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Benefice Newsletter
with Thought for Thursday

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

Thursday November 6th

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SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE

Sunday 9th November

Remembrance Sunday in the 9 Bridges Benefice

This year we gather across our villages to honour the courage and sacrifice of those who gave their lives in war, and to pray for peace in our world today.

Services on Sunday 9th November:

- **Etton** – 10:30 AM, Meet at the village green for an act of remembrance at 10:45 followed by a *Remembrance Service with Holy Communion in the church.*
- **Glington** – 10:30 AM, *Remembrance Service*

- **Peakirk** – 10:45 AM, *Act of Remembrance*
- **Northborough** – 10:45 AM, *Act of Remembrance*
- **Maxey** – 10:45 AM, *Act of Remembrance*

Remembrance is not only about looking back with gratitude—it is also about looking forward with resolve. We remember the countless men and women who laid down their lives so that future generations might live in freedom and peace. Their sacrifice calls us to cherish and protect those same freedoms today: the freedom to speak, to gather, to live without fear, and to treat all people with dignity and respect.

In a world where tensions and divisions too often threaten to take root, remembrance reminds us that peace is precious and fragile. It invites us to stand against hatred and prejudice in every form, and to work together for a world that honours the humanity for which so many gave their lives.

As we keep silence, may it be filled with gratitude, hope, and renewed commitment to live as people of peace.

Rev. Keir Dow



Thought for Thursday

A few weeks ago, I purchased a chainsaw. In late, midlife crisis some people buy a super car, perhaps a motorcycle or even multiple lathes! However, having pondered, researched, evaluated and final decided what to buy, I placed an order with a well-known online market place and waited the delivery.

What I hadn't evaluated initially was the imperative need for protective equipment in order to safely operate said chainsaw. Helmet with visor and ear protection, leggings with Kevlar inserts, safety boots with steel tow caps and anti-cut gloves, the cost of which is almost as much as the primary equipment.

This reminded me of putting on the armour of Christ as described in Paul's epistle to the Ephesians.

However, the purpose of the exercise is to be able to coppice a number of ash trees I have been growing to provide logs for burning in a year or two. The trees have reached a size where they need to be cut down, to allow new and prolific new growth thus sustaining and increasing future production.

In life as in nature we sometimes have to make radical changes in order to move forward and create new growth. This can equally apply in our spiritual as our secular life. There are numerous examples of saints and others throughout the history of the Church whose lives have been turned upside down and as a result have done amazing things in the power of the spirit.

Sometimes to create new growth we have to drastically prune the old. It looks brutal and leaves a big gap, but soon the new growth flourishes, fills the gap and produces abundantly and sustains production into the future. Hopefully I'll have ash logs to burn for a few more years. (Or if I had the skill turn into something beautiful or useful)

Reader Mark

Discover Your Mission

November 8th 10am - 2pm

Peakirk cum Glinton Primary school

Join us for **Mission Day** – a joyful, inspiring day to explore where you fit, discover your gifts, and experience the joy of **belonging to something bigger**.

Even small acts of service, time, or talent make a difference when offered together, and **everything offered to God is seen and honoured**. There'll be **worship, conversation, laughter, a bring-and-share lunch, tea, coffee, and – of course – cake!**

Come as you are, bring your curiosity, and be part of the adventure!

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 Ashfields, Deeping Gate, Peakirk Road, Peakirk, School Lane, Maxey & Neaverson 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: **Ann Rata, Chris Skillman, Matty Phillips, Richard Denham and Alison Booker and David Cupit.** 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 and Myra Bryant.** 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 16th November

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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**

DATES for your DIARY

Every Wednesday

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

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**

Saturday 23rd November

St Pega's Café is open for Brunch between 9.30 and 11.30 in Peakirk Village Hall.

Serving traditional Full English and Continental breakfast.

Reserve your table. Sheila 01733 252416

Friday 28th November

Wreath Making in Peakirk Village Hall 7.00pm to 9.00pm.

Make a festive wreath or decoration. Materials provided. Seasonal refreshments. Book your place. Pauline 01733 253 116

Saturday 29th November

Christmas Fair - Northborough Village Hall, 2.00-4.00pm and everyone is invited to join in the festive fun!

What's On? - Crafts - Gifts - Tea and Cake - Books and DVD's - Raffle and Tombola - Children's activities

All proceeds to St Andrew's Church, Northborough.

We look forward to seeing you there and wish you an early Merry Christmas!

NEWS



Poppy workshop

St Pega's was packed and very busy for our Poppy workshop last week. About 16 children and many adults came along to add to last year's stunning display on the church wall, to add a poppy border of nearly 100 poppies for the notice board, to create a display at the war memorial in the chancel and to make a wreath to lay at the Remembrance service on Sunday. Thank you to everyone.

Jane Harris



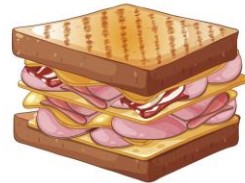


**Out and about on Saturday
morning?**

**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



Benefice Christmas Concert

6th December 2025

7pm at Sissons Barn, Peakirk

Mulled wine and Mince Pies
Licensed Bar from 6.30pm

£15 Admit one

Ticket No.....



Tickets for the above concert are available from Simon - 07802 279752, and from each of the parishes.”

"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




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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.acrosspeterborough.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>

Solutions to clues from last month

1 GALILEE (lake in Israel) An anagram (reconfigured) of **I ALLEGE**.

2 ROMANS (letter) First letters (initially) of the first six words of the clue.

3 AMOS (prophet) A lurker (Partly) in Bala**AM O**stracised.

4 CHRONICLES (Old Testament books) An anagram (around) of **RICH CLONES**.

5 MOUNT SINAI (place of law-giving) **MOUNT** (Get on a horse) **SIN** (do wrong) **AI** (Artificial Intelligence)

This time's clues

1 Slides Wren rebuilt where the Baptist cried out. (9)

2 Some normal achievements of prophet. (7)

3 Outlet after short publicity is prep period. (6)

4 Apocryphal book around Mecca base. (9)

5 Part of epistle in advance goes west for Old Testament book. (6)

This week's pictures are of the original installation of ceramic poppies at the Tower of London in 2014. I was fortunate enough to be able to volunteer for a day and plant poppies with some of my work colleagues. It was an amazing and moving experience.

Please keep sending me your contributions for this newsletter, it's what keeps it alive and interesting.

Simon

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