject to change or amendment both on a permanent and temporary basis. For all enquires about this route please call 01603 222303

Mobile Library Timetable

CEN 120
Hempnall, Hempnall Green, Topcroft, Fritton

Village	Stop Name	Arrival Time	Departure Time	Postcode
Hempnall	Old Market Way (Bainard Rise)	14:10	14:30	NR15 2LZ
Hempnall Green	Three Horseshoes	14:35	14:55	NR15 2NN
Topcroft	The Old Chapel	15:00	15:15	NR35 2BL
Topcroft	Church Road	15:20	15:35	NR35 2BH
Hempnall	Road Green Farm	15:40	15:55	NR15 2NQ
Hempnall	Millfields	16:00	16:15	NR15 2NE
Hempnall	Roland Drive	16:20	16:35	NR15 2RB
Fritton	Village Green (post box and bench)	16:40	17:05	NR15 2QS

• 28 September 2026
• 26 October 2026
• 23 November 2026

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Tote Bags for sale...

As we continue our close collaboration between the Hempnall Group (HG) and the Brooke Benefice (BB) and move forward in 2026 with a new clergy team, we're pleased to mark this by having these lovely tote bags for sale. The attractive design – representing the 'HG' and the 'BB' 'pulling together' - is by Jackie Leggett: special thanks to her and to Jill Turner for arranging the production of these.



The cost of a bag is £5.00. To buy one (or more!), please contact Jill Turner (jillemturner@yahoo.co.uk , 01508 499344), Jackie Leggett (jacqueline.leggett@btinternet.com, 01508 482267) or, in the Brooke Benefice, John Ash (johnrvash@gmail.com, 01508 550116).

Hempnall Cinema

Thank you to everyone who came to the previous screenings. We will start autumn off with Roofman on **Friday 25th September** .

The official blurb is:

Jeffrey is an US Army veteran and struggling father who turns to robbing McDonald's restaurants by cutting holes in their roofs, earning him the nickname: Roofman., he secretly lives in a hidden space inside a toy store for six months, surviving undetected while planning his next move. But when he falls for Leigh, a divorced mum drawn to his undeniable charm, his double life begins to unravel, setting off a compelling and suspenseful game of cat and mouse as his past closes in. Based on an unbelievable true story.



The film genre is Biography, Crime, Drama, History, Music, Romance, so something for everyone apart from a car chase.

I've seen it and really enjoyed it. I've been sent some ideas for more screenings, Hamnet, ballets and H is for Hawk, let us know of anymore.

As before, at the **Village Hall 7:00pm for 7:30pm.**

Please email so we know numbers, you can just turn up but if we need to cancel it helps to get in touch with you . £5 cash . Refreshments.

Janette and Jenny Hempnall.cinema@gmail.com



The Hempnall Trust

The Hempnall Trust is a charity that was set up to help Hempnall residents who are in need, hardship or distress and to support the community of Hempnall.

We can provide financial grants to those who need them. The Trust owns The Mill & Bar both of which are used to support the local community through our monthly Coffee Mornings, weekly lunch club, events and room hire, in a listed building.

If you would like to find out more about any area of The Hempnall Trust please look at our website <http://www.hempnalltrust.org.uk> or email hempnalltrust@gmail.com.

Events hosted by The Mill are updated on the Facebook page <http://www.facebook.com/themillbarhempnall> and there is a regular What's On email.

If you would like to be added to the distribution list of events, please email hempnallmillbar@gmail.com.

If you'd like to get involved with The Trust, Bar or run your own events please get in touch. All Profits go back into The Trust to benefit Hempnall residents.

Get paid to help The Hempnall Trust when you switch your electricity to Octopus

If you would like to get a great deal on your energy bill and help The Hempnall Trust out in the process, you can switch to Octopus using this link <https://octopus.energy/quote/?affiliate=thehempnalltrust> which will give you £50 credit on your account when you switch and will give £50 to The Hempnall Trust too!

FOOD TRUCK FRIDAYS



THE MILL BAR HEMPNALL - FRIDAYS FROM 6PM

COME JOIN US EVERY FRIDAY FOR A
DIFFERENT FOOD TRUCK EACH WEEK

PLUS 1ST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH -
KILLER DARTS

KEEP AN EYE OUT ON OUR FACEBOOK
PAGE FOR ONE OFF WEEKEND EVENTS
THROUGH OUT THE YEAR



Village Lunch Club

Every Thursday
The Mill, Hempnall

2 course seasonal meal with
coffee and biscuits in the Mill.
£10 for Hempnall residents and
£12.50 for non Hempnall residents.

