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Benefice Newsletter with Thought for Thursday

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

Thursday September 11th

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SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE

Sunday 14th September

Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

09:00 Morning Prayer – Peakirk

10:30 Holy Communion - Etton

18:00 Joyful Journey - Glinton *

All are welcome at all our services

* Indicates a service designed with children and families in mind

Thought for Thursday

'Sacrifice'

One of the joys of modern life is having a smart speaker in the bedroom, programmed to play relaxing music for 15 minutes, to quieten the mind, before drifting off into sleep.

At the moment, fairly frequently it plays 'Sacrifice' by Elton John. This is a hauntingly beautiful song which comes to the conclusion that when a relationship is irreparably broken, it is no sacrifice at all to say the relationship is over.

And Elton John's song has had me pondering on what sacrifice itself really does look like. My thoughts somehow encompass the sense that sacrifice means putting the well-being of others before my own comfort, being willing to see things through the eyes of a loving God, living my life with the values of the kingdom of God.

Jesus did it – having every aspect of his life shaped by his heavenly Father and following the way of God's love even when it led to his death.

Maximilian Kolbe did it during the second world war, sacrificing his own life in place of another's life at Auschwitz.

And here, in our villages north of Peterborough – perhaps sacrifice for us is taking God a bit more seriously and devoting a bit more of ourselves to him, and to those we meet in daily life.

Freda Skillman

11th September 2025

Benefice Prayers

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



We lift up in prayer all who live in Rectory Lane, Glinton; Main Road, Etton; and Rectory Lane, 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, Matty Phillips, Violet Green and Peter Jarrold. 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 21st SEPTEMBER

09:00 Harvest Festival with Holy Communion – Maxey
 10:30 Harvest Family Praise - Northborough *
 18:00 Evensong – Peakirk (with benefice choir)

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DATES for your DIARY SEPTEMBER

Saturday 13th September 9.30 - 11.00

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

Bacon Sarnies and Hot Drinks

All are welcome

Saturday 13th September from 11:00 - 16:00

Heritage Open Day at St Andrew's Northborough
Plenty of Tea and Cake as well!

Monday 15th September 19.00

Concurrent PCC meetings Peakirk cum Glinton School

Sunday 21st September at 10:30am

St Andrew's, Northborough

Family Harvest Thanksgiving and

Thanksgiving for the Restoration of the Chancel Roof

A chance to say thank you!

Please note that Church Street, Northborough is now closed until 5th December.

Car access is via Peakirk Road or there is parking in the layby on Lincoln Road, or at The Packhorse

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.

Friday 26th - Sunday 28th September

Nine Bridges Charity Beer Festival

The Golden Pheasant Etton

Friday 4pm - close: Live Music

Saturday 12pm - close: Afternoon Quiz, Live Music

Saturday 12pm - close: Live Music

IMPORTANT DATE

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 8TH

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

NEWS



Harvest Festival Donations

Donations collected at the Harvest services, unless otherwise communicated, will be given to Deepings Foodbank, who 'help local people in crisis'. I am co-ordinating with Peakirk cum Glinton and Northborough Primary schools in this regard.

Deepings Foodbank are in need of any **tinned or packet food** and would really appreciate **Tinned Fruit / Tinned Rice Pudding / Tinned Meat / Long Life Milk / Long Life Fruit Juice / Biscuits / Crisps** in particular.

As always, your support is very much appreciated.

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My apologies for the late distribution of this week's newsletter, I let my birthday celebrations distract me! Please keep the dates, times, what's on, news etc. coming and have a wonderful week

Simon

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