



Benefice Newsletter with Thought for Thursday

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

Thursday May 28th

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SERVICES THIS WEEK

Sunday 31st May

**10:30 United Benefice Holy Communion -
Peakirk**

Please note, that as parking space at the church is so limited, we have arranged to use the car park at the village hall.

Morning Worship – A simple, informal and joyful service, celebrating faith together across the generations.

Sung Communion – A communion service enriched with traditional sung liturgy.

Messy Church – Creative, hands-on worship for families of all ages.

Celtic Evening Prayer – Peaceful, contemplative worship with Celtic liturgy.

Holy Communion – A traditional service celebrating the Eucharist.

Joyful Journey – Modern, relaxed, and fun worship for all ages.

Family Praise – Lively, informal worship designed with families in mind.

Evensong – A quiet, prayerful evening service with traditional liturgy.

Family Communion – An accessible communion service suitable for all ages.

Taizé – Meditative worship with simple chants and extended silence.

United Benefice Communion – A shared communion service bringing the whole benefice together.

Thought for Thursday

Task and Finish Group

Task and finish groups have been mentioned rather a lot since the new structure of governance was established in our benefice. They are a tried and tested method of getting jobs done. They work really well for finite jobs that have a beginning a middle and an end.

It's a method not confined to churches but can be used in any organisation where a specific task is needing to be done. The group is gathered together and consists of those who have the relevant skills involved in the task. At the finish, the completion of the task, some kind of report is made. In simple cases this would be a case of "Job done. Here's a list of the expenses." Or in more complex work a full report with certificates by architects, surveyors etc.

The extract from the Gospel according to St John set this year for the Sunday after Ascension is one such report. Here we have Jesus telling his father that his work here on earth is complete. He was given the task of assembling a group to help him in his task which he duly did by gathering his twelve disciples. In this extract he is telling God that his part of the job is done and asking him to care for them in the future.

Well, he did. Because they told others about the Good News of Jesus Christ and those others spread the word even further. So much further that, two thousand years later, someone told you and me. We are the spiritual descendants of the twelve apostles.

Therefore, what Jesus asked his father to do for them, he was also asking him to do for us. We are his people and we are carrying on with the task set before us – to bring new believers into the Christian fold. As Jesus commanded us, "Go and make disciples of all the world."

Reader Derek

Benefice Prayers

For Our Community

We lift up in prayer all who live in Rectory Lane, Peakirk, Tuckers Nook, Maxey, Werrington Parkway, Glington & Maxham's Green Road, Etton. 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, Malcolm Lowe-Lauri and Helena Richards**. 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, **Sylvia Dolby**. We also gather into our prayers those whose passing is not recent, yet who are brought into our remembrance before God at this time of year, **Diana Paxton**. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

Upcoming Services

Sunday 7th June	09:00 Morning Worship – Glington 10:30 Sung Communion -Peakirk 15:00 Messy Church – Peakirk Village Hall 18:00 Celtic Evening Prayer – Northborough
Sunday 14th June	09:00 Morning Worship – Peakirk 10:30 Holy Communion - Etton 18:00 Joyful Journey - Glington
Sunday 21st June	09:00 Holy Communion – Maxey 10:30 Family Praise – Northborough 18:00 BCP Evensong - Peakirk
Sunday 28th June	09:00 Holy Communion – Northborough 10:30 Family Holy Communion - Glington 18:00 Taizé – Maxey








How can we help?

Life can be a lot sometimes — you don't have to figure it out on your own.

Our **Benefice Community Help** drop-in runs **every Wednesday, 2–4pm at St. Benedict's Church.**

No pressure, no forms, no cost — just people who want to listen and help where they can. You can:

-  Pop in for a coffee and a chat
 -  Ask about local services or issues
 -  Share worries (big or small)
 -  Get help with phones, tablets, or online stuff
 -  Or just sit and be for a while
- You don't need to be religious.
You don't need to be in crisis.

It's **completely free.**

Just come as you are — we'll start with one simple question:

How can we help?

Feel free to share or tag someone who might find this useful 

NEWS

Benefice Service

Sunday 31st May

St Pega's will be holding the Benefice service on Sunday 31st May.

Please note, that as parking space at the church is so limited, we have arranged to use the car park at the village hall.

Are you able to help with Crossing Patrol on these dates during the next half term?

Where?

High Street Ginton between the Primary School and St Benedict's Church

Why?