Or

1 course seasonal meal delivered
to your door in Hempnall for £7.50

To book your place please email
hempnalltrust@gmail.com
or call [07504 699534](tel:07504699534)

Supported and run by the Hempnall Trust

Woodton School

PTA

Come and join us at

Woodton Primary School

SUMMER FETE

12pm - 4pm

Saturday 12th September

*Oodles of games and stalls galore
Food and drink and so much more!*

Everyone Welcome!

**Free
Entry**

Hardwick and Shelton Macmillan Coffee Morning

Hardwick and Shelton will be holding a Macmillan coffee morning on Friday 18th September 10:30am -1:00pm. at Hardwick and Shelton Village Hall.



We would love to see you come and support this wonderful cause, and enjoy the amazing goods on offer.

Anyone wishing to donate any home baked goodies to the cause should email debbwiz@hotmail.com.

We look forward to seeing you.

Topcroft Church Room Charity

Are you, or do you know of anyone in the Parish of Topcroft, who is about to embark on a further education course? There are funds available for books, course fees, materials or equipment. The trustees would be glad to hear from anyone young or not so young. This would be in complete confidence.

For further information please contact Jackie Leggett 01508 482267.

What's On in September and October 2026...

Tuesday 1 September 2026

Woodton Parish Council Meeting

7:00pm

Woodton Village Hall, NR35 2NG

Wednesday 2 September 2026

Hempnall WI

7:30pm

The Mill, Hempnall, NR15 2LP

Thursday 3 September 2026

Village Lunch Club

The Mill, Hempnall, NR15 2LP

[See page 11 for details]

Monday 7 September 2026

Community Coffee Stop

9:30am-12:00pm

The Mill @ Hempnall, NR15 2LP

Thursday 10 September 2026

Village Lunch Club

The Mill, Hempnall, NR15 2LP

[See page 11 for details]

September Group Walk

2:00pm

Reydon Old Farm, IP18 6SG

Bible Study

7:00pm

The Vicarage, Brooke, NR15 1JU

Saturday 12 September 2026

Norfolk Churches Trust

Bike Ride, Walk & Drive

[see page 16]

Norfolk Churches Trust

Classic Car Road Trip

[see page 17]

Woodton School PTA

Summer Fete

12:00pm-4:00pm

Woodton Primary School, NR35 2LL

Thursday 17 September 2026

Village Lunch Club

The Mill, Hempnall, NR15 2LP

[See page 11 for details]

Bible Study

7:00pm

The Vicarage, Brooke, NR15 1JU

Friday 18 September 2026

Hardwick and Shelton

McMillan Coffee Morning

10:30am-1:00pm

Hardwick and Shelton Village Hall,

NR15 2AB

Monday 21 September 2026

Topcroft Parish Council Meeting

7:30pm

The Sports Pavilion, NR35 2BL

Thursday 24 September 2026

Village Lunch Club

The Mill, Hempnall, NR15 2LP

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Bedingham Mobile Library

[see page 8 for details]

Bible Study

7:00pm

The Vicarage, Brooke, NR15 1JU

Friday 25 September 2026

Hempnall Cinema - 'Roofman'

7:00pm for 7:30pm

Hempnall Village Hall, NR15 2NG

Saturday 26 September 2026

Plants, Pots and Cakes for Sale

Hempnall Church, NR15 2AD

Hardwick and Shelton

History Exhibition

11:00am-4:00pm

Hardwick Village Hall, NR15 2AB

Monday 28 September 2026

Hempnall Mobile Library

[see page 9 for details]

