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Benefice Newsletter with Thought for Thursday

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

Thursday August 21st

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SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE

Sunday 24th August

Tenth Sunday after Trinity

09.00 Holy Communion St Andrew's Northborough

10.30 Family Communion St Benedict's Glinton

18.00 Taize St Peter's Maxey

Thought for Thursday

"What is truth?

What is truth! Famously asked by Pontius Pilate during the trial of Jesus.

But, when you look at all the stories in the news and the accounts given by different sides and the spin by different newspapers, politicians, activists, not to mention social media it seems a very critical question of our time, "what is truth".

For example.

Apparently, the war in Ukraine was either Ukraine's fault or President Biden's fault and would never have happened if President Trump had been in office. I thought it was because President Putin unprovoked, invaded Ukraine??

It appears that all this country's wrongs are the fault of the refugees crossing the channel, if only they could be stopped or sent back, all the socio-economic problems of England (at a stretch Britain) would be solved.

Thousands of people are starving and suffering in intolerable conditions in Gaza because all the necessary aid that is there is being misappropriated by the Hamas regime?

So, what is truth!

In many instances we all have already made up our minds of our version of the truth and we then search for others, news, media, acquaintances that support our preconceptions, disregarding opposing views as fake or just wrong.

Is it possible, even when explored, all sides and all information to establish the truth in any given situation? If there is a general consensus as to what is right, does that necessarily make it right or true?

Jesus said "I am the way and the truth and the life." Christians believe the truth of the risen Christ is the one true belief (equally considered fake news by many) and by considering Christ's teachings and example can lead us to a truth in dealing with others as equal sisters and brothers (neighbours) through love in this world and the next (another example of faith, but that's for another time) As it says in John's Gospel "the truth will set you free!"

Or in the words of the X-files.... "The truth is out there"

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 Saddlers Close, Glinton; Scotts Road, Glinton; Orchard Grove, Maxey; and Church Street, Northborough.

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.

SERVICE NEXT SUNDAY 31st AUGUST

10:30 Benefice Family Communion St Pega's Peakirk

DATES for your DIARY AUGUST

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 next-door 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

The Pedalling Peasnells

Jayne and Rhiannon successfully completed their epic 24hour exercise bike marathon. Starting at 7.00pm on Saturday evening and by biking virtually from Canterbury Cathedral, via Rochester, St Pauls (city of London), St Alban's, Chelmsford, Ely and Peterborough Cathedrals they 'arrived' at St Pega's at 7.00pm during the final hymn of our Hymns and Pimms Service.

After a rousing send-off with whistles, trumpets, a post horn and the church bells, Jane and Rhiannon were able to join in with a great sing-a-long session to while away the

evening hours. At midnight, Derek led a short service of Compline (night prayer) and during the night Brian flew a tiny model aircraft around the nave of the church seventeen times. As he flew, he was able to offer up the prayers which had been requested by parishioners. When dawn broke, about 5.00am, Pauline, Timothy, David and Jane had just finished reading through St Mark's gospel. David pedalled almost constantly from 3.00am to 9.00am to give the ladies encouragement through the night.

During daylight hours, visitors to the church were able to look at the floral displays, each representing a cathedral on The Duo's route and of course enjoy tea and cake. A lighted candle moved from display to display as Jayne and Rhiannon pedalled on their way.

Sarah and Constance decorated a beautiful congratulatory banner.

Supported by guest cyclists and fortified by hot dogs, bacon baps and plenty of cake Jayne and Rhiannon raised over £1000 for the work of St Pega's church.

They thank everyone who supported The Pedalling Peasnells, whether financially, or vocally Singing with your Supper, or hymn singing at Hymns and Pimms, or by visiting the church, offering words of encouragement, lending bikes, or in any other way.



It was good to have support!



Pedalling to 'Dancing Queen'



Sunday 7.00pm They did it!!

After reading through St Mark's Gospel in the early hours of Sunday morning (kindly supported by Pauline, Timothy and David) as Jayne and Rhiannon pedalled on, I walked into the churchyard at about 5.30am and caught the first light of a new day. Having just read of the Resurrection in Mark chapter 16, I found it very moving.

'Morning has broken, like the first morning'

Jane

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

Ethan (accompanied by his friends and family) has been walking for nearly EIGHT weeks. They are into Scotland now and the terrain is definitely more mountainous. Ethan and Luke were joined for part of the day by Ethan's Uncle.





Do continue to remember Ethan, Luke and those walking with them, in your prayers.

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

The Benefice Newsletter started in August 2018 - at that time it was printed a booklet and distributed in our churches. During lockdown, the paper copies morphed into an email attachment and 'Thought for Thursday' (Th4Th, which started life as a couple of lines on the Benefice Facebook page) joined it. Two years ago, Thought for Thursday

changed again and became Benefice Newsletter with Thought for Thursday when it started to be distributed by a programme which I lovingly call The Chimp!

Now the Benefice has an Administrator, Simon Clayton; he is going to take over the preparation and distribution of the newsletter/Th4Th from next week. Please continue to support him by sending dates, times, what's on, news etc.

blessings

Jane

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