



Benefice Newsletter with Thought for Thursday

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

Thursday June 4th

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SERVICES THIS WEEK

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

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

Foundations

Chris and I have recently been away for a few days, and spent a lot of our time in North Wales.

We visited Powis Castle which sits firmly on solid rock as it towers over the surrounding landscape, with gardens cascading down the hillside flanked by stunning yew hedges draped over the rockside.

We then meandered our way to Anglesey, Beaumaris in particular, and wondered at the masterpiece that is Beaumaris castle, part of Edward the First's ring of stone around the north Welsh coast. We walked on to visit the local church which dates from the early fourteenth century, again standing firm after so many centuries.

And then, we went into this church where I was baptised and confirmed and as I looked around I was aware of the spiritual foundations that were gently laid in my life by previous generations of faithful Christ-followers. My first conscious memory of this church is being there on Mothering Sunday when I was 4 years old, taken by a family friend while my mother was in hospital having my baby brother.

I remember going to this church as a primary school child on Ash Wednesday and Ascension Thursday, I remember happy Sunday afternoons at Sunday School, nativity plays being performed at Christmas, Easter gardens being made. In fact, the essential rhythm of the church year, rooted in the life of Jesus, was lovingly laid on a foundation of welcome, love and acceptance.

And I rejoice that this work is continuing in our day – welcoming children to baptisms, family services, Messy Church, school services and gently laying down foundations in children's lives that will uphold them through the ups and downs of daily life. I am almost tempted to quote the song sung by generations of children – The Wise Man Built his House upon the Rock. I am so thankful that my foundation is built on solid ground!

Freda Skillman

Benefice Prayers



For Our Community

We lift up in prayer all who live in Castle Drive, Northborough, Lincoln Road, Deeping Gate, Cromwell Close, Northborough & Castle End Road, 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 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, **Ann Garside**. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

Upcoming Services

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

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

Where?

High Street Glinton 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 Hi-Viz 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.

DATES for your DIARY

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

Peakirk Village Hall

Tuesday

18th June



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

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 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

<p>Every Wednesday</p> <p>St Benedict’s Glinton</p> <p>Singing Club for Children</p> <p>https://9bridges.church/singing-club/</p>	<p>The 9 Bridges Benefice is delighted to launch a Singing Club for children!</p>
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St. Andrew's, Northborough

**Every Third Thursday
of the month**



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

God of truth, help us to keep your law of love and to walk in ways of wisdom, that we may find true life in Jesus Christ your Son. **Amen**

Genesis 12:1-9

Now the LORD said to Abram, 'Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.' So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. Abram took his wife Sarai and his brother's son Lot, and all the possessions that they had gathered, and the persons whom they had acquired in Haran; and they set forth to go to the land of Canaan. When they had come to the land of Canaan, Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. Then the LORD appeared to Abram, and said, 'To your offspring I will give this land.' So he built there an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him. From there he moved on to the hill country on the east of Bethel, and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east; and there he built an altar to the LORD and invoked the name of the LORD. And Abram journeyed on by stages towards the Negeb.

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

Romans 4:13-25

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations')—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become 'the father of many nations', according to what was said, 'So numerous shall your descendants be.' He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as

dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith 'was reckoned to him as righteousness.' Now the words, 'it was reckoned to him', were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

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Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, 'Follow me.' And he got up and followed him. And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax-collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, 'Why does your teacher eat with tax-collectors and sinners?' But when he heard this, he said, 'Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, "I desire mercy, not sacrifice." For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners.' While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader of the synagogue came in and knelt before him, saying, 'My daughter has just died; but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live.' And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from haemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, for she said to herself, 'If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well.' Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, 'Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well.' And instantly the woman was made well. When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute-players and the crowd making a commotion, he said, 'Go away; for the girl is not dead but sleeping.' And they laughed at him. But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. And the report of this spread throughout that district. This is the Gospel of our Lord; **Praise to you, O Christ**

And Finally

Thank you everyone, for your continued support. I'm looking forward to hearing about all the summer events that you have planned and supporting them through this newsletter and our social media presence.

Simon

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