



Benefice Newsletter with Thought for Thursday

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

Thursday May 7th

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SERVICES THIS WEEK

Sunday 10th May

09:00 Morning Worship – Peakirk

10:30 Holy Communion - Etton

18:00 Joyful Journey - Glington

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

As we look ahead to the forthcoming visit of Archbishop Sarah to the Peterborough Diocese, we are given a moment to pause and reflect. She will be preaching at Peterborough Cathedral on 17th May at 3:30 pm—an occasion of both celebration and invitation.

Such visits carry a sense of occasion, but they are also more than ceremonial. They remind us that the Church is part of something wider and richer than any single parish, while at the same time being rooted in the everyday faithfulness of local communities. In welcoming the Archbishop, we are also invited to consider how we welcome others—week by week, person by person.

Welcome is more than a handshake at the door or a name on a rota. It is something deeper: a spirit of openness that shapes the whole life of a church. It is present in the way we speak, the way we listen, and the way we make space for those who may feel uncertain, different, or new. It is seen in how we respond to interruption, how we hold difference, and how willing we are to be changed by the people God sends to us.

Throughout the Gospels, we see that Christ's welcome was generous and transformative. He met people where they were, often before they had the right words or the right understanding, and drew them into community and new life. That same pattern is entrusted to us. Our churches are not simply places people attend; they are communities where people are received, known, and valued.

As we prepare for the Archbishop's visit, this can be a gentle but important moment of renewal. An opportunity to look again at our habits and assumptions, and to ask how our churches might become ever more places of grace and belonging. Not perfect places, but honest ones—where faith is lived out with humility, warmth, and generosity.

So perhaps today's question is this: if someone were to walk into our church this week—perhaps for the first time, or after a long absence—what would they encounter? Not just in what we say, but in what we embody together.

May we be communities that reflect the wide welcome of God: places where all can find not only a doorway, but a home; not only a service, but a sense of belonging; not only words of faith, but lives that quietly and faithfully bear witness to it.

Revd. Keir Dow

Benefice Prayers



For Our Community

We lift up in prayer all who live in Deeping St James Road, Northborough, High Street, Maxey, Deeping Road, Peakirk & Meadow Road, Peakirk. 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 Malcolm Lowe-Lauri**. 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, **Deborah Lakey, Valerie Mourton and Polly Beasley**. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

Upcoming Services

Thursday Ascension Day 14th May	19:00 Deanery Ascension Day Service- St Matthew's Church, Eye
Sunday 17th May	09:00 Holy Communion – Maxey 10:30 Family Praise – Northborough 18:00 BCP Evensong - Peakirk
Sunday 24th May	09:00 Holy Communion – Northborough 10:30 Family Holy Communion - Glington 18:00 Taizé – Maxey
Sunday 31st May	10:30 United Benefice Holy Communion - Peakirk
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