So that the children can visit the church for Collective Worship

What time?

2.15 to 3.00

What do I need? Just yourself and a mac if it rains. A HiViz jacket is provided and DBS is not required.

When ?

Wednesday June 17th

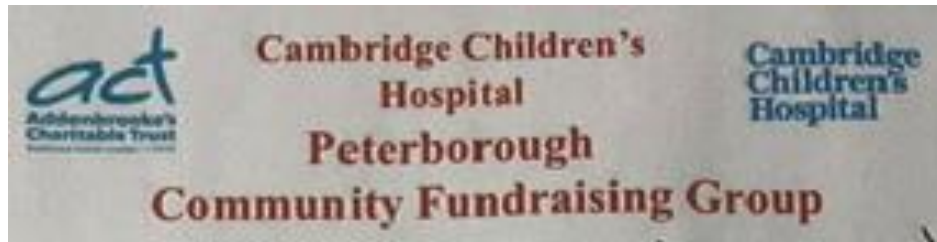
Wednesday July 1st

Wednesday July 8th (earlier time 1.45 to 2.30)

If you can help, please let me know : Jane@9bridges.church

It is a great joy to welcome the children to the church but they are unable to come without support to cross the road!

Thank you.



Fundraising for Cambridge Children's Hospital (CCH)

Werrington and District Flower Club has kindly agreed to support our local fundraising appeal for 2025/26.

As part of this support, the club has booked a stand at Werrington Carnival on Saturday June 27th 2026.

Club members will be making flower crowns and head-dresses for children, in return for a small donation... proceeds will go towards the children's hospital appeal.

We would be most grateful if you would please consider donating flowers to help the club maximise this opportunity, always a popular event for the village, that will also help us raise the profile of this important project.

For our community, please contact Stella Joyce (01733 253005 or 07513 942797 or stellajoyce1312@gmail.com) if you are able to help. Any small donation of flowers would be welcome

Your support is much appreciated... thank you.

John Holdich

JOHN HOLDICH OBE

Chairman

Cambridge Children's Hospital (CCH) Peterborough

The Be Heard survey is back!



Where do you enjoy going in your free time?

Are there enough creative things to do and see in your city?

BE HEARD 2.0

Complete our 2026 survey and support creativity and culture in Peterborough

Take the survey today
www.be-heard-pbo.com

WIN £150
T&Cs APPLY

 **PETERBOROUGH CULTURAL ALLIANCE**

 **ARTS COUNCIL ENGLAND**

 **PETERBOROUGH CITY COUNCIL**

This survey is being run by Peterborough Cultural Alliance. Photography – various (see www.be-heard-pbo.com for full list)

Peterborough residents are invited once again to share their views on creativity, arts and heritage in the city. Your response can help shape how creative and cultural activity is planned across Peterborough.

Whether you regularly attend events, visit heritage sites, take part in creative activity, or don't currently feel connected to these opportunities, we want to hear from you.

Survey Open April–May 2026

For Peterborough residents aged 16+

Take part at <https://peterboroughculturalstrategy.org.uk/be-heard-survey/>

DATES for your DIARY

Benefice@TheBoozer

Blue Bell, Glinton

Friday 29th May

20:00 onwards



Peterborough Deanery
Interns

As you know, we were hoping to conduct our third Deanery youth event (Ruha) at Emmanuel church, Werrington this Thursday.

Unfortunately, we have had to cancel this event as we are very low on numbers. We understand that this is due to this event being held in half term.

Thank you for all that you did in praying, preparing and promoting this event.

CRAFTS, GAMES, WORSHIP & LOTS OF FUN!

Galatians 5:22-23

RUHA

LOVE, JOY, PEACE, PATIENCE, KINDNESS, GOODNESS, FAITHFULNESS, GENTLENESS, AND SELF-CONTROL.

for ages 8-14
Scan the QR code to sign up!

JOIN US FOR A FUN AFTERNOON OF FAITH & FELLOWSHIP TO EXPLORE WHAT THE FRUITS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT ARE!

THURSDAY 28TH MAY 2026
1-4:30PM

Emmanuel Church, Twelvetree Avenue
Werrington, PETERBOROUGH PE4 5DT

Peakirk Village Hall

Churchyard week
Sunday 7th June



SUNDAY June 7th

3.00pm to 4.30pm

meet in **PEAKIRK VILLAGE HALL**

As part of 'Churchyard Week'
we will be finding out more about

St Pega's Churchyard



(wet weather activities in the Village hall if necessary!)

