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Benefice Newsletter
with Thought for Thursday

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

Thursday November 20th

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SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE

Sunday 23rd November

09:00 Holy Communion – Northborough

10:30 Family Holy Communion - Glinton *

18:00 Taizé – Maxey

All are welcome at all our services. * Indicates a service designed with children and families in mind

The Collect and Readings can be found at the foot of this newsletter

Thought for Thursday

Have you ever noticed how the news so often feels like an endless parade of disaster, scandal, and general gloom? It's often said that good news doesn't sell papers—or, in today's world, it doesn't generate clicks. So, we're treated to the shock and the outrage, the political drama, the tales of failure and conflict. Add to that the swirl of social media, which happily serves us more of whatever we already believe, and the echo chamber gets louder and louder. Before long, it can feel as though the whole world is in chaos and nothing good ever happens.

And yet, every now and then, something breaks through. This very morning the BBC led with a good news story—a real lift for Scotland football fans! A reminder that joy still exists, that not everything is bleak, and that good news can make headlines after all.

But even moments like that tend to be fleeting. They brighten the day and then disappear under the next wave of trouble. Which is why, as Christians, we need to go back to the Good News that doesn't fade, doesn't depend on the 24-hour news cycle, and definitely isn't drowned out by the latest scandal.

The Gospel—the permanent Good News of Jesus Christ—isn't a distraction from reality. It is the deepest reality. It tells us that God is with us, that love is stronger than fear, that forgiveness is possible, and that hope is not naïve but eternal. In a world that shouts bad news, God quietly—and persistently—speaks good news.

So perhaps our task this Thursday is simply this: to tune our hearts not to the noise of the moment, but to the enduring message of Christ. And then to share His Good News, gently but confidently, in a world that sorely needs to hear it.

Reader Simon

Benefice Prayers

Our benefice prayers are taken from this week's pew sheet.

 For Our Community

We lift up in prayer all who live in Websters Close, Glington, Oak Road, Glington, Church Street, Northborough & Church Street, Northborough. 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, Richard Denham, David Cupit, Marie Hayes and Mollie Watkin.** 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, **John Stables and David Mostyn.** 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 30th November

10:30 United Benefice Communion – Northborough*

All are welcome at all our services

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DATES for your DIARY

Every Wednesday

St Benedict's Glinton

Singing Club for Children

<https://9bridges.church/singing-club/>



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 253116



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!

Saturday 29th November

Quiz Night at Peakirk Village Hall

19:30

Teams of 4-6 - £5 per person

All proceeds to St Pega's Church, Peakirk.

Raffle on the night! Bring your own drinks
and nibbles

Sunday 30th November

Moor Farm Nativity

4pm



All proceeds to the churches of the
Benefice of Eye, Newborough and
Thorney



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.....

SISSONS BARN

Thursday 4th December

Christmas Tree Lighting in St Benedict's
churchyard 18:45

With Mulled wine and Mince Pies.



Come and visit the
church with
Christmas Trees
decorated by village
groups from
Sunday, 7th Dec.



Saturday 6th December

Christmas Concert at
Sisson's Barn, Peakirk – 7pm

Tickets are available from Simon Richards
- 07802 279752, and from each of the
parishes and any choir member.



Minced pies, mulled wine and licensed bar from 6.30pm

Sunday 7th December through
December

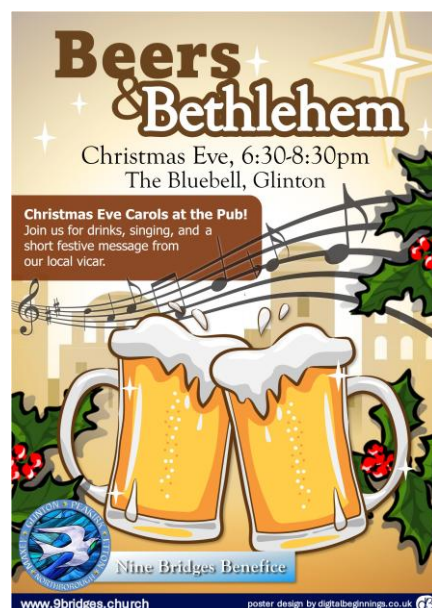
Decorated Christmas trees, from village groups and the school, in St Benedict's Church.

10.00 - 12:00 Christmas stalls and refreshments in St. Benedict's church

Tuesday 9th December

Tuesday@10 10.00 – 12.00 in Peakirk Village Hall.

All are welcome for Coffee and Scones



Saturday 13th December

St Peter's, Maxey

Family Carol service is planned for
4:00pm (1600hrs)

Saturday 13th December

Christmas Fayre

St. Benedict's Church, Glington

10:00 - 12:00

Sunday 14th December

The Journey to Bethlehem – a carol
service with a difference with children of
Messy Church taking part.

St Pega's 4.00pm (There is no Messy
Church on December as the Village Hall
is unavailable)

Friday 19th December

Benefice@The Boozer

8.00pm The Ruddy Duck Peakirk.

All are welcome for pre-Christmas get-together!

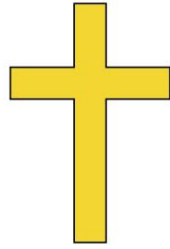
Wednesday 24th December

Beers and Bethlehem

Carols and beverages at
The Blue Bell, Glington

19:00 - 21:00

NEWS



EXPLORE DAY

We are all invited by God to be the best version of who we can be, to serve Him and the wider church, but how can we step into what he is inviting us into?

Join us to hear from people who have gone into new opportunities to serve God, Church and community and have the opportunity to meet others who are also wondering what God is inviting them to next.



**Saturday 29
November 2025**



9.30am - 3.30pm



**All Saints School, Kingsthorpe
Northampton NN2 7AJ**



www.peterborough-diocese.org.uk/explore



<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/explore-day-tickets-1679106034349?aff=oddtcreator>

THE COLLECT AND READINGS FROM THIS WEEK'S PEW SHEET

Collect

God the Father, help us to hear the call of Christ the King and to follow in his service, whose kingdom has no end; for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, one glory. **Amen**

Jeremiah 23.1–6

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. Therefore, thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord. The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: ‘The Lord is our righteousness.’

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

Colossians 1.11–20

May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

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Luke 23.33–43

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

All Glory to you, O Lord.

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. [[When Jesus said, ‘Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.’]] And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the

people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, 'He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!' The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, 'If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!' There was also an inscription over him, 'This is the King of the Jews.' One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, 'Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!' But the other rebuked him, saying, 'Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.' Then he said, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.' He replied, 'Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.'

This is the Gospel of our Lord; **Praise to you, O Christ**

If you've reached this far you will hopefully have noticed the new format for the newsletter. Your feedback would be most welcome as we try to improve our engagement and bring you the information and notices you want.

What wonderful events we have going on, both within and without the Benefice. Thank you so much for all your contributions!

Simon

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