



Benefice Newsletter with Thought for Thursday

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

Thursday July 2nd

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SERVICES THIS WEEK

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

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 the school term draws to a close, there is a familiar shift in rhythm. The hurried mornings, the packed lunches, the steady drumbeat of routine begin to loosen their grip, and in their place comes something gentler—longer days, lighter evenings, and the gift of time. Summer stretches out before us, not as an empty space, but as an invitation.

An invitation to rest, yes—but also to rediscover.

In the life of the 9 Bridges Benefice, our shared mission offers a helpful lens through which to see these weeks ahead. At its heart is that simple and beautiful call *to welcome all to enquire, grow and deepen our faith together*. Summer often brings new faces into our villages—visitors, returning family, those passing through. It is a season rich with opportunity to extend welcome, to open conversations, and to create space for questions of faith that daily busyness sometimes keeps at bay.

It is also a time for *equipping*. Without the pressures of term time, we may find new room to read, to reflect, to pray, or simply to notice God in the quiet details of creation—the turning of light through trees, the steady hum of life in fields and gardens. These small attentions shape us, gently strengthening discipleship in ways that are no less profound for being unhurried.

And summer calls us outward too. Our mission reminds us *to act on the big issues facing the community, the nation and the planet*. Perhaps this begins in small, local acts: checking on a neighbour, caring for shared spaces, choosing kindness in ordinary encounters. These are the seeds of God’s kingdom, sown in everyday life.

So as bridges connect one place to another, may this summer be a bridge for us—linking rest with renewal, welcome with growth, and faith with action.

The Mission of the 9 Bridges Benefice



Rev. Keir

Benefice Prayers



For Our Community

We lift up in prayer all who live in Bull Lane, Peakirk, Foxcovert Road, Peakirk, Lincoln Road, Northborough & Church Street, 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, Helena Richards, Nancy Holborrow, Mark Malcolm and Anne Harris.** May they find strength, comfort, and restoration.



For Those We Hold in Our Heart

We remember with love those who have gone before us: especially, **Sylvia Dolby and Andrew Warn.** 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, **Eric Brookes.** Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

Upcoming Services

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
Sunday 26th July	09:00 Holy Communion – Northborough 10:30 Family Holy Communion - Glington 18:00 Taizé – Maxey
Sunday 2nd August	09:00 Morning Worship – Glington 10:30 Sung Communion – Peakirk 18:00 Celtic Evening Prayer – Northborough








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

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.

Would you like help with your garden?



Many of you will remember Daniel Hunt, our intern last year. He is seeking paid work undertaking gardening and groundwork. He is willing to take on many tasks, including lawn mowing, hedge trimming and hand digging work. If you are interested please contact danielj.hunt@btinternet.com

Messy Church

The first week of June was national 'Church Yard' week and Messy Church used the opportunity to find out more about St Pega's Churchyard.

We looked at the churchyard as a haven and habitat for birds, insects and small mammals. We also looked at some of the headstones to look at the different ways loved ones were remembered in words and carvings.

The church yard is a special sacred, peaceful place and we finished the afternoon by using special words we thought of in our prayers.



And don't forget it's the special Family Afternoon with Messy Church this Sunday 5th July. Please RSVP to admin@9bridges.church if you'd like to come. We'd love to see you there

DATES for your DIARY

St. Peter's church,
Maxey

Sunday
5th July

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St. Benedict's church, Glinton

Saturday
11th July

Incorporating the regular B@TB pop-up cafe !

TO CELEBRATE OUR PATRONAL FESTIVAL WE WELCOME YOU TO
'BREAKFAST WITH BENEDICT'
ST. BENEDICT'S CHURCH, GLINTON
SATURDAY, 11TH JULY, 2026
9 - 12 NOON

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
JULIE 07708098140
VERONICA 01733 252019

John Clare Cottage
Helpston
10:30

St. Andrew's Church
Northborough
14:30

Sunday 12th July

Don't forget to visit Mary Joyce, John Clare's childhood sweetheart, who is buried in St. Benedict's churchyard, Glinton



The John Clare Festival
"Posies for Patty"
Sunday 12th July

"The Flitting"

Follow in the Clare family footsteps and walk to Northborough as they did in 1832

10.30am start at

John Clare Cottage, Helpston

End with a "Poet's Lunch" at The Packhorse Pub, Northborough. (Booking is essential, phone 01733 913155)

2.30pm join us for talks at

St Andrew's Church, Northborough

"Martha Clare's Northborough"

&

"Northborough's Overseers of the Poor" book



Entry for talks: Children free.

Adults: A suggested £5 donation to the Church



Raffle, Tea & Cake on Sale

Peakirk Village Hall

Tuesday 14th July



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

Thursday 16th July



Tea@Three

St Andrew's
Northborough

3-4pm

16th July

17th September

Join us for tea and a chat

Every 3rd Thursday

Book Exchange

Toys for the Children

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!**

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St Andrew's

Northborough

3-4pm



Join us for tea and a chat



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This Week's Collect and Reading

Collect

Almighty God, send down upon your Church the riches of your Spirit, and kindle in all who minister the gospel your countless gifts of grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Song of Solomon 2.8–13

The voice of my beloved! Look, he comes, leaping upon the mountains, bounding over the hills. My beloved is like a gazelle or a young stag. Look, there he stands behind our wall, gazing in at the windows, looking through the lattice. My beloved speaks and says to me: 'Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away; for now the winter is past, the rain is over and gone. The flowers appear on the earth; the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtle-dove is heard in our land. The fig tree puts forth its figs, and the vines are in blossom; they give forth fragrance. Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away.

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

Romans 7.15–25a

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

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Matthew 11.16–19, 25–30

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

‘But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the market-places and calling to one another, “We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.” For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, “He has a demon”; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, “Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax-collectors and sinners!” Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.’ At that time Jesus said, ‘I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. ‘Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.’

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

And Finally

What an exciting family event we have on Sunday, with Messy Church! We hope as many children and parents, as possible attend, and have a wonderful time.

Simon

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