



Benefice Newsletter with Thought for Thursday

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

Thursday September 24th

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SERVICES THIS WEEK

Sunday 27th September	09:00 Holy Communion – Northborough 10:30 Harvest Communion - Glington 18:00 Taizé – Maxey
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 autumn settles around us, the world reminds us of the beauty of gathering. The days grow shorter, the air becomes cooler, and we naturally begin to draw closer to one another. Where summer often sends us out in different directions, autumn and winter invite us back into community.

This rhythm of the seasons can teach us something about mission. Mission is not only about going out; it is also about creating spaces where people can belong, be welcomed, and find encouragement. Around tables, in homes, in churches, and in shared acts of care, we have opportunities to reflect God's love and hospitality.

As leaves fall and the landscape changes, may we remember that community is one of God's gifts for every season. Let us be attentive to those who may feel isolated as the darker months approach, and intentional in extending friendship, kindness, and invitation. In doing so, we live out our mission together, becoming a warm and welcoming presence in a world that often longs for connection.

"And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together... but encouraging one another." (Hebrews 10:24-25)

May this autumn be a season of welcome, fellowship, and shared mission. 🌿

Rev Keir

Benefice Prayers



For Our Community

We lift up in prayer all who live in North Fen Road, Glinton, High Street, Glinton, Werrington Parkway, Glinton & St Benedicts Close, Glinton. 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, Susan Briggs and Jacqui Barnard.** 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, **Brian Parnham.** 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, **Matthew Pearson** and **Steven Cookson.** Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

Upcoming Services

Sunday 4th October Homelessness Sunday	09:00 Morning Worship – Glinton 10:30 Sung Communion -Peakirk 15:00 Messy Church – Peakirk Village Hall 18:00 Celtic Evening Prayer – Northborough
Sunday 11th October	09:00 Morning Worship – Peakirk 10:30 Harvest Communion - Etton 18:00 Joyful Journey - Glinton
Sunday 18th October	09:00 Holy Communion – Maxey 10:30 Family Praise – Northborough 18:00 BCP Evensong - Peakirk
Sunday 25th October	09:00 Holy Communion – Northborough 10:30 Family Holy Communion - Glinton 18:00 Taizé – Maxey

NEWS



NOTICE

Creative Arts in Mission

Spoken & Visual Arts Mission Team

Are you interested in exploring how **spoken and visual arts** can help communicate the Christian message and support Christian mission?

You are warmly invited to join our upcoming Spoken and Visual Arts Mission Team meeting.

Purpose of the Meeting

We hope to gather people who are interested in:

- Expressing the Christian message through spoken and visual communication
- Exploring the wider use of visual arts in Christian mission
- Sharing ideas, creativity and practical skills
- Developing ways in which the arts can contribute to worship, outreach and mission

Whether you already have experience in the arts or simply have an interest in exploring what might be possible, you are very welcome.

Come along, share your ideas, and help us explore how creativity can bring the Christian message to life.

Meeting Details

Date: Monday 3rd October

Time: 7.00 pm

Venue: St Andrew's Church, Northborough

For further information or to confirm attendance:

Mark
Mark@9bridges.church

Drama group – Team Meeting

Interested individuals are warmly invited to attend the upcoming meeting of our Spoken and Visual Arts Mission Team.

Purpose of the Meeting: Anyone interested in contributing to the expression of the Christian message through combined spoken and visual communication, as well as anyone with an interest in exploring how the wider visual arts can be strategically utilized in Christian mission.

Event Details: Monday 3rd October 7:00 PM St Andrews Church, Northborough

Contact Information: For further inquiries or to confirm attendance, please contact Mark via email at Mark@9bridges.church.

St Pega's 100 Club



Congratulations to September's winners

46 Pauline

42 Barry

7 Debi

The next draw will be just in time for Christmas on December 6th

Many thanks to everyone who supports St Pega's Church by having a number in our 100 Club draw.

Fundraising for Maxey bells

Bringing the bells to the people



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Donation protected

St. Peters church, Maxey, Cambs has a ring of 6 bells that have been in place for over 400 years. The merry band of ringers that currently ring for weddings, funerals and services are no longer of an age where they are able to ascend/descend the 26 uneven, spiral stone steps and four wooden ones without an oxygen mask and steroids! We desperately need to bring the ringing circle back downstairs from the ringing chamber that has served us well over the last 40 plus years. Lets be honest, the bells were originally installed to ring upstairs in 1600's, came down in 1940, taken back up in 1970's and now we need them down again. Not only are our creaky old joints struggling but it would be lovely to be included in the services and not be up in the lofty reaches, taking a while to get down in time for Communion. So we are asking for help from anyone with a bellringing, church, or inclusivity interest to help us raise the money for bell guide and all associated costs to achieve this. Every penny will go to ensuring that we ring for the foreseeable future in a safe and easy manner, feeling part of church life and not squirreled out of sight. Please donate, anything will be truly appreciated, Thank you and God Bless.

