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**Benefice Newsletter
with Thought for Thursday**

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

Thursday January 22nd

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SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE

SUNDAY 25th January

09:00 Holy Communion - Northborough

10:30 Family Holy Communion - Clinton *

18:00 Taize - Maxey

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

Monday of this week was Martin Luther King Day. A national holiday in the USA, it is a day dedicated to remembering and honouring Martin Luther King Jr. who became the central figure of the civil rights movement which advocated the end of segregation and discrimination against African Americans. Up until the middle of the 20th century there was still a marked divide in the States between the white and black populations, particularly in the southern states where slavery had been legal until the Civil War. The better schools, colleges, jobs and health care were not available for the African Americans.

King challenged these injustices through a programme of peaceful protest, moral persuasion and courageous public witness. By leading such events as the Montgomery Bus Boycott which led to the end of segregated seat on buses and the March on Washington when 250,000 people marched to the capital demanding the end of discrimination and unequal opportunities.

It was at the end of this march that King delivered his famous “I have a dream” speech at the Lincoln Memorial. These actions, along with sustained pressure on the government led to the passing of landmark legislation in the form of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

The effects of his actions have not been confined to the USA. His message of non-violence and love for enemies continues to inspire movements for social reform throughout the world.

But where did his motivation for this courageous campaign spring from? What gave him the idea that he should take on the establishment in such a way? King was a minister in the Baptist Church and it was his Christian faith that inspired him to do what he did. He

sincerely believed in St Paul's words in his epistle to the Galatians," we are all equal in the eyes of God. There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus".

I believe that King is model for us all. Believing what we believe, we should do our best to stamp out discrimination wherever we find it. As King said, "injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere"

Reader Derek

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 Drive, Deeping Gate, Cromwell Close, Northborough, Tuckers Nook, Maxey & Lincoln Road, 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, 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 and Patricia Toulson, and on his anniversary Gordon Childs.** 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 1st February

09:00 Morning Worship – Clinton *

10:30 Sung Holy Communion - Peakirk

15:00 Messy Church- Peakirk Village Hall*

18:00 Celtic Evening Prayer - Northborough

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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!

Sunday 1st February

15:00 - 16:30

Messy Church is back!

Theme: Messy Families.

*Messy builders and the opening of the
Messy Shed will now take place in March*

Families of all ages are welcome

You are invited to



SUNDAY FEBRUARY 1st

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

The Nine Bridges Benefice

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**

St Andrew's Church, Northborough

Annual Quiz with Peter Kemp

6th March 2026 at 7.30pm

Northborough Village Hall

£10 per person, light supper included

BYO drinks

Tables of up to 4

Please book with Polly – 01778 380849

Or Jane – 01778 345101



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, Glinton, Peterborough PE6 7LJ by
or Scan and email to 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

If you haven't already had a copy of the quiz there is still time (up to 8th 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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<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

God of all mercy, your Son proclaimed good news to the poor, release to the captives, and freedom to the oppressed: anoint us with your Holy Spirit and set all your people free to praise you in Christ our Lord.

Amen

Isiah 9:1-4

But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice

before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

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

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you should be in agreement and that there should be no divisions among you, but that you should be united in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, 'I belong to Paul', or 'I belong to Apollos', or 'I belong to Cephas', or 'I belong to Christ.' Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power. For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

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

Matthew 4:12-23

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the lake, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: 'Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.' From that time Jesus began to proclaim, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.' As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the lake—for they were fishermen. And he said to them, 'Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.' Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James, son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him. Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

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

In keeping with this week's Thought for Thursday, the picture at the top of the newsletter was taken outside the Lorraine Motel, Memphis, where Martin Luther King was assassinated. It is at the front of the National Civil Rights Museum, a truly humbling and inspiring setting, where I felt I finally understood what it might feel like to be a minority.

I'm still seeking your news, updates and events, for this newsletter, our social media feeds and the Village Tribune.

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

Simon

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