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**Benefice Newsletter  
with Thought for Thursday**

**for the parishes of Etton, Clinton, Maxey, Northborough and Peakirk**

**Thursday January 15th**

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## SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE

**Sunday 18th January**

**09:00 Morning Worship - 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**

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

#### **Thought for Thursday**

#### **Wisdom**

When I did a session of morning prayer last week, I was struck by the reading that day, which was from the book of Baruch (not to be found in the main bible, but in what is called the Apocrypha, a number of Hebrew texts that didn't quite make it into the Bible but are interesting)

It talked about wisdom in terms of that being the essence of God.

That the way of wisdom and knowledge was the way of God.

We are blessed as humans with incredible intellect, in varying degrees and the advancements of science and technology seems to be exponential with new discoveries, and understanding seems to be occurring daily.

All this is exciting, fascinating, captivating and a bit scary.

All these advances come with a risk as so much can be used for good or ill purposes.

Is this where wisdom, true wisdom comes into play.

This has been the case since the very beginning, Baruch probably around 5k years ago stated “you have forsaken the fountain of wisdom”.

When we look at the current state of the world and the actions of its leaders we probably ask ‘where is wisdom’. Power and might and the use of fear and threat seem to have replaced fairness, tolerance, compromise and justice and for me the world is a worst and more frightening place for it.

So, I would hope that I can seek wisdom, in all things and the way of Christ is a good place to start the search.

Reader Mark.

### **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 Castle End Road, Maxey, Clinton Road, Etton, Thorney Road, Peakirk & Tuckers Nook, Maxey. 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, David Cupit and Jane and Rhiannon Peasnell**. 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, **Michael Cleathero, Patricia Toulson and Jean Leeds**. 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 WEEK

**SUNDAY 25th January**

**09:00 Holy Communion - Northborough**

**10:30 Family Holy Communion - Glinton \***

**18:00 Taize - Maxey**

**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/>



The 9 Bridges Benefice is delighted  
to launch a **Singing Club for**  
**children!**

**Tuesday 20th January**

**12:00 - 14:00**

St Pega's church is hosting a soup lunch, including a roll, cake and lunch. Sounds delicious!

Suggested donation £10

Raffle

Tickets available from Sheila  
(01733 252416)

**Sunday 1st February**

**15:00 - 16:30**

Messy Church is back!

Starting with Messy Builders and the opening of the Messy Church Shed

Families of all ages are welcome

**ST PEGA'S CHURCH  
in Peakirk Village Hall  
SOUPER TUESDAY**

**January 20<sup>th</sup>**

**12.00 to 2.00**



**SOUP, ROLL, CAKE & DRINK**

**Suggested donation £10.00**

**Raffle**

**Tickets available from Sheila 01733 252416**

**You are invited to**



**SUNDAY FEBRUARY 1<sup>st</sup>**

**3.00pm to 4.30pm**

**PEAKIRK VILLAGE HALL**

**Messy Builders**

**(and opening of the Messy Church Shed!)**



**Families of all ages are welcome**

Jane Harris : [communications@bridges.church](mailto:communications@bridges.church)

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### **Friday 6th February**

St Benedict's are hosting a Beetle Drive at Clinton Village Hall at 7pm on Friday 6th February. Fun and games, Fish and Chips, £15.00 a ticket

Tickets will be available from Helena (07802 279756), or from Julie (01733 252712) after Christmas.

Please put it in your diary!"

### **Beetle Drive**

**Friday 6th February**

**Starting at 7pm**

**Clinton Village Hall**

**£15 To include**

**Fish & Chips**



**Please bring your own drinks**

**Tickets from Helena 07802 279756  
or Julie 01733 252712**

### **NEWS**

#### **Benefice Christmas Quiz**

Don't forget to send in your answer sheet even if you have not managed to answer all the questions year and last year only 2 people got everything right.

Answer sheets to Bob Quinn - 28 St. Benedict's Close, Clinton, Peterborough PE6 7LJ by  
or Scan and email to [r372quinn@btinternet.com](mailto:r372quinn@btinternet.com)

Boxes in all 5 churches for completed entries from the 25th of Jan to the 7th of Feb

Please ensure you have given your name, address and/or telephone number

Original sheets only, no copies. You may add another sheet for your answers if you need more room.

If you haven't already had a copy of the quiz there is still time (up to 8<sup>th</sup> Feb) to have a go. There are quizzes available in all 5 churches or contact Bob Quinn on 07958 572095 or email as above.



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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.

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## **THE COLLECT AND READINGS FROM THIS WEEK'S PEW SHEET**

### **Collect**

Eternal Lord, our beginning and our end: bring us with the whole creation to your glory, hidden through past ages and made known in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

### **Isiah 49.1-7**

Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away! The Lord called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me. He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away. And he said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified.' But I said, 'I have laboured in vain; I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the Lord, and my reward with my God.' And now the Lord says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honoured in the sight of the Lord, and my God has become my strength—he says, 'It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.' Thus says the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, 'Kings shall see and stand up, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the Lord, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.'

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

### **Psalm 40:1-12**

I waited patiently for the Lord; he inclined to me and heard my cry. He brought me out of the roaring pit, out of the mire and clay; he set my feet upon a rock and made my footing sure. He has put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God; many shall see and fear and put their trust in the Lord. Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, who does not turn to the proud that follow a lie. Great are the wonders you have done, O Lord my God. How great your designs

for us! There is none that can be compared with you. If I were to proclaim them and tell of them, they would be more than I am able to express. Sacrifice and offering you do not desire but my ears you have opened; Burnt offering and sacrifice for sin you have not required; then said I: 'Lo, I come. 'In the scroll of the book it is written of me that I should do your will, O my God; I delight to do it: your law is within my heart.' I have declared your righteousness in the great congregation; behold, I did not restrain my lips, and that, O Lord, you know. Your righteousness I have not hidden in my heart; I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation; I have not concealed your loving-kindness and truth from the great congregation. Do not withhold your compassion from me, O Lord; let your love and your faithfulness always preserve me

### **1 Corinthians 1:1-9**

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind— just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you— so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

### **John 1:29-42**

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

***All Glory to you, O Lord.***

The next day he saw Jesus coming towards him and declared, 'Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, "After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me." I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.' And John testified, 'I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, "He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit." And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.' The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, 'Look, here is the Lamb of God!' The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them

following, he said to them, 'What are you looking for?' They said to him, 'Rabbi' (which translated means Teacher), 'where are you staying?' He said to them, 'Come and see.' They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas' (which is translated Peter).

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

This week's picture is of the Church of St. Salvator St. in the Clementinum, Prague ahead of a lovely classical concert.

As the rather cold weather seems to have passed, I hope everyone is feeling a little warmer. Let's hope that trend continues and the number of activities and events increases.

So, keep in touch, I'm here to help.

Simon

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