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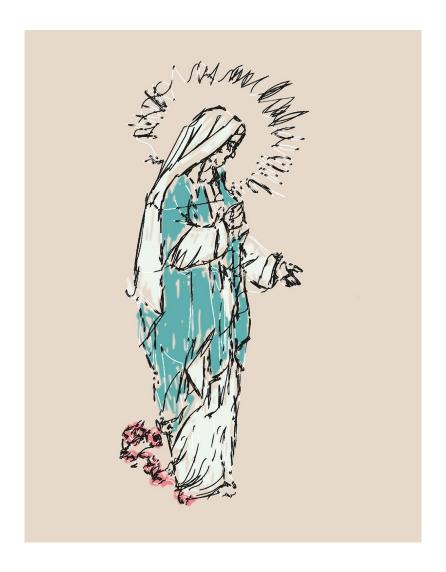


Benefice Newsletter with Thought for Thursday

for the parishes of Etton, Glinton, Maxey, Northborough and Peakirk

Thursday August 14th

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SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE

Sunday 17th August

Ninth Sunday after Trinity

09.00 Holy Communion St Peter's Maxey

10.30 Family Praise St Andrew's Northborough

18.00 Hymns and Pimms St Pega's Peakirk

Thought for Thursday

"Moving Together in Faith: A New Way of Being Servants of God"

As summer begins to turn toward its close, and we look ahead to the coming season of change and fresh beginnings, we're invited once again to reflect on our calling as

followers of Christ. What does it mean to serve God today? How do we move together in faith—not simply as individuals, but as a community responding to God's Spirit?

Too often, we confuse serving God with serving the institution of the Church. Of course, our churches are places of great beauty, tradition, and spiritual encounter, and they need our care and commitment. But if our faith becomes focused only on rotas, meetings, and maintenance, we risk missing the bigger picture—the living, breathing call of God to serve not the church building, but Christ in the world.

This week, we're being called to something deeper: a shift from simply *doing* for the church to *being* servants of God in the places we live, work, and meet others. It's not about abandoning our churches—it's about letting our love for Christ spill out beyond the walls. It's about listening together for how God is calling us to move forward, in faith, courage, and openness to something new.

This movement requires us to journey together, not as isolated individuals but as fellow travellers, companions on the road. It means making space to pray, to listen, and to discern—not just what's easiest, but what's faithful.

Tomorrow, 15th August, we mark the **Festival of the Blessed Virgin Mary**, a woman who embodies this kind of faithful movement. When the angel called, Mary responded not with a detailed plan but with a willing heart: "Let it be to me according to your word." She gave herself fully to God's call, not knowing where it would lead, but trusting the One who had called her.

Mary reminds us that serving God is less about structure and more about surrender.

Less about protecting the past, and more about bearing Christ into the world, here and now.

So, as we stand on the threshold of new possibilities, let us take Mary's example to heart. Let us walk together in faith—not clinging to what was, but stepping into what might be. Let us discover again what it means to be servants of the living God—not out of duty, but out of love.

May the God who called Mary call us afresh.

May we, too, say yes.

And may we find joy in moving forward—together.

Every blessing

Rev Keir

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 Rippons Drove, Northborough; Peakirk Road, Glinton; Mile Drove, Glinton; and Foxcovert Road, Peakirk.

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, Ann Rata, Matthew Woodward, Sheila Merrill, Matty Phillips 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 and Anne Brookes.** Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

A 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 24th AUGUST

09:00 Holy Communion St Andrew's Northborough

10:30 Family Communion St Benedict's Glinton

18.00 Taize St Peter's Maxey

DATES for your DIARY

AUGUST

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! (see below)

Friday August 29th

Benefice@theBoozer 20.00 onwards

The Ruddy Duck Peakirk

Pubs do sell coffee and soft drinks too. Come long for a chat. All are welcome.

SEPTEMBER

Tuesday 9th September

Tuesday@10 Peakirk Village Hall 10.00 - 12.00

Scones and conversation

We look forward to seeing you all after the summer break. Why not invite a friend or nextdoor neighbour to come along too.

Saturday 13th September 9.30 - 11.00

Benefice@theBoozer Pop-Up Cafe St Benedict's Glinton

Bacon Sarnies and Hot Drinks

All are welcome

Monday 15th September 19.00

Concurrent PCC meetings Peakirk- cum Glinton School

Friday 26th September

Benefice@theBoozer 20.00 onwards

The Bluebell Glinton

Pubs do sell coffee and soft drinks too. Come long for a chat. All are welcome.

IMPORTANT DATE

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 8TH

Benefice Mission Day. Bishop Debbie is coming! More details shortly.

NEWS

Dates for your Diary.

PLEASE let me - and Simon Clayton (Tel: 01733 372726 <u>admin@9bridges.church</u>) - know of any forthcoming events!

If we don't know we can't publicise them!



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

Jayne and Rhiannon are ready!

The church is decorated and ready!

Even the chocolate bicycles are ready!

And

Come and see a special video of St Pega's church!

SATURDAY 16th

7.00pm Wave us off

8.00pm Sing with your Supper Join us for a sing-a-long

12.00 Compline and Cocoa

SUNDAY 17th

3.00am Fly-by- night (model aeroplane)

4.00am Story time (St Mark's Gospel)

9.00am Bacon butties

12.00 - 2.00pm Bring a picnic

Church open all day, refreshments, Family trail

6.00pm Hymns and Pimms

St Pega's Church, Peakirk

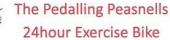
HYMNS & PIMMS

Sunday August 17th at 6.00pm

Songs of Praise

familiar and favourite hymns

Celebrate the Completion of



24hour Exercise Bike Cycle Ride at 7.00pm



ALL ARE WELCOME



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

Ethan (accompanied and supported by his friend Luke) has now been walking for 41 days!

Today he writes: 26 degrees today up in Scotland! Luke and I walked to West Linton, a little town situated on the edge of the Pentland Hills. Plenty of beautiful scenery and wildlife was observed along the way too.



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

https://www.hopeintoaction.org.uk/blog/nofixed-path-my-walk-for-hope

blessings

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