



Benefice Newsletter with Thought for Thursday

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

Thursday June 18th

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SERVICES THIS WEEK

Sunday 21st June

09:00 Holy Communion – Maxey
10:30 Family Praise – Northborough
18:00 BCP Evensong - Peakirk

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

Barnabas the Apostle

Have you ever thought it would be a wonderful world if everything was shared out equally?? Or perhaps not?

Is it our human conditioning, that we also want to be improving our lot even when we have adequate of everything for all our needs? Do our perceived needs in fact increase with the more we have?

If in fact we all had all we need, not necessarily all we want, would we be satisfied?

Is it our nature; that if all the wealth of the world was put in one pot and distributed equally to every individual in the world that in months, weeks or even days some would be wealthy and some already in need? It's a thought to ponder on.

I had the opportunity to lead morning prayer last week and that day we celebrated Barnabas the Apostle. Not one of the original 12 disciples but an apostle in the early church, where we read 'There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need'.

Barnabas was one such follower, who also went on to spread the new 'Christian' message far and wide. How great a faith to give everything for the common good.

My modern culture head does say 'what happens when all the money is used and there is nothing more to sell', but I guess the utopia would work like a pyramid scheme, if each apostle converted two other people who sold all they had, and they covered two each etc. eventually the world would share all its resources equally. Quite a thought.

The whole world run on the principle of Christ's teachings.

I doubt many of us, and I include myself, have the courage or faith to make that commitment.

It does however give pause for thought and thanks as to the incredibly fortunate position we find ourselves. By accident of birth to generally enjoying all we need, (even if not all we want) and how easy it is to deny others, in case by them having a basic share we might in some small way lose out?

This is thought for Thursday, so these are just thoughts and possibilities that may open a discussion with family friends or in the pub, I think it could provoke some lively debate.

Let Simon have any comments or responses and I'm sure he would publish them in future editions.

Reader Mark

Benefice Prayers



For Our Community

We lift up in prayer all who live in Mill Road, Maxey, Tuckers Nook, Maxey, Granville Avenue, Northborough & Holmes Road, Glington. 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**. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

Upcoming Services

Sunday 28th June	09:00 Holy Communion – Northborough 10:30 Family Holy Communion - Glington 18:00 Taizé – Maxey
Sunday 5th July	09:00 Morning Worship – Glington 10:30 Sung Communion – Peakirk 15:00 Messy Church – Journey and Picnic - Maxey Church 18:00 Celtic Evening Prayer – Northborough
Sunday 12th July	09:00 Morning Worship – Peakirk 10:30 Holy Communion - Etton 18:00 Joyful Journey - Glington
Sunday 19th July	09:00 Holy Communion – Maxey 10:30 Family Praise – Northborough 18:00 BCP Evensong - Peakirk








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

We are reaching out to all children known to the benefice. This includes those we see regularly but also those who have been baptised and those who are linked to families that are part of the church here.

We are hosting a special event for all children that is based on the messy church model but is mainly just an opportunity to get together and celebrate the joy that children bring. Please see invite below:

Nine Bridges Benefice

**You are cordially invited to a
'Family Afternoon with Messy Church'**

Sunday 5th July

3:00pm-4:30pm

St Peter's Church, Maxey

Games

Singing, a story and a prayer

Refreshments provided

RSVP please to admin@9bridges.church

Supporting Ukraine

Etton church is a collection point for donations for Ukraine. The last date is 26th June and the poster below, contains the list of items they need.

No clothes or shoes please! Any other donations warmly welcomed.

Humanitarian aid collection for Ukraine

In July 2026, the local volunteer group **Helping Our Ukrainian Friends** will make its 27th delivery of aid to support those impacted by the war in Ukraine.



**Last collection:
26th June 2026**

Warmth&Shelter

- Blankets
- Winter-rated sleeping bags
- Yoga mats
- Knitted Hats/Scarves/Baby Clothes

Food(non-perishables)

- Rice, flour, pasta
- Tinned food (soups, fish, meats, fruits)
- Sweets (not chocolate)
- Tea, coffee, sugar

Cooking & Heating

- Camping gas stoves
- Thermos flasks

Medicines

- Paracetamol
- Multivitamins
- Antiseptic wipes
- Expectorants (cough medicine)

Light&Power

- Household candles
- Batteries (standard and rechargeable)
- LED lamps/lights(USB rechargeable)
- Powerbanks 20,000 mAh
- Solar lamps
- Torches

Hygiene

- Soap
- Toothpaste & toothbrushes
- Female sanitary products
- Deodorant
- Baby nappies (all sizes)
- Shampoo&Body Wash

Electronics

- Phones, tablets, computers (factory reset and in good working order)

Hobbies

- Sports equipment
- Art supplies
- Musical instruments

Donation points:

- The Granary Tea Room, Willow Brook Farm, Helpston, PE6 7EL
- The Bluebell Inn, Helpston, PE6 7ED
- St Botolph's Church, Helpston, PE6 7DT
- St. Stephen's Church, Etton, PE6 7DA
- All Saints Church, Park Road, Peterborough, PE1 2UL
- St. John the Baptist Church, Church Street, Baston, PE6 9PE
- St. Michael & All Angels Church, Langtoft, PE6 9LP
- St. Firmin's Church, Thurlby, PE10 OEH
- Natalia's Dream Restaurant, 204A Lincoln Road, Peterborough, PE1 2NQ
- Borderville Sport Centre, Ryhall Road, Stamford, PE9 1US
- Stamford College, Drift Road, Stamford, PE9 1XA
- Priory Church, Church Gate, Deeping St James, PE6 8NP
- St Guthlac's Church, 9 Church Street, Market Deeping, PE6 8AN
- Enterprise Car Hire, Uffington Road, Stamford, PE9 2EX

Please note: we are unable to accept any clothes or shoes.

