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Benefice Newsletter
with Thought for Thursday

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

Thursday October 16th

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SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE

Sunday 19th October

Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

09:00 Holy Communion – Maxey

10:30 Family Praise – Northborough*

18:00 Evensong – Peakirk

All are welcome at all our services

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

Thought for Thursday

Adventures in Prayer

It is a delight to be part of the group that is meeting at The Old School House in Northborough to consider prayer.

The sessions start with a short video discussing various aspects of prayer, using the Lord's Prayer as a starting point.

What has become more and more evident in the ensuing conversations is how different our own individual prayer lives are.

Wonder at the glories of creation, the peace of a quiet church, the difficulties of loved ones, the suffering in many parts of the world – all these and more spur us into prayer.

Music, poetry, art, the Bible itself, provide open doorways to a God who listens, a God who cares, a God who delights in us and absolutely loves it when we delight in him.

They help us to focus on the depth and height of God's love for us and call out in us a response to love him with our whole being.

Prayer is the adventure of a lifetime, sometimes difficult, sometimes so joyful we feel as though we could indeed burst with joy, and, in the end, we don't need elaborate words, or fancy structures. As the first session on Prayer said – Keep it simple, keep it real, keep it up!

Freda Skillman

16th October 2025

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 North Fen Road, Glington, High Street, Glington, Werrington Parkway, Glington & St Benedicts Close, 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, 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, **Edna Hollamby, 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 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 26th OCTOBER

09:00 Holy Communion – Northborough

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

18:00 Taizé – Maxey

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DATES for your DIARY

Every Wednesday

St Benedict's Glinton - 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 15th November

Christmas Fayre - Peakirk

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



Harvest Festival Donations

On Wednesday 15th October, it was my honour to handover the combined Harvest Festival donations from across the Nine Bridges Benefice, to Deepings Foodbank.

Graham Thompson of Deepings Foodbank was extremely grateful and quite taken aback by the generosity of all those who donated.

The donations were collected from our churches, who held services in September and October, and from Peakirk cum Glinton and Northborough, Primary Schools.

The Faith Council from Peakirk cum Glinton helped with the sorting and boxing up of the donations, that had been collated at St. Benedict's, ready for collection.

Further information regarding the work of the Deepings Foodbank can be found here:

<https://deepings.foodbank.org.uk>



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>

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

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!

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

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St. Kyneburgha Church



Wow! We are busy community. Keep those events coming with as much detail and as early as possible, so we can ensure as many people are aware them.

This week's picture is of the altar in St. Benedict's as we close out our harvest celebrations.

Simon

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