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**Benefice Newsletter**  
**with Thought for Thursday**

**for the parishes of Etton, Ginton, Maxey, Northborough and Peakirk**

**Thursday July 17th**

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**SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE**

**Sunday 20th July**

### **Fifth Sunday after Trinity**

**09.00 Holy Communion                      St Peter's Maxey**

**10.30 Family Praise                      St Andrew's Northborough**

**18.00 Sung Evensong                      St Pega's Peakirk**

**(with the Benefice Choir)**

### **Thought for Thursday**

**"Rules are for the obedience of fools and the guidance of wise men"**

This quote is attributed to the late Douglas Bader WW2 air ace.

We regularly hear of new laws being called for or introduced. Some will claim that more laws are a continued erosion of liberty and free speech in society, the very ideals that Bader fought for in the war.

The problem seems to me, that the more freedom we experience the more responsible we all need to be. The issue then, becomes what I consider responsible behaviour may be different from others. If for example there were no speed limits on the road, generally people, I think, would still think it responsible to drive slowly in built up areas, other may think they are being completely responsible to drive at excessive speeds.

Freedom of speech means having the responsibility to not use that freedom to harm or cause hurt to others, which sadly, particularly in this digital age where individuals can hide behind anonymity, is not the case.

In the bible, particularly in the writings of Paul, we read that for the early Christians, faith in the risen Christ set them free from the law of the old religion (the Jewish law of the what we know as the Old Testament). I believe that what Paul meant by this is that we no longer follow the law simply because it is the law, but because it is the responsible and right thing to do in response to the love given freely to all in Christ.

So, regulations are no longer needed if we all follow that summary of the law to love God with everything we have and to love our neighbour as ourselves (for definition of neighbour check out the parable of the Good Samaritan)

So, the law gives guidance to those trying to act responsibly in the best interest of all, and to restrict those who don't.

Reader Mark

### **Benefice Prayers**

Our benefice prayers are taken from the previous week's pew sheet.

#### **For Our Community**

We lift up in prayer all who live in Mill Road, Maxey; Thorney Road, Peakirk; Church View, Northborough and Perkins Lane, Maxey

May they be surrounded by love, peace, and the presence of God in their daily lives.

#### **For Those in Need of Healing**

We pray for all who are suffering in mind, body, or spirit, especially those dear to us: **Chris Skillman, David Cupit, Janet Hotchkin, Hadrian Asher, Ann Rata, Gill Pettitt, Conrad Luckhoo, Matthew Woodward, Sheila Merrill and Violet Green.** May they find strength, comfort, and restoration.

#### **For Those We Hold in Our Hearts**

We remember with love those who have gone before us: **especially, Malcolm Spinks.** Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

#### **For the Growth of Our Church**

We pray for the **9 Bridges Benefice 2030 - Releasing people for Mission** group as they work to strengthen and shape our churches for the future. May their efforts be guided by wisdom, unity, and a shared vision of faith.

### **SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY 27th July**

<b>09:00</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>	<b>St Andrew's Northborough</b>
<b>10:30</b>	<b>Family Communion</b>	<b>St Benedict's Glington</b>
<b>18.00</b>	<b>Taize</b>	<b>St Peter's Maxey</b>

### **DATES for your DIARY**

**JULY**

**Friday July 25th**

Crumbs of Faith 14.30 - 16.30 in St Benedict's Church

Free tea, coffee and cake. All are welcome.

**Friday July 25th**

**Benefice @ the Boozer from 20.00**

The Bluebell at Glington. All are welcome. Companionship with a pint.

**Sunday July 27th 10.00 - 12.00**

**Peakirk Village Hall - outside if fine**

**Messy Church Sale**

Children's toys and games - raising money for a new shed!

Also - come along and sign up to support The Pedalling Peasnells!

**AUGUST**

**Tuesday 5th 10.00**

BCP Service of Holy Communion St Peter's Maxey

**Saturday 16 and Sunday 17 August**

**The Pedalling Peasnells 24hour bike ride for St Pega's Church**

Saturday 19.00 Wave us off! Sunday 19.00 We finish! And lots in between!

## **NEWS**

### **Peakirk-cum-Glington Primary School**

The staff and pupils come to the end of another school year next Wednesday.

The children in Year 6 will be holding their Leavers' Service on Monday as they prepare to move on to their Secondary Schools in September.

We remember all the hard work of staff and pupils this year and all that they have achieved.

We hope that everyone has a restful and enjoyable holiday.

### **St Benedict's Patronal Festival**

The weekend got off to a busy start with plenty of visitors for Bacon Butties, perfectly prepared by the men of B@TB (Benefice at the Boozer).

The Glington Art Group displayed examples of its members' work and there was a raffle and stalls in the churchyard.

On Sunday, volunteers, friends and helpers were invited to a special service. Reader Simon gave a brief resume of the life of St Benedict - and how relatable his work is to life in 21st century Glington - and Rev Keir outlined the church's plans moving forward. The afternoon was rounded off with tea and delicious cake.



Many thanks to the Ukulele group of St Botolph's, Longthorpe who provided a wonderful accompaniment for the songs.

### **Ethan's Walk: Land's End to John O'Groats**

Ethan is making good progress!

He crossed the Severn Bridge earlier this week and is making his way through the Welsh Borders. His dad (Mark) joined him for a couple of days.

You can find more about Ethan's progress and ways you can support Hope into Action here:

<https://www.hopeintoaction.org.uk/blog/no-fixed-path-my-walk-for-hope>

He's happy to have company if any keen walkers would like to join him for a mile or two!



## **Tuesday@10**

Just to say .....

as usually happens in  
August, Tuesday@10 will be taking a  
break.

It has been a joy to see you all month by  
month and we look forward to  
welcoming you again on September 9th.

If you haven't been to Tuesday@10  
before, why not make it a 'new year'  
resolution. We would love to see you. As  
well as scones, tea and coffee and a  
chance to chat, there are toys available  
for little ones too!

blessings

Jane

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