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Benefice Newsletter with Thought for Thursday

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

Thursday October 2nd

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SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE

Sunday 5th October

Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

9:00 Morning Worship – Glinton

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

I belong to several groups on Facebook. Three of these are about the past in places where I have lived. There is one about Northampton where I was born and lived until I was 14 years of age, Swindon, near where we moved to and where I went to school, and Peterborough where I live now.

A common theme to many of the posts in these groups is along the lines of, "The place isn't as good as it used to be.", or "It was fine until the council decided to . . . ", or "When we were kids, we used to . . . "etc., etc.

Cities, towns and villages never remain the same. They are not stuck in any particular time frame. They evolve. Those of us who have memories of their pasts probably do regret some of the changes that have happened but we cannot jump aboard a Tardis and go back there. We have to accept that no, the place is not what it used to be.

I would guess that our forebears have probably been saying something similar throughout history.

The way our Benefice is organised is going through changes too. Parochial Church Councils are being replaced by the Benefice Council and Family and Friends Groups in the parishes. There is nothing to be gained from harking back to the way things used to be. We cannot go back. Instead, we must look forward and pray for the success of the new structure.

But in all of these changes we see happening around us – those we welcome, and those we regret – there is one thing that has remained constant throughout and continues to remain constant today. It will also remain constant into the future, even when today's children have reached my age and look back and think about the changes they have witnessed.

That constant is the love of Our Lord, Jesus Christ. It has always been there, constant and unchanging, for the last two thousand and twenty-five years and it will continue to be there, not only for us, but for future generations for as long as there are people on our planet.

This is the reason why we continually give our thanks to God for that most precious gift that he gave us in the person of His Son, the Word made flesh, who took upon himself all the wrongdoings of the whole world – past, present and future – so that all people could live in freedom from sin.

Praise God for His unconditional love and kindness.

Reader Derek

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 Castle Drive, Northborough; Maxham's Green Road, Etton; Chestnut Close, Peakirk; and Castle Drive, Deeping Gate.

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, and Matty Phillips. 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, Stephen Cookson, Leigh Odin 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 TUESDAY 7th OCTOBER

10:00 BCP Communion – Maxey

SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY 12th OCTOBER

9:00 Morning Worship – Peakirk

10:30 Harvest Festival with Holy Communion – Etton*

18:00 Joyful Journey – Glinton *

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DATES for your DIARY

Every Wednesday

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

Sunday 5th October

Messy Church in Peakirk Village Hall at 3.00pm All families are welcome.

Friday 10th October

Harvest Supper at Glinton Village Hall at 7pm £15 for mains, pud and tea/coffee Raffle, table quiz, BYO drink

Tickets from St. Benedict's church or Julie Fitzjohn - 01733 252712

Saturday 11th October

An Autumn serenade with The Six

Christ the Carpenter Church Hall, Dogsthorpe - 19.30

Entry by donation to church funds. Refreshments available

Tuesday 14th October

Tuesday@10 from10.00 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.

IMPORTANT DATE

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 8TH

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

NEWS

Can you help?

Every term, each class of children from Peakirk- cum-Glinton Primary school crosses the road from the school to St Benedict's Church for Collective Worship. It is such an important and valuable link between the school and the church and one which would be very sad to lose.

Due to Health and Safety guidelines, each class needs a minimum of 3 adults to accompany it from school to church. Are you able to spare about half an hour to help the children cross the road and come to church?

Collective worship is on Wednesday afternoons. As they say in the adverts, experience is not necessary as full training will be given (and you will have a high-vis jacket!)

The dates for this term are:

October 15 tbc (2.30 - 3.00)

October 22 (2.30 - 3.00)

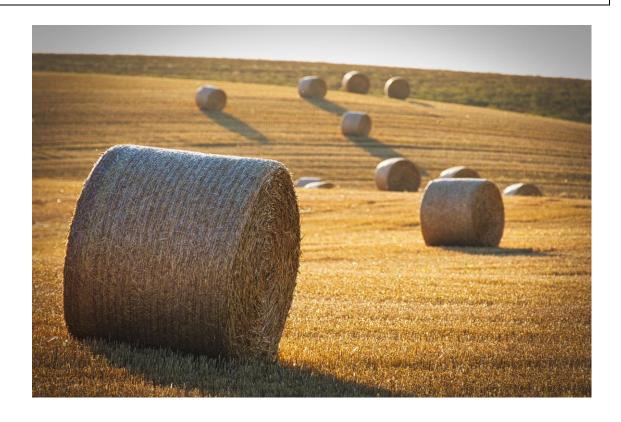
November 19 (2.00 - 2.30)

December 3: (2.00 - 2.30)

If you feel that you are able to help, please get in touch: communications@9bridges.church

Thank you

Jane



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 and the donations received so far have been wonderful, please continue your support for the church and local communities.

Simon Clayton - Administrator



St Pega's 100Club.

The September draw for the 100Club was held as we enjoyed refreshments after the Harvest service.

The lucky winners were: Elaine, Mark and Pauline.

If you would like to take part in our 100Club, which helps to support the work of our church, numbers are still available. Membership costs £24.00 for the year. Please get in touch with Jane: janeaharris0@gmail.com

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with

The Six

in Christ the Carpenter Church Hall, Dogsthorpe
Saturday II October at 7.30pm
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Refreshments



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

It is managed by <u>Light Project Peterborough</u> 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





Everyone Welcome!

Many thanks to everyone sending in the wonderful content, please keep it coming. It's so lovely to see the many events across our community.

This week I completed my Safeguarding Leadership training, during which I reflected on intervention and the consequent impact of failing to take action. I've chosen a picture of Ghetto Heroes Square in Krakow, which Sarah and I visited earlier this year. Thought provoking and incredibly sad, especially considering the opportunities to act and intervene that were missed or ignored.

Simon

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