

The Nine Bridges Benefice

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**Pew Sheet 22nd December 2024**

**The Fourth Sunday of Advent**



**Week 4: Love Candle**

*Light the 4th candle*.

All: Holy and loving God, Your love is the greatest gift of our lives. It brings us into this world and it meets us in the life of the world to come. May Your love so shape our lives that our daily actions reveal Your light to the world. Come, Lord Jesus. Amen.

**Collect**

Eternal God, as Mary waited for the birth of your Son, so we wait for his coming in glory; bring us through the birth pangs of this present age to see, with her, our great salvation in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**Micah 5.2–5a**

You, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me  one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old,  from ancient days. Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labour has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; and he shall be the one of peace.

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

**Hebrews 10.5–10**

Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said,
‘Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired,
   but a body you have prepared for me;
in burnt-offerings and sin-offerings
   you have taken no pleasure.
Then I said, “See, God, I have come to do your will, O God”(in the scroll of the book it is written of me).’

When he said above, ‘You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt-offerings and sin-offerings’ (these are offered according to the law), then he added, ‘See, I have come to do your will.’ He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. And it is by God’s will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

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**Luke 1.39–45**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to **Luke.**

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary’s greeting, the child leapt in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, ‘Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leapt for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.’

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

**Post Communion Prayer**

Heavenly Father, who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of the promised saviour: fill us your servants with your grace, that in all things we may embrace your holy will and with her rejoice in your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

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**Next Week:**

**Tuesday 24th December Christmas Eve**

14.00 Crib Service St Benedict’s Glinton

16.00 Crib Service St Peter’s Maxey

17.00 Crib Service Etton Village Green

23.30 Midnight Mass St Andrew’s Northborough

**Wednesday 25th December Christmas Day**

10.30 Family Christmas Communion St Pega’s Peakirk

**Sunday 29th December**

10.30 Family Communion St Stehen’s Etton

**Dates for your Diary:**

**14th Jan Tuesday@ 10 Peakirk Village Hall**

**22nd Jan Souper Wednesday Peakirk Village Hall**

For our Prayers:

* For all people who live Granville Avenue, Northborough, Church Street, Northborough, North Fen Road, Glinton & Sutton's Lane, Deeping Gate
* For all those who are sick in mind, body or soul especially those known to us. Chris Skillman, Hadrian Asher, David Cupit, Maurice Wright, Mike Connor, Janet Hotchkin, Athena Pegram and Ann Rata.
* For those who we love but see no longer.
* For all who face a hungry Christmas

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