Thursday 1 October 2026

Village Lunch Club

The Mill, Hempnall, NR15 2LP

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Bible Study

7:00pm

The Vicarage, Brooke, NR15 1JU

Sunday 4 October 2026

October Group Walk

Hempnall Church, NR15 2AD

2:00pm

Thursday 8 October 2026

Village Lunch Club

The Mill, Hempnall, NR15 2LP

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Bible Study

7:00pm

The Vicarage, Brooke, NR15 1JU

Tuesday 13 October 2026

Woodton Parish Council Meeting

7:0030pm

Woodton Village Hall, NR35 2NG

Thursday 15 October 2026

Village Lunch Club

The Mill, Hempnall, NR15 2LP

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Bible Study

7:00pm

The Vicarage, Brooke, NR15 1JU

Thursday 22 October 2026

Village Lunch Club

The Mill, Hempnall, NR15 2LP

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Bedingham Mobile Library

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Bible Study

7:00pm

The Vicarage, Brooke, NR15 1JU

Monday 26 October 2026

Hempnall Mobile Library

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Thursday 29 October 2026

Village Lunch Club

The Mill, Hempnall, NR15 2LP

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Bible Study

7:00pm

The Vicarage, Brooke, NR15 1JU



Norfolk Churches Trust Bike Ride, Walk & Drive Saturday 12 September 2026

The Norfolk Churches Trust is running its Bike Ride, Walk & Drive this year on the 12 September 2026. This popular event is a wonderful way of exploring our architectural church heritage and supporting it at the same time.

The Bike Ride, Walk & Drive is the biggest fundraising event for Norfolk Churches Trust. Last year £115, 527.99 was raised which was matched by a legacy gift from a prior regular rider which to the total to more than £230,000. A significant proportion of what is raised goes directly to the churches and chapels you nominate as participants. The rest of the proceeds help fund the grants to repair, survey and secure the fabric of our amazing but vulnerable historic churches.

For further details and to register for this year's event please go to <https://norfolkchurchestrust.org.uk/bike-ride-walk/bike-ride-registration-form/>





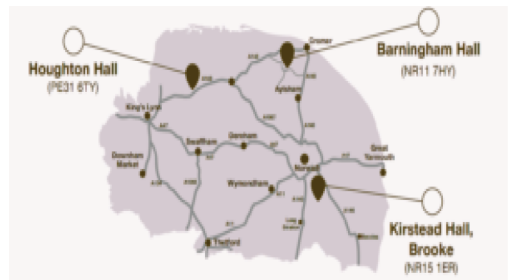
Norfolk Churches Trust Classic Car Road Trip Saturday 12 September 2026



With less than three months to go until the 2026 Bike Ride, Walk & Drive on Saturday 12th September, the Norfolk Churches Trust has launch an exciting new element to this popular event **The Classic Car Road Trip**.

Choose from one of three historic country houses, Barningham Hall, Houghton Hall or Kirstead Hall as your starting location, then motor your way along Norfolk's country roads, visiting churches on the way to find answers to Classic Car Fiendish Quiz.

Who knows what you will learn about Norfolk's collection of medieval churches as you make your way to Elsing Hall afternoon tea, car admiration, and prize giving. As well as a bottle of bubbly for the winning quiz team, there will be prizes for the best photograph of the day, and one for the oldest participating car.



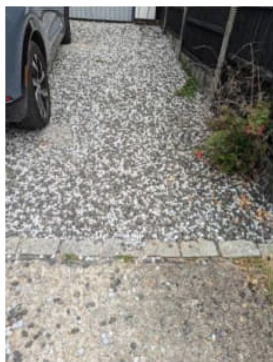
The Entry Fee of £50 directly supports essential repairs to churches and chapels across the county.

Once your application has been received and registered, you will be sent an information pack containing full details for the day. Additionally, if you would like to collect sponsorship for your trip to benefit a particular church, you will receive a Sponsorship form in your pack.

Full details our website norfolkchurchestrust.org.uk just follow the link below.
<https://norfolkchurchestrust.org.uk/bike-ride-walk/classic-car-road-trip-2026/>



Autumn 2026 Newsletter



Stones from driveways on Pavements

A resident has fallen as a result of stones from a driveway being allowed to encroach onto the pavement.

This could have led to legal action for damages against the owner of the driveway.

If you have such a driveway, please ensure any stones that creep onto the pavement are regularly swept back onto the driveway. Thank you.

Overhanging hedges – No thanks

If you have a hedge next to a pavement, please ensure it is cut back so as not to inconvenience pedestrians or create a danger to them by making them walk on the road. If there are no nesting birds in the hedge it can be cut all year round.



Hempnall Speedwatch Team



We continue to hear complaints about speeding. If nobody steps up to join the Speedwatch team, speeding will continue to be a problem. It would be very helpful if interested parties could volunteer a little time to join the team which would then make a real difference to all our safety.

