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Benefice Newsletter
with Thought for Thursday

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

Thursday October 30th

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SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE

Sunday 2nd November

Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

09:00 Morning Worship – Glington

10:30 Sung Holy Communion - Peakirk

15:00 Messy Church, Peakirk Village Hall*

18:00 Celtic Evening Prayer – Northborough

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, Glinton, Penwald Court, Peakirk, Helpston Road, Glinton & 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 9th November

10:30 Act of Remembrance - Etton

10:30 Service of Remembrance - Glington

10:45 Act of Remembrance – Peakirk

10:45 Act of Remembrance – Northborough

10:45 Act of Remembrance – Maxey

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DATES for your DIARY

Every Wednesday

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

Friday 31st October

Benefice@TheBoozer - 8.00pm The Bluebell Ginton

All are welcome for an evening of conversation and a drink (alcoholic or another alternative)

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 workshop - Etton - **WORKSHOP IS NOW FULL**

IMPORTANT DATE

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 8TH

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

NEWS

John Stables

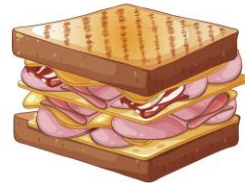
John's family have asked us to make you all aware of his passing on 29th October 2025. A service will be held at St. Peter's, Maxey in due course.

**Out and about on Saturday
morning?**

**Walking your dog
or out for a bike ride?**



B@TB



**invites you for a
coffee or tea,
a bacon sandwich
and a friendly chat
at St Benedict's Church
Glinton on**

**Saturday 15 November
between 9.30am and 11.00am**

No charge – donations welcome - and dogs!

See you there?





CHRISTMAS FAYRE

NORTHBOROUGH VILLAGE HALL
SATURDAY 29th NOVEMBER
FROM 2:00pm

TOMBOLA • GAMES • RAFFLE •
BOOKS • CAKE STALL • BRIC-A-BRAC
• TEA • COFFEE • CAKES

Also...

CHRISTMAS GIFTS • CARDS • CANDLES
• SWEETS • CHOCOLATES •
TOILETRIES • AND MORE...

ALL PROCEEDS TO ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH

PEAKIRK VILLAGE HALL QUIZ NIGHT

Saturday 29th November 2025

7.30pm



Teams of 4-6
£5 per person



To book a table:

Email: heatherrevell@yahoo.co.uk
or message me through Facebook

All money raised supports St Pega's Church, Peakirk

"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
newtheatre-peterborough.com
Box Office: 01733 852992




across Peterborough

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>

This week's picture is of St. Benedict's, taken as the nights close in and I left a local establishment I had frequented.

Thank you for all of your contributions, news updates, events and concerts. Keep 'em coming!

Simon

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