Families of all ages are welcome

Jane Harris : messychurch@9bridges.church

 The Nine Bridges Benefice



**SISSONS
BARN**

27th June 11 - 4pm

**GARDEN
OPEN DAY**

Sissons Barn and House gardens will once again open
its gates this summer in support of The National Garden
Scheme.

Join us for a wonderful day of fund raising.
Visit www.sissonsbarnco.uk for more details

This is our second year opening the garden at our house and the Barn to the public for the Nation Garden scheme which you may know. It raises lots of money from garden openings all over the UK to support funding for charities. These are: The Queen's Institute of Community Nursing (which (as the Queens Nursing Institute) founded the Scheme), Macmillan Cancer Support, Marie Curie, Hospice UK, Carers Trust and Parkinson's UK.

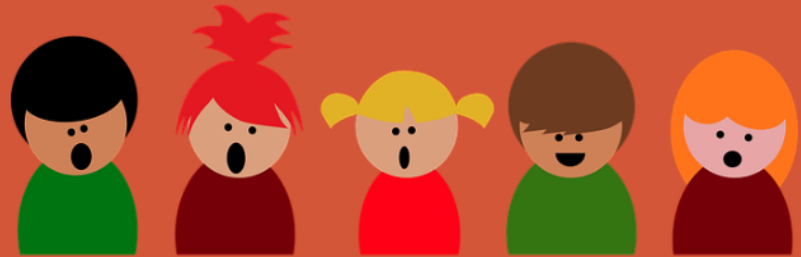
REGULAR DATES for your DIARY

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!**

Peakirk Village Hall

**Every Second Tuesday
of the month**



The Nine Bridges Benefice

Tuesday@10

Second Tuesday of the month

10.00am to 12.00noon

PEAKIRK VILLAGE HALL



Meet friends – make new friends

Coffee, scones and conversation

All are welcome

Jane Harris : communications@9bridges.church

 The Nine Bridges Benefice

St. Andrew's, Northborough

**Every Third Thursday
of the month**

A collection of various colorful mugs and teacups with different patterns and designs, arranged around the central text.

Tea@Three
St Andrew's
Northborough
3-4pm

Join us for tea and a chat

Every 3rd Thursday

**Book Exchange
Toys for the Children**

This Week's Collect and Reading

Collect

Holy God, faithful and unchanging: enlarge our minds with the knowledge of your truth, and draw us more deeply into the mystery of your love, that we may truly worship you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Isaiah 40.12–17, 27–end

Who has measured the waters in the hollow of his hand and marked off the heavens with a span, enclosed the dust of the earth in a measure, and weighed the mountains in scales and the hills in a balance? Who has directed the spirit of the LORD, or as his counsellor has instructed him? Whom did he consult for his enlightenment, and who taught him the path of justice? Who taught him knowledge, and showed him the way of understanding? Even the nations are like a drop from a bucket, and are accounted as dust on the scales; see, he takes up the isles like fine dust. Lebanon would not provide fuel enough, nor are its animals enough for a burnt-offering. All the nations are as nothing before him; they are accounted by him as less than nothing and emptiness. Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, 'My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God'? Have you not known? Have you not heard The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

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

2 Corinthians 13.11–end

Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

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Matthew 28.16–20

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the

Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'

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

And Finally

Solutions to clues from last month

1 **PENTECOST** (festival) Anagram (around) of **TEN POETS** and **C** (Roman numeral for a hundred).

2 **MICAH** (prophet) A lurker (in part of) In co**MIC A** Hero .

3 **PILATE** (Governor) **PI** (3.14 is the value of pi) **LATE** (overdue).

4 **JOEL** (Prophet) A reverse (reversed) lurker in **LEO** Just (initially).

5 **CHRONICLES** (two Old Testament books) Anagram (revised) of **CLICHES RON**.

This time's clues

1 Dramatic divisions following the evangelists. (4)

2 Did Noah's vessel contain the Covenant? (3)

3 Pill in ship pa relaunched an epistle. (11)

4 Aha! No joke backing a meal for a big fish. (5)

5 Prophet refitted a shoe. (5)

I hope you've managed to cope with the heatwave and you have lots of events and activities in the pipeline to share with our community.

Simon

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