If you would like to join, or find out more, please contact the Clerk clerk@hempnallpc.org 01508 498467

Parking on pavement – No thanks

Many parishioners, especially those with children's buggies or disability vehicles are put in danger if vehicles park on the pavement. It is also illegal to do so. Please encourage people you see doing it not to.



Meet your new parish councillor



Mr Kenneth O'Leary was co-opted to the parish council in July 2026. Ken was born in Hampshire and moved to Norfolk aged 14. He has always enjoyed music, motorcycling and sport. He is player manager/ coach for Framlingham Earl WFC and also an active member of a multi sports club in Norwich and a member of Hempnall short mat bowls club.

He retired from his event organising business in 2020 when covid restrictions were in place. He is married to Linda and has lived in Hempnall since January 2024 having lived in Kirstead previously.

Councillor/Clerk	Telephone No.	Email address
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Peter Workman - Playing field Liaison	01508 830266	pworkman@hempnallpc.org
Ian Nelson - Clerk	01508 498467	theclerk@hempnallpc.org

HPC now available "virtually" all the time at www.hempnallpc.org

Write to the Clerk at Karinya, Bungay Rd, Hempnall, Norwich, NR15 2NG. theclerk@hempnallpc.org



Plants, Pots and Cakes for Sale

Hempnall Church

on

Saturday 26th September 2026

10:30am-1:00pm

Plants, Pots, Cakes and Produce for Sale
Second-hand Books to browse or take away

Delicious Refreshments,
Garden Raffle, and Tombola

In aid of Hempnall Church

Further information from

Jill Turner; 01508 499344

jillemturner@yahoo.co.uk



Everyone is welcome
to join our

BIBLE STUDY

Starting 10th September

EVERY
THURSDAY

7pm start



THE VICARAGE

105 The Street, Brooke, NR15 1JU



07722 413589

*The Rev'd Austin Uzoigwe,
Priest in Charge of The Brooke Benefice
and of The Hempnall Group of Parishes*

STUDY TOGETHER, GROW TOGETHER, SERVE IN LOVE

From Brooke Vicarage...



Photo by [Sunguk Kim](#) on [Unsplash](#)

I write this after a family holiday in Sicily, feeling deeply grateful to God for family time, peaceful rest and the beauty around us.

Our holiday house is just five minutes from the beach. We have enjoyed sunshine, delicious Sicilian food and pastries, boat trips, walks along the beach and quiet times of prayer, surrounded by the mountains and sea.

The beach is full of local people and visitors from many parts of the world. People of different races, colours, nationalities and religions are swimming, relaxing, laughing and enjoying God's beautiful creation. My family is one of them. I cannot swim, but I am very happy walking along the beach in my shorts and watching everyone enjoy themselves!

It reminds me of the saying: **"A thing of beauty is a joy for ever."**

Yet, while enjoying this beauty, I have also been reminded of the painful things that can happen when we fail to see the image of God in other people.

The recent death of **Professor Jason Arday**, the youngest Black professor appointed at Cambridge, has deeply affected me. Jason was found dead in south London on 14 August, aged just 41. He had recently resigned from Cambridge following controversy and allegations about his academic work, which he denied. His death is being investigated, although the police have said it is not currently being treated as suspicious.

I do not know all the circumstances surrounding Jason's death, and it would be wrong to suggest that any particular person or organisation caused it. However, his death should make us ask an important Christian question: **What happens when our search for truth and justice forgets human dignity, compassion and mercy?**

This question is especially important to me as a member of the **Racial Justice Action Group of the Diocese of Norwich**. I have been deeply concerned by reports of hostility and abuse towards asylum seekers and ethnic minorities in Thetford.

These events even threatened to take away some of the joy of my holiday. At one point, I wondered whether I should return home to stand alongside those experiencing abuse.

I am thankful that my colleagues in the Racial Justice Action Group have not remained silent. Our leader, **Revd Canon Karlene Kerr**, spoke out, and **Bishop Ian** also condemned the situation and led a service of prayer and peace.

From Sicily, and now in Brooke, I have continued to pray—for those who experience discrimination and abuse, for those who cause harm, and for our society to rediscover truth, justice, compassion and reconciliation.

Genesis 1:27 reminds us: **“God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them.”**

Whether we are on a beach in Sicily, living in Thetford, studying at Cambridge, worshipping in church or living in our villages, every human being is made in God's image. May the beauty of God's creation remind us that diversity is not a threat but a gift.

