



Benefice Newsletter with Thought for Thursday

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

Thursday July 9th

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SERVICES THIS WEEK

Sunday 12th July

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

A Good News Week

I think that my belief in the innate good nature and kindness of many, many people in our land has been restored.

On Thursday of last week, I went up to London to meet a friend at the V and A Museum. It was another of those days when the temperature was forecast to be in the upper 20 degrees, and I knew that the Underground can be challenging in such conditions.

I received nothing but kindness everywhere I went. Firstly, from those already on the train, as I only had to step one foot into the carriage and someone was on their feet offering me their seat. And the same thing happened as I waited for the tube train back to St Pancras – a seat on the platform was immediately offered to me, as was a seat on the train itself.

And then there is the matter of technology! Marion and I sat at a pavement café to have a restorative drink after spending a couple of hours in the Exhibition. A waiter came up and said, ‘Ladies, normally we ask our outside customers to use the QR code to order, but I am sure you would prefer to see a menu!’ We had not even noticed the QR code on the table, never mind working the intricacies of it!

And the good news week continued at Maxey on Sunday afternoon as families gathered for the Family Afternoon. It was pure joy to see everyone enjoying the afternoon and to sense the presence of God as we thought about how precious children and families are to Jesus. The perfect weather certainly helped, as did the willingness of so many people of show kindness to each other.

So – thank you, Lord, for a wonderful good news week!

Reader Freda

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 Ann 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.** Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

Upcoming Services

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
Sunday 9th August	09:00 Morning Worship – Peakirk 10:30 Holy Communion - Etton 18:00 Joyful Journey - Glington
Sunday 16th August	09:00 Holy Communion – Maxey 10:30 Family Praise – Northborough 18:00 BCP Evensong - Peakirk
Sunday 23rd August	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

Family Afternoon with Messy Church



It was pure joy to see over 50 people of all ages (including some from the 1944/43 Club!) enjoying a fun afternoon at Maxey Church.

The weather was perfect, neither too hot nor too cold, and activities were laid out around the field for everyone to take part in. The theme was 'Journeys' and Jane Harris and her team came up with a treasure trove of games for all, culminating in many of the children playing a Parachute Game with Rhiannon, ably supported by Jayne. Needless to say, football also featured for the older youngsters, and many thanks to Daniel for facilitating this.

The purpose of the afternoon was to enable people to have a Messy Church experience, and to discover that as Jesus travelled from place to place everyone was welcome, including families with young children, as they are at Nine Bridges Benefice.

Refreshments, supplied by Eventus Café at Market Deeping as well as by some of the Messy Church family, made sure that no-one went away hungry and huge thanks to the many people who worked happily together to make the afternoon such a wonderful occasion.







DATES for your DIARY

St. Benedict's church, Glinton

Saturday

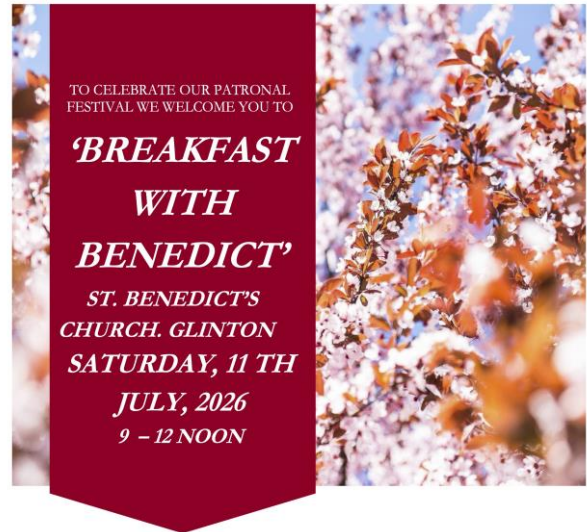
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For this month only



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coffee or tea,
a bacon sandwich
and a friendly chat
as part of . . .**



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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

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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



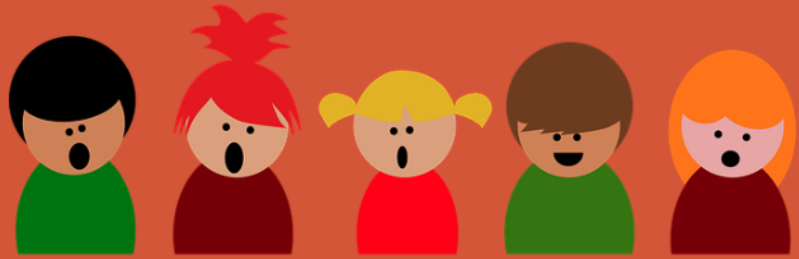
REGULAR DATES for your DIARY

Every Wednesday

St Benedict's Ginton

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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<p>St. Andrew's, Northborough</p> <p>Every Third Thursday of the month</p>	 <p>Tea@Three St Andrew's Northborough 3-4pm</p> <p>Join us for tea and a chat</p> <p>Every 3rd Thursday</p> <p>Book Exchange Toys for the Children</p>
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This Week's Collect and Reading

Collect

Creator God, you made us all in your image: may we discern you in all that we see, and serve you in all that we do; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Genesis 25.19–34

These are the descendants of Isaac, Abraham's son: Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac was forty years old when he married Rebekah, daughter of Bethuel the Aramean of Paddan-aram, sister of Laban the Aramean. Isaac prayed to the LORD for his wife, because she was barren; and the LORD granted his prayer, and his wife Rebekah conceived. The children struggled together within her; and she said, 'If it is to be this way, why do I live?' So she went to inquire of the LORD. And the LORD said to her, 'Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples born of you shall be divided; one shall be stronger than the other, the elder shall serve the younger.' When her time to give birth was at hand, there were twins in her womb. The first came out red, all his body like a hairy mantle; so they named him Esau. Afterwards his brother came out, with his hand gripping Esau's heel; so he was

named Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when she bore them. When the boys grew up, Esau was a skilful hunter, a man of the field, while Jacob was a quiet man, living in tents. Isaac loved Esau, because he was fond of game; but Rebekah loved Jacob. Once when Jacob was cooking a stew, Esau came in from the field, and he was famished. Esau said to Jacob, 'Let me eat some of that red stuff, for I am famished!' (Therefore he was called Edom.) Jacob said, 'First sell me your birthright.' Esau said, 'I am about to die; of what use is a birthright to me?' Jacob said, 'Swear to me first.' So he swore to him, and sold his birthright to Jacob. Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew, and he ate and drank, and rose and went his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright.

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

Romans 8.1-11

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

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Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the lake. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood

on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: 'Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!' 'Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.'

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

And Finally

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

That was a wonderful Family Afternoon last Sunday and we have so much going on in the next 7 days! Breakfast with Benedict, Tuesday@10 and Tea@3we might need to burn some calories in advance :-)

Simon

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