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Benefice Newsletter
with Thought for Thursday

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

Thursday October 9th

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SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE

Sunday 12th October

Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

09:00 Morning Worship – Peakirk

10:30 Harvest Festival with 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

“It’s the Hope that Kills You”

If you’re a sports fan, you’ll know what it’s like to be all in. You know the players, the tactics, the rivalries — and you ride every high and low as if you were out there yourself.

I support the European team in the Ryder Cup, and I was on the edge of my seat when they ran it so close on the final day at Bethpage Black. And I follow England passionately in cricket and rugby — which means I’ve had more than my fair share of “nearly moments”. As the saying goes, “It’s the hope that kills you.”

But that phrase always makes me think. In sport, yes — hope can feel risky. You dare to believe, and then the ball bounces the wrong way. But in real life, hope is essential.

Christian hope isn’t about whether we win or lose, or whether everything goes to plan. It’s about being loved and accepted by God whatever happens. It’s not a fragile, nail-biting sort of hope like waiting for a penalty shootout — it’s a deep confidence that God is with us, that life has meaning, and that love has the final word.

Sport is wonderful — it unites us, excites us, and gives us plenty to talk about over a beer or a cuppa. But Jesus helps us keep perspective. It’s fine to cheer, groan, celebrate, and even

grumble about the referee — as long as we remember what really matters. Our identity doesn't depend on the scoreboard, but on the steady, unchanging love of God.

So, enjoy the game, shout at the TV if you must, and keep hoping — just maybe not for England in a World Cup final! Because that's the kind of hope that frays your nerves. The hope we have in Christ, though — that's the one that truly gives life.

Reader Simon

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 Maxey Road, Deeping Gate, The Mallards, Peakirk, Church View, Northborough and North Fen Road, Glington. 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, 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, **Matt Pearson and Stephen Cookson**. 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.

SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY 19th OCTOBER

9:00 Holy Communion – Maxey

10:30 Family Praise – Northborough*

18:00 Evensong – Peakirk

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DATES for your DIARY

Every Wednesday

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

Tuesday 14th October

Tuesday@10 from 10.00 to 12.00 in Peakirk Village Hall Coffee, scones and conversation.

All welcome. Toys available for pre-school children.

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 15th November

Christmas Fayre - Peakirk

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 crises. I am co-ordinating with Peakirk cum Glington 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 and the donations received so far have been wonderful, please continue your support for the church and local communities.

Simon Clayton - Administrator

**ST BENEDICT'S CHURCH
GLINTON**

**COME AND JOIN US FOR OUR
HARVEST SUPPER**

on

**Friday, 10th October, 2025 at
7 p.m.**

GLINTON VILLAGE HALL

**£15.00 for mains, a pud and
tea /coffee**

RAFFLE

TABLE QUIZ

B.Y.O. DRINK

FOR TICKETS CONTACT

JULIE FITZJOHN

01733 252712

**Or from St. Benedict's
church**

An Autumn Serenade

with

The Six

in Christ the Carpenter Church Hall, Dogsthorpe

Saturday 11 October at 7.30pm

Entry by donation to Church Funds

Refreshments



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

It is managed by [Light Project Peterborough](#) 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>



Knitted Bible Stories

3RD - 14TH OCT 2025



**Enjoyed the longest yarn earlier this year?
Come and wonder at 30 stories from the
Bible, handcrafted in wool.**

Open between 10am-4pm

St. John's Church, Cathedral Square, PE1 1XB

☎ 01733 563 978 ✉ office@peterborough-stjohns.org.uk

Entry free - donations appreciated



Everyone Welcome!

We'll continue to share events and activities from across the wider community

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

We are approaching the busy festive season, with many events already planned. Please let me have as much detail and as early as possible, regarding your events, so we can ensure as many people are aware them.

This week's picture is from the touring production of Matilda, to which we took our grandchildren this week and we are reminded of the beautiful innocence and joy of children.

Simon

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