Fundraising and grants are the only way we are going to raise the £4.5k needed to get the bells of Maxey able to be rung safely downstairs. The current Benefice ringers want to be downstairs but cannot fund it alone.

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/bringing-the-bells-to-the-people>

DATES for your DIARY

**The Golden Pheasant
Etton**

Friday 25th September

16:00 – close

Live music

Saturday 26th September

12:00 – close

Afternoon quiz

Live music



Maxey, Village Hall

19:30

Friday 25th September

£12.50

ticket includes light refreshments

Peakirk and Newborough Dramatic Society

Presents

A Murder Mystery evening...

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Ian McCutcheson

Maxey Village Hall

Friday 25th September 7:30pm - £12.50

(ticket includes light refreshments)

Tickets available from:

Sheila - 07740983217

sheila.merrill@9bridges.church

Peakirk, Village Hall

19:30

Saturday 26th September

£15.00

ticket includes refreshments



Get Connected !

Peakirk, Village Hall

15:00 – 16:30

Saturday 4th October

**Story, activities
and
refreshments**



SUNDAY OCTOBER 4th

3.00pm to 4.30pm

PEAKIRK VILLAGE HALL

Get Connected!



**Story, Activities, Songs,
Refreshments**

Families of all ages are welcome

Jane Harris : messychurch@9bridges.church

The Nine Bridges Benefice

Tea@Three

**St. Andrew's church
Northborough**

15:00 – 16:00

Thursday 15th October

**This is the last Tea@Three for 2026 but
we will be back in the Spring**



Poppy Making Workshop

**St. Pega's church
Peakirk**

10:00 – 12:00

Thursday 29th October

**Materials provided
(except wool and needles)**

POPPY MAKING WORKSHOP

**Help to create a display
for Peakirk's war memorial
and the Village monument**

ST PEGA'S CHURCH

Thursday October 29th

10.00am – 12.00noon

**Materials provided (except wool and
needles.)**

**Patterns available in the church if you want to knit or
crochet poppies in advance.**

Refreshments All are welcome.

REGULAR DATES for your DIARY

Community Drop-In Every Wednesday 2.00 - 4.00pm St Benedict's Church Free and informal support for anyone who needs it Open to everyone Just drop in	
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 Readings

Collect

Gracious God, you call us to fullness of life: deliver us from unbelief and banish our anxieties with the liberating love of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Exodus 17:1-7

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarrelled with Moses, and said, 'Give us water to drink.' Moses said to them, 'Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?' But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?' So Moses cried out to the LORD, 'What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.' The LORD said to Moses, 'Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there

in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.’ Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarrelled and tested the LORD, saying, ‘Is the LORD among us or not?’

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

Philippians 2:1-13

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

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Matthew 21:23-32

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

When he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, ‘By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?’ Jesus said to them, ‘I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?’ And they argued with one another, ‘If we say, “From heaven”, he will say to us, “Why then did you not believe him?” But if we say, “Of human origin”, we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.’ So they

answered Jesus, 'We do not know.' And he said to them, 'Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things. 'What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, "Son, go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not"; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, "I go, sir"; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?' They said, 'The first.' Jesus said to them, 'Truly I tell you, the tax-collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax-collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

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

And Finally

Solutions to clues from last month

1 **AMOS** (in Old Testament) Part of s**AMOS**a

2 **LEVI** (son of Jacob) Anagram (around) of **EVIL** or **VILE**

3 **SON OF MAN** double definition

4 **JEREMIAH** (prophet) Anagram of **JA** (Yes in Berlin) **HERE** and **MI** (one thousand and one in Roman Numerals)

5 **JAMES** double definition

This time's clues

1 City of twenty-nine vehicles. (7)

2 Ahh! Jove rewrote name for God. (7)

3 Share pies around sanctimonious jews. (9)

4 Papa Luigi, initially, followed by fits of shivering. Ten for Egypt. (7)

5 Lined out with a lion tamer. (6)

Well, the run-up to Christmas has well and truly commenced! The activities and events are coming in thick and fast, long may that continue.

Please let me know if you have anything planned which we are not already mentioning here and on Facebook and Instagram.

Simon

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