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

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

**Thursday August 28th**

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## SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE

Sunday 31st August

Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

10:30 Holy Communion – Peakirk

First service with our new Intern - Roisin

### Thought for Thursday

***“It’s a game of give and take.”***

That’s a line from the Supremes 1966 hit, *You Can’t Hurry Love*, perhaps it was on my mind as it was a song we sang at the recent Kinda Karaoke in Peakirk church.

As many of you know I love words, crosswords and cryptic clues. That line set my mind to considering some of the words that we can put with “give”, e.g. “give in”, “give out”, “give way” and “give away”.

“Give in” means to yield or submit, to accept – often reluctantly – someone else’s point of view. “Give out” can mean to distribute something of ours to a number of others. “Give way”, often seen on road signs, means to allow others to go first. “Give away” is similar to give out in that it involves parting with something for no payment.

In all these actions there is an element of sacrifice. In all of them we are giving something up – “up”, another word to go with “give”.

This coming Sunday sees Rev Keir starting a series of sermons about sacrificial giving. We all need to give to keep our churches going. But there is more to it than that. Sacrificial giving is a form of worship. St Paul had plenty to say about giving. In

Acts 20.35 he says that “It is more blessed to give than to receive.” And in 2 Corinthians 9.7 he tells us that, “God loves a cheerful giver.”

This is the crux of the matter. We are not merely giving to our church, for the upkeep of the building, to pay to get the grass cut or pay the gas bill or insurance. We are giving to God - a thank offering for the amazing gift he gave to us over 2,000 years ago in the person of Jesus Christ who, by his death and resurrection, gave us the gift of forgiveness for all our wrongdoings. We are giving to enable his church, his people, to grow in faith and witness to his love and generosity to us in our communities.

We should ask ourselves the question, how much is our faith in Christ worth to us? The answer, for all of us, is found in the value of our sacrificial giving. Two words which we will hear much more about in the coming weeks.

Reader Derek

### **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 Chestnut Close, Glinton; Ashfields Deeping Gate; Sadlers Close, Glinton; and Peakirk Road, Deeping Gate.

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 Rosemary Eagle.** 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.

**SERVICE NEXT SUNDAY 7th SEPTEMBER**

**09:00 Morning Worship – Glington**

**10:30 Sung Holy Communion – Peakirk**

**15:00 Benefice Messy Harvest Festival – Peakirk\***

**18:00 Celtic Evening Prayer – Northborough**

**All are welcome at all our services.**

**\* Indicates a service designed with children and families in mind**

**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 along for a chat. All are welcome.

**SEPTEMBER**

**Monday September 1st**

Rosemary Eagle's funeral

**St Benedict's 11.00**

**Sunday September 7th**

Harvest Communion with Messy Church

**Peakirk Village Hall 15.00**

**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 Ginton**

Bacon Sarnies and Hot Drinks

All are welcome

**Monday 15th September 19.00**

Concurrent PCC meetings Peakirk cum Ginton School

**Friday 26th September**

Benefice@theBoozer 20.00 onwards

The Bluebell Ginton

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**

This piece from Jayne and Rhiannon should have been included in last week's Th4Th. Due to an oversight on my part, it was left out. My apologies to them both for failing to do so. It was truly an amazing weekend ladies! Jane

### **The Pedalling Peasnells**

About a year ago my Mum, Jayne, came to me with the crazy idea of a 24-hour cycle ride on exercise bikes!! In aid of St Pega's Church, me being the supportive daughter said "Why not" so that is where we started.

Fast forward to the 16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup> August 2025. We were all set to embark on our journey, how could we make it interesting we thought, what about visiting different cathedrals?

Off we set at 7pm from Canterbury Cathedral, making our way to Rochester, St Paul's, St Albans down to Chelmsford, gradually coming closer to home via Ely then Peterborough and finally back to St Pega's. We made it back to Peakirk at exactly 7pm on Sunday. It was so good to do something out of the ordinary and we had fun raising money for the church. We did leave with VERY sore bottoms, but it was well worth the pain.

We thank everyone from the bottom of our hearts who came and supported us over the 24 hours and who donated money. We really appreciate all the help and support we had. We are now going to take time to recover whilst we think about our next crazy challenge!

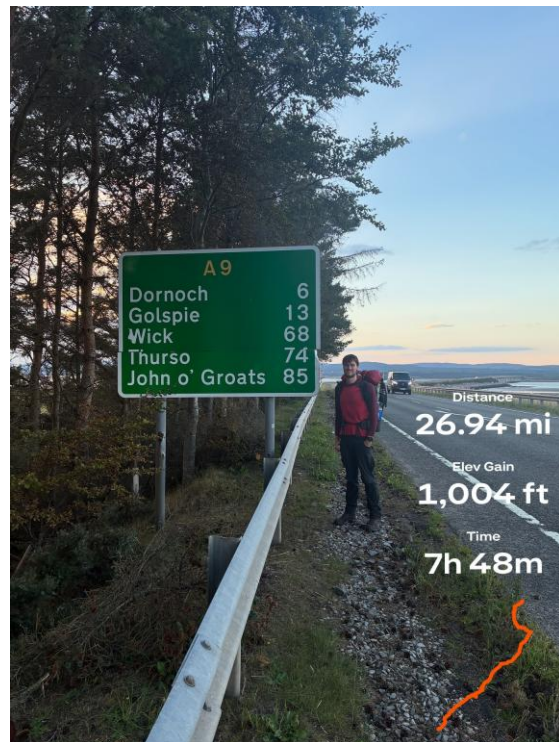
Thank you once again to all who came and supported us in whatever way they could.

Jayne & Rhiannon

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

Ethan and his walking companion Luke have been walking over 50 days. As you can see by the photo, the end is in sight and they hope to arrive in John O'Groats on Friday.

This week Ethan writes: After so many nights spent in a tent, it's something I'm very much used to now. I can probably pitch it with my eyes closed at this point. I have everything organised so I know where it is. But I know this journey is coming to an end very soon and for so many others, this is a constant reality - there is seemingly no finish line in sight. I would ask that you spare a thought this week for those without a home, especially during the coming months, shorter days and longer nights



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/no-fixed-path-my-walk-for-hope>

### Solutions to clues from last month

**1 THOMAS** (doubter) Anagram (confused) of **AH MOST**.

**2 FORTY DAYS** 5.71 weeks of Jesus' fast,

**3 CHERUBIM** (angels) Anagram (reformed) of **CRIME HUB**.

**4 BEERSHEBA** (city in Israel) **BEER** (ale) **SHE** (That woman) **BA** (degree).

**5 EUPHRATES** (river) Anagram (switched) of **SUPERHEAT**.

*This time's clues*

1 Joseph, shortly, takes a student for a prophet. (4)

2 A friend of Jesus in any disc I please. (8)

3 Wormhole bat confused for apostle. (11)

4 Garden waterer with a prophet. (5)

5 Small bird goes before you and me in epistle. (5)

If you made it to the foot of last week's Th4Th you will have seen Jane's explanation that I was taking over its compilation and distribution.

I've been the Administrator in the Benefice since April and have been made thoroughly welcome by everyone, no-one more so than Jane. She has been kindness personified and supported me in every way. I only hope that I can continue her good work and do her justice, as she puts her feet up, from this task at least.

Please continue to send me dates, times, what's on, news etc.

have a wonderful week

Simon

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