Find out more or donate via the links below, or get in touch at richard@helpingourukrainianfriends.com.
www.helpingourukrainianfriends.com
www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/helpingourukrainianfriends2023



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 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

St. Peter's church,
Maxey

Sunday
5th July

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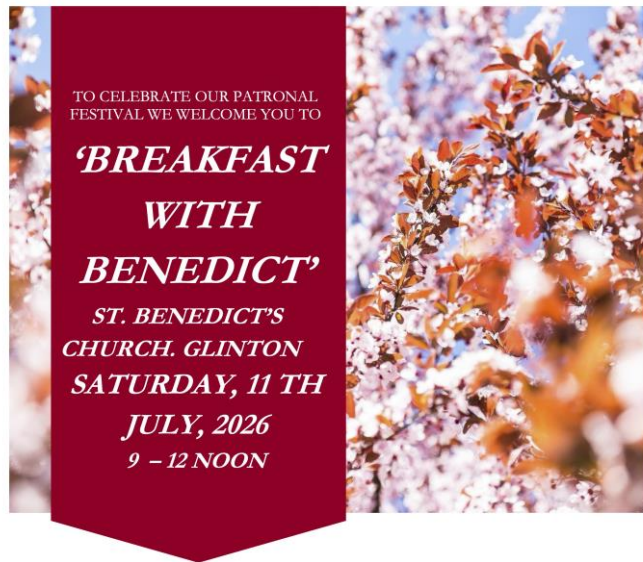
SISSENS BARN
27th June 11-4pm
GARDEN OPEN DAY
Sissons Barn and House gardens will once again open its gates this summer in support of The National Garden Scheme.
Join us for a wonderful day of fund raising.
Visit www.sissonsbarn.co.uk for more details

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.

St. Benedict's church, Glington

Saturday
11th July

Incorporating the regular B@TB pop-up
cafe !



FIND OUT ABOUT ST. BENEDICT AND SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL CHURCH

RAFFLE

BACON SANDWICHES,
TOAST & PRESERVES

CONTINENTAL OPTION -
CROISSANTS, PASTRIES,
FRUIT, BREAD, CHEESE,
PRESERVES

DRINKS - TEA, COFFEE,
FRUIT JUICE

DONATIONS WELCOME

FOR INFORMATION OR
TO BOOK PLEASE RING
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REGULAR DATES for your DIARY

Every Wednesday

St Benedict's Glington

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**



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 our saviour, look on this wounded world in pity and in power; hold us fast to your promises of peace won for us by your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen**

Genesis 21:8-21

The child grew, and was weaned; and Abraham made a great feast on the day that Isaac was weaned. But Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, playing with her son Isaac. So she said to Abraham, 'Cast out this slave woman with her son; for the son of this slave woman shall not inherit along with my son Isaac.' The matter was very distressing to Abraham on account of his son. But God said to Abraham, 'Do not be distressed because of the boy and because of your slave woman; whatever Sarah says to you, do as she tells you, for it is through Isaac that offspring shall be named after you. As for the son of the slave woman, I will make a nation of him also, because he is your offspring.' So Abraham rose early in the morning, and took bread and a skin of water, and gave it to Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, along with the child, and sent her away. And she departed, and wandered about in the wilderness of Beer-sheba. When the water in the skin was gone, she cast the child under one of the bushes. Then she went and sat down opposite him a good way off, about the distance of a bowshot; for she said, 'Do not let me look on the death of the child.' And as she sat opposite him, she lifted up her voice and wept. And God heard the voice of the boy; and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven, and said to her, 'What troubles you, Hagar? Do not be afraid; for God has heard the voice of the boy where he is. Come, lift up the boy and hold him fast with your hand, for I will make a great nation of him.' Then God opened her eyes, and she saw a well of water. She went, and filled the skin with water, and gave the boy a drink. God was with the boy, and he grew up; he lived in the wilderness, and became an expert with the bow. He lived in the wilderness of Paran; and his mother got a wife for him from the land of Egypt.

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

Psalms 69:8-11, 18-20

For your sake have I suffered reproach; shame has covered my face.

I have become a stranger to my kindred, an alien to my mother's children. Zeal for your house has eaten me up; the scorn of those who scorn you has fallen upon me. I humbled myself with fasting, but that was turned to my reproach. Answer me, Lord, for your loving-kindness is good; turn to me in the multitude of your mercies. Hide not your face from your servant; be swift to answer me, for I am in trouble. Draw near to my soul and redeem me; deliver me because of my enemies.

Romans 6.1b-11

Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

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Matthew 10.24-39

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to the twelve, 'A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household! 'So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground unperceived by your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows. 'Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven. 'Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; and one's foes will be members of one's own household. Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.'

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

And Finally

What lovely events we have coming up, with Messy Church having a special day and Breakfast with Benedict. Neither to be missed!

Let's keep those events coming as we enjoy the summer

It's also been wonderful to have some new subscribers, so please do keep spreading the word and bringing people into our community.

Simon

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 safespaces@firstlight.org.uk

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