May the tragic death of Professor Jason Arday encourage us to seek **truth without cruelty, justice without hatred, and accountability without losing compassion.**

As we enjoy our lives in Hempnall, Brooke and the surrounding areas, let us work together to make our communities places where everyone feels welcome, respected and valued.

Revd Austin Uzoigwe

Church Services September...

Sunday Services

During September we're celebrating the Season of Creation, which runs in our church calendar from 1 September to 4 October. The theme this year will be 'Living Water', which we'll be following through the season. Most of our Harvest Thanksgivings take place in this period as shown (with more to come next month, too). Monetary collections during our services this year are for the charity WaterAid.

6th September Trinity 14 Proper 18 (Creation Sunday)	10:30am	Holy Communion for Creation Sunday	Brooke Church
	10:30am	Creation Sunday and Harvest Thanksgiving with Holy Communion	Topcroft Church
	4:00pm	All Age Praise	Hempnall Church
13th September Trinity 15 Proper 19 (Season of Creation)	10:30am	Harvest Thanksgiving	Seething Church
	10:30am	Harvest Thanksgiving with Holy Communion	Hempnall Church
20th September Trinity 16 Proper 20 (Season of Creation)	10:30am	Harvest Thanksgiving	Brooke Church
	10:30am	Harvest Thanksgiving	Fritton Church
	6:00pm	Harvest Thanksgiving	Thwaite Church
27th September Trinity 17 Proper 21 (Season of Creation)	10:30am	Harvest Thanksgiving	Kirstead Church
	10:30am	Harvest Thanksgiving with Holy Communion	Woodton Church
	6:00pm	Evening Service	Zoom

Weekday Morning Prayer

Morning Prayer is held at 9:00am every weekday morning in one of the churches of either the Hempnall Group or the Brooke Benefice. It is a quiet service of about 20 minutes during which, after the readings set for the day, we pray both for the local community and for the wider world. ALL are warmly welcome! Please see below for venue details.

Day	Date	Church	Day	Date	Church
Mon	31 Aug	Morningthorpe	Mon	21 Sep	Hempnall
Tue	1 Sep	Kirstead	Tue	22 Sep	Seething
Wed	2 Sep	Hempnall	Wed	23 Sep	Morningthorpe
Thu	3 Sep	Brooke	Thu	24 Sep	Brooke
Fri	4 Sep	Seething	Fri	25 Sep	Kirstead
Mon	7 Sep	Hardwick	Mon	28 Sep	Woodton
Tue	8 Sep	Thwaite	Tue	29 Sep	Fritton
Wed	9 Sep	Woodton	Wed	30 Sep	Thwaite
Thu	10 Sep	Brooke			
Fri	11 Sep	Fritton			
Mon	14 Sep	Shelton			
Tue	15 Sep	Topcroft			
Wed	16 Sep	Mundham			
Thu	17 Sep	Brooke			
Fri	18 Sep	Bedingham			

Happy Birthday...

Children

🍰 Sienna who will be 2

Teenage

🍰 Abigail who will be 14

🍰 Daisy who will be 17

🍰 Samuel who will be 18



From the Registers...

Baptisms

✚ Sunday 26th July 2026, Oscar David Sargent was baptised at St John the Baptist Church, Morningthorpe.

Funerals

- ✚ Tuesday 7th July 2026, Adrian Cossey, aged 74 years and Margaret Cossey, aged 74 years. Burial of Ashes at St Peter's Church, Brooke.
- ✚ Friday 10th July 2026, Ronald Gower, aged 93 years. Burial of Ashes at St Peter's Church, Brooke.
- ✚ Monday 20th July 2026, Bernard Youngs, aged 88 years. Burial of Ashes at St Margaret's Church, Hempnall.
- ✚ Tuesday 28th July 2026, Malcolm Edge, aged 70 years. Burial of Ashes at St Andrew's Church, Woodton.
- ✚ Saturday 1st August 2026, Beryl Parsons, aged 92 years. Burial of Ashes at St John the Baptist Church, Woodton.
- ✚ Saturday 22nd August 2026, Leonard Roland Cooper, aged 89 years. Burial of Ashes at St Margaret & St Remigius Church, Seething.
- ✚ Tuesday 25th August 2026, Richard Frank Pilcher, aged 73 years. Burial of Ashes at St Margaret & St Remigius Church, Seething.



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