

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.



THE MEETING POINT COMMUNITY CAFÉ

At The Church Institute, The Street, Great Barton

OPENING TIME:
EVERY WEDNESDAY
11.00AM – 1.30PM

LUNCHES SERVED FROM 12.00 NOON

All Welcome!
A Great place to meet up with friends for lunch or to relax and enjoy a Tea or Coffee with a slice of Cake.

Come and join us for FREE Tea and Coffee.

We serve Homemade Cakes, freshly prepared hot lunches to order.

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 Pat Sadler patsadler@hotmail.com by **Thurs 10th August**

01359 230865 or 07552 234443

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The Benefice of
Holy Innocents, Great Barton & St Peter's, Thurston

www.greatbartonandthurston.org.uk

Sunday 6th August

The Transfiguration of our Lord



Readings (NRSV please)

8.30am 2 Peter 1. 16-19 and Luke 9. 28-36.

10.30am Dan 7: 9-10,13-14. 2 Peter 1. 16-19. Luke 9: 28-19

Collect

Almighty God,
who sent your Holy Spirit
to be the life and light of your Church:
open our hearts to the riches of your grace,
that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit
in love and joy and peace;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

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 6th August

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

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

Choral Evensong at St Peter's Thurston