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 

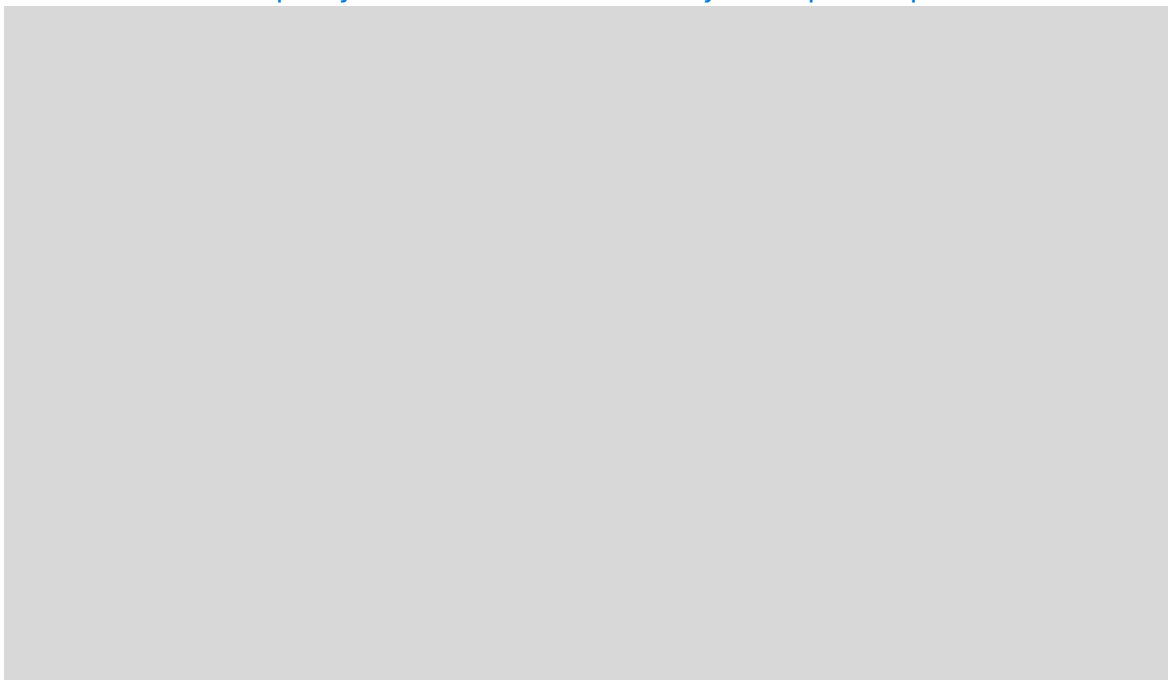
NEWS

Pauline Beasley, 1943 - 2026



The funeral for Polly, took place on Friday 1st May at 11.00am, at St Andrew's Northborough. It was recorded for those who were unable to attend in person or would like to watch the service again. Click below

<https://youtu.be/KIJvRNlorW4?si=y1OfcNpSD0eqvlhe>



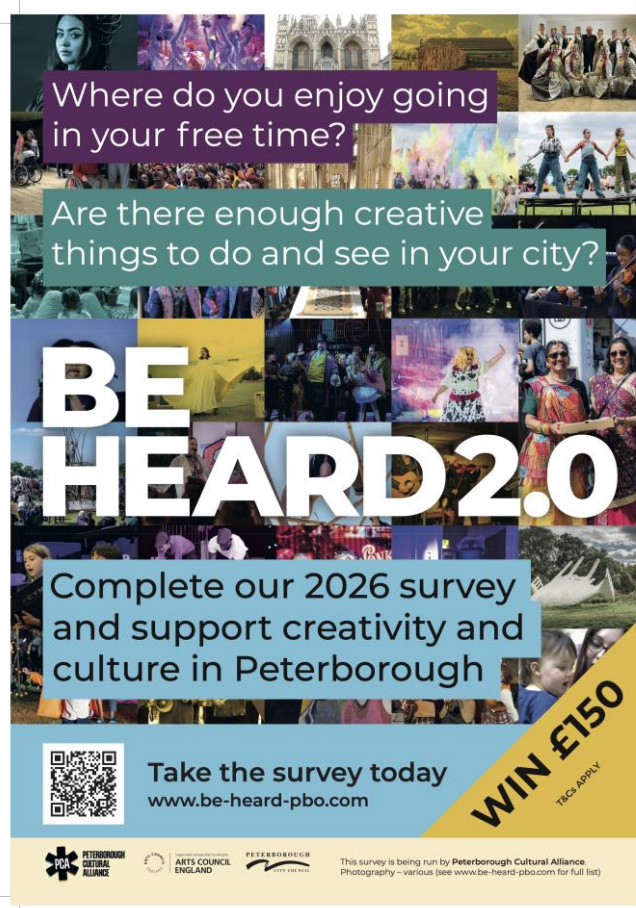
Messy Church

This month's Messy church featured the story Jesus told about The Lost Coin. The photo shows some of the children displaying the things they made including a headdress with nine (but sometimes more!) coins and a happy face to show how happy they would feel if they found something they had lost.

Because Jesus loves each one of us and we are special to him, we printed our initials with toilet roll tubes and personalised them with our finger prints. The story also told us - that we never feel lost if we let Jesus be with us.



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

   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.

The 2024 survey showed that culture helps people feel happier, more connected to others, and gave us an insight into what people want to see in the city. This year, help us build a strong picture of what matters to residents and where more meaningful opportunities can grow.

Survey Open April–May 2026 For Peterborough residents aged 16+

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

Help shape what comes next. Be heard.

#BeHeard2.0 #Peterborough #Peterboroughculturalalliance

DATES for your DIARY

Glinton Village Hall

Digital Hub

Thursday 7th May

STRUGGLING TO ACCESS SERVICES ONLINE?

WE CAN HELP YOU WITH:



BANKING HOUSING HEALTH & WELLBEING

COMING SOON TO GLINTON
Thursday 12th Feb 10am-12pm and then Fortnightly - Details below

If you're struggling to access key services online, our Digital Hub has friendly volunteers who can help you access services like online banking, securing housing, health and wellbeing advice including making GP appointments, and more - to ensure you have the ability to access and make the most of any online services.

FRIENDLY VOLUNTEERS ARE HERE TO SUPPORT YOU AT YOUR LOCAL DIGITAL HUB.



DIGITAL HUB

Brought to you in collaboration with PCVS and Connecting Cambridgeshire, with funding from the Combined Authority and volunteer training provided by Cambridge Online.

Benefice@TheBoozer

Regular Pop-Up cafe

Saturday 9th May

**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 9 May
between 9.30am and 11.00am**

No charge – donations welcome - and dogs!

See you there?

**Out and about on Saturday morning?
Walking your dog
or out for a bike ride ?**

St. Pega's Church,
Peakirk

Tabletop Sale
Saturday 9th May



ST PEGA'S CHURCH



SPRING TABLE TOP SALE

Saturday 9th May
Peakirk Village Hall
1pm – 3 pm



Come and showcase your craft skills
Or
Declutter your loft!

Come and bag a bargain!

£10 per Table

(Limited availability)

Refreshments available
Tea/Coffee/Bacon Rolls

To book a table please contact:

Jane Peasnell:

jayne.peasnell@talktalk.net

or Scan QR code

Funds in aid of St Pega's Church



SCAN ME

St. Andrew's Church,
Northborough

Glebe Singers
Saturday 9th May



Springtide Voices

Saturday 9th May, 7.30pm
St Andrew's Church, Northborough



Adult £12 / Children (U16) Free
Light refreshments available

Tickets available from:-

Church: 01778 345101 / jane.knott101@btinternet.com

Choir members

On the door

Concert in aid of St Andrew's Church
and Glebe Singers



www.glebesingers.org



Archbishop of Canterbury to visit the Diocese of Peterborough

Peterborough Cathedral

Sunday 17th May

15:30



Archbishop Sarah will be preaching at evensong at Peterborough Cathedral on Sunday 17 May at 3.30pm, you are most welcome to join us. No booking is necessary.

St. Andrew's Church,
Northborough

Tea at Three

Every 3rd Thursday

A series of events with tea
and cakes

A book exchange

Toys and squash for
children

A graphic for the 'Tea@Three' event. It features a central text area surrounded by various colorful mugs and teacups. The text includes the event name, location, time, dates, and activities.

Tea@Three
St Andrew's
Northborough
3-4pm
21st May
18th June
Join us for tea and a chat
Every 3rd Thursday
Book Exchange
Toys for the Children

Peterborough Deanery
Interns

Thursday 28th May
13:00 - 16:30

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



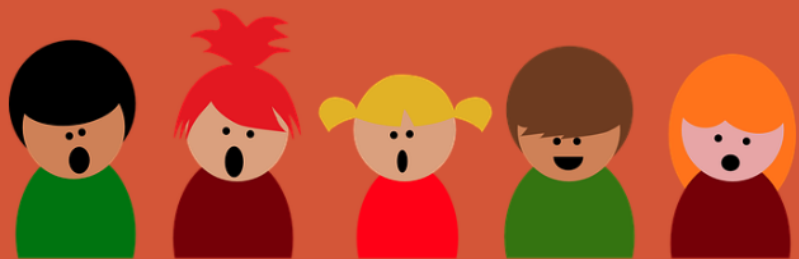
REGULAR DATES for your DIARY

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

This Week's Collect and Reading

Collect

Risen Christ, by the lakeside you renewed your call to your disciples: help your Church to obey your command and draw the nations to the fire of your love, to the glory of God the Father. **Amen**

Acts 17.22-31

Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, 'Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, "To an unknown god." What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and

everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For “In him we live and move and have our being”; as even some of your own poets have said, “For we too are his offspring.” Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.’

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

1 Peter 3.13-22

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defence to anyone who demands from you an account of the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God’s will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight people, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

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

John 14.15-21

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

‘If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. ‘I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.’

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

And Finally

Please keep your news, events and thoughts coming, they are very much appreciated by me and our community.

Simon

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