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Benefice Newsletter
with Thought for Thursday

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

Thursday October 26th

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SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE

Sunday 26th October

Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

09:00 Holy Communion – Northborough

10:30 Family Communion - Glinton (with Benefice Choir) *

18:00 Taizé – Maxey

All are welcome at all our services

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

Thought for Thursday

Pumpkins are appearing on doorsteps, shops are full of sweets, and the nation's supply of fake cobwebs has been mysteriously depleted once again... It must be nearly Halloween.

Christians have had a rather complicated relationship with Halloween over the years. On the one hand, it's hard not to smile at little witches and wizards knocking on doors and politely demanding chocolate. On the other hand, the church has often worried about the darker side of the celebration.

But here's the thing: the word "Halloween" itself comes from *All Hallows' Eve* – the night before *All Saints' Day*. It's meant to be a time when we remember that, even though death and darkness exist, they don't get the last word. The light of Christ shines brighter.

So, perhaps instead of being spooked by Halloween, we can chuckle at it. After all, the devil must be having a bad week if the scariest thing he can throw at us is a child in a polyester Dracula cape asking for Haribo.

This year, as you carve your pumpkin, maybe place a candle inside and let it shine. It's a reminder that we are called to be "lights in the world" (Philippians 2:15) – even if our lights happen to be orange, hollow, and slightly singed around the edges.

Happy All Hallows' Eve (and may your chocolate supplies last longer than the children's knocking)!

Rev. Keir Dow

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 Helpston Road, Glington, Penwald Court, Peakirk, Helpston Road, Glington & Deeping 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, Matty Phillips, Richard Denham and Alison Booker.** 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, **Robert Smitheringale, Michael Plant, Myra Bryant and Edna Hollamby.** Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

 For the Growth of Our Church

We pray for all who are engaging with the changing structures of our church's governance. Grant that each of us may discern the right role in which to use our gifts in service of your mission in this place. Give us courage to speak with one another about our own calling and to encourage others in discovering theirs.

SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY 2nd November

9:00 Morning Worship – Glington

10:30 Sung Holy Communion - Peakirk

15:00 Messy Church, Peakirk Village Hall*

18:00 Celtic Evening Prayer – Northborough

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DATES for your DIARY

Every Wednesday

St Benedict's Ginton - Singing Club for Children - <https://9bridges.church/singing-club/>

Friday 24th October

Castor Quiz Night - doors open 18:30 with a prompt start at 19:00

Castor Village Hall

£12 per person, including a Ploughman's Supper

Tables up to 8 - On your own? No problem, we can put you on a friendly mystery table! Ages 12+ only please.

To book, please contact Chris Murrell on 07936 877471 or via email at christinemurrell51@gmail.com.

Please note: Payment is required on booking

Tuesday 28th October

Poppy-making workshop 10.00 - 12.00 in St Pega's Church

Suitable for all ages. Make paper poppies to create a display for Remembrance Sunday.

Tea, coffee and cake.

Knitting patterns are available in the church if you would like to knit poppies to add to the display we created last year.

Please supply your own wool and needles.

Saturday 1st November

A Service for All Souls Day - St Pega's Church 10:30

Followed by Refreshments

Sunday 2nd November

Messy Church in Peakirk Village Hall 15:00 - 16:30. Theme - Why Advent?

All families welcome

Followed by Refreshments

Sunday 9th November

Services for Remembrance Day and 2 minutes silence will be held across the Benefice

10:30 Remembrance Service with Holy Communion - Etton

10:30 Remembrance Service - Glinton

10:45 Act of Remembrance - Peakirk

The war memorial for the village is in the church. A special display for the war memorial has been created at our Poppy workshop which was held in October. Also look out for the display of knitted poppies by the gate to the church.

10:45 Act of Remembrance - Northborough

Northborough's War Memorial is also in the church itself, with good information of the three men who gave their lives during WW1

10:45 Act of Remembrance - Maxey

Saturday 15th November

Benefice@The Boozer Pop-Up Café in St Benedict's Church 09.30 – 11.00 serving bacon sarnies and hot and cold drinks. Do come along!

Christmas Fayre - in Peakirk Village Hall, 14:00 - 16:00

Christmas stall with decorations and gifts; Christmas tombola; Christmas-themed games; Refreshments

Monday 17th November

Christmas/greeting cards work shop - Etton

IMPORTANT DATE

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 8TH

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

NEWS



Concert by The Six

The Six, the Benefice-based group of musicians, were invited to give a concert at the Church of Christ the Carpenter in Dogsthorpe! What a super evening it was with a wonderful atmosphere and appreciative audience.

David, Simon, Derek, Matt and Adam with guest singer, Alison standing in for Marie, thoroughly enjoyed themselves too. Best wishes to Marie who undergoes hip surgery soon.



Feeding local people in crisis

To everyone at Nine Bridges Benefice

**Thank you for your generous
donations from your Harvest Festival
of 450.50 kilogrammes of food**

**This will enable us to continue
supporting people in crisis**

**Without your support and generosity
this would not be possible**

POPPY MAKING WORKSHOP

Help to create a display
for Peakirk's war memorial



St Pega's Church

Tuesday October 28th

10.00am - 12.00noon

All materials provided Refreshments

All are welcome. Children please bring
an adult with you.

Quiz Night



Age 12+



Friday - 24 October 2025

Doors open: 6:30pm

Start Time: 7pm prompt

Cost: £12 per person
(inc. Ploughman's Supper)

 **Castor Village Hall**

**Food , Bar and an
evening of
competitive fun!**

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St. Kyneburgha Church

"I've seen many a Messiah in my time but few as powerfully
engaging as this. It held me in its grip from start to finish."
Michael White

G. F. HANDEL
MESSIAH

NEW THEATRE, PETERBOROUGH

Thursday 11 December, 7.30pm

Critically-acclaimed opera company Wild Arts (★★★★★ Opera Now,
★★★★ The Guardian) bring their enthralling dramatisation of Handel's
legendary oratorio to the New Theatre, Peterborough – bringing
the Christmas story to life.



Book Now
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Box Office: 01733 852992




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Across Peterborough is a communication tool with a website, social media and newsletter.

It is managed by [Light Project Peterborough](https://www.lightprojectpeterborough.org.uk) whose aim is to enable and equip the church and community to heal the broken hearted, set free the oppressed and bring good news to the poor.

Wherever you are on your life journey we hope you will find something useful there.

Their aim is to showcase some of the amazing work done in our city and provide resources that will help improve the Peterborough community.

We will be sharing more content from across the city in the future.

<https://www.acrosspeterborough.org.uk>

Thank you for all of your contributions, news updates, events and concerts.

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