

## Benefice Events & Notices

**STOREHOUSE PLEASE** give generously at this time when so many families are relying on food banks. Thank you

Goods and donations for Thurston can be left at No 31, School Rd, Thurston, Jill Rood, donations for Great Barton can be left at Holy Innocents church or with Tim Frost at 2, Diomed Drive, Great Barton.

Just a reminder, that following the splendid refurb of our porch at St Peter's, Jigsaws are again available to be bought or swapped, at a suggested donation of £2.00  
Thank you Churchwardens.

Visit the following to get the latest information :-

website: <https://www.greatbartonandthurston.org.uk>

Facebook pages:

Holy Innocents: <https://www.facebook.com/Holy-Innocents-Church-Great-Barton-685807921585678/>

St Peter's: <https://www.facebook.com/St-Peters-Church-Thurston-1790473917903849/>

Please email any notices to Peter Robinson [beneficepr@gmail.com](mailto:beneficepr@gmail.com) by 31<sup>st</sup> August

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The Benefice of  
Holy Innocents, Great Barton & St Peter's, Thurston  
[www.greatbartonandthurston.org.uk](http://www.greatbartonandthurston.org.uk)

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> August**

**The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity**



**Readings (NRSV please)**

**Ex 1: 8-2.10 Rom 12: 1-8. Mt 16: 13-20**

**Collect**

God of constant mercy,  
who sent your Son to save us:  
remind us of your goodness,  
increase your grace within us,  
that our thankfulness may grow,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

Rev'd Ben Edwards

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Ben's time off is Friday pm and Saturdays.

Churchwardens

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### Services for this week

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> August**

Benefice Service, Holy Communion (CW) at St Peter's, Thurston at 10.30am

**Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> August**

Holy Communion (CW) at Holy Innocents, Great Barton at 10.30am

### Services for next week

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> September**

Holy Communion (BCP) at St Peter's, Thurston at 8.30am

Benefice Service, Sung Eucharist at Holy Innocents, Great Barton at 10.30am

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September**

Holy Communion (CW) at Montana Chapel at 11.15am

### Prayer Chain



We all need others to pray for us sometimes. If you would like our prayer team to pray for you this week, please send your prayer request to (Kathy Drakes: email [kathy@drakesfamily.org](mailto:kathy@drakesfamily.org)). Requests are only shared confidentially between the vicar

and the prayer team

### **Message from Kathy**

'As many of you may know I am coming to the end of my Reader Training. All being well I am due to be Licensed in the Cathedral on the afternoon of **Sunday 24th September, the service beginning at 3.30pm**. Afterwards I would like to invite you for a drink and refreshments in the Church Institute in Great Barton. I will share further details when I have them but please save the date as I would love to share this moment with all of you. Thank you for your ongoing support. Kathy Drakes'

**St Martin's Voices Concert Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September at 7.00pm at St Peter's Church, Thurston. (They are from the famous St Martin's-in-the-Field, London.)**

If you would like tickets to the concert please follow the link below to the St Martin's website:

<https://www.stmartin-in-the-fields.org/calendar/st-martins-voices-in-concert-st-peters-church-thurston/>

Then on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> in church 10.30am-1.30pm

A Choral Workshop by St Martin's Voices from St Martin-in-the-Fields, London.

Registration 10.00am, Workshop 10.30am-12.30am followed by refreshments. At 1.00pm Short Harvest service including music prepared in the workshop. Cost £5.00 including refreshments.

If you wish to attend please email [beneficepr@gmail.com](mailto:beneficepr@gmail.com) for an application form.

### Praying for our Benefice

#### We pray for:-



- All those who have asked for our prayers and their families: Jane's brother Jon, Alexander, Charlie, Mary Gould, Andrew Garnham, Ian Baxter, Hayley, Cathy McQueen, Maureen and Peter, David Sheppard, Roger and Pat Boyes, Noreen Reeve and Kevin Scoles.
- We pray for those who have died recently, especially Sheila Hughes who was a long standing member of St Peter's Church, Thurston. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.
- We pray for all who mourn the loss of a loved one, especially the family of Sheila Hughes. We also remember all those whose anniversaries fall at this time. May they all rest in peace and rise in glory.
- We pray for the people of Great Barton and Thurston.
- We pray for all couples who are getting married. We especially pray for Daniel and Corinna who were married this Saturday at St Peter's.
- We pray for all those being baptized this week, especially Ava and Dorothea being baptized at St Peter's this weekend.

**Flower Festival at St Peter's 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> September.**

Sat 10.00am – 4.00pm & Sun 12noon – 4.00pm.

**'Hurrah for Harvest'**

**Admission by suggested donation of £3. Children Free**  
**Includes Recital by James Thomas on Sat afternoon at 2pm.**

**Plant Stall & Cake stall**  
**Refreshments and a raffle.**

**If you would like to do an arrangement please contact Margery**

**If you are able to help by making a cake please let Mary Fawcett know on 01359 231363.**

**If you can offer to help run a stall, refreshments or be a Welcomer please get in touch with the churchwardens, Pat or Margery. Thank you.**

**Also on the 9<sup>th</sup> September our Walkathon. Please see below for details.**



**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2023: 10-12am**

**A sponsored family walkathon on the field at Thurston Primary Academy**



This is an easy, fun morning for all: children, parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles and friends; all welcome. A chance to 'walk and talk' whilst raising money to be shared between 'Nicky's Way', the service for young people at St Nicholas Hospice and the next generation at St Peter's Church.

Each lap is 0.2km so 5 laps is 1K for young children and 25 laps is 5K for keen adults: just choose your distance and find your sponsors! Entry is free but £5 minimum sponsorship for over 5s is payable at the start. Under 5s are welcome to be sponsored.

There is a small prize for every child in fancy dress on a harvest theme. An adult must accompany all children and we regret no dogs are allowed. All participants do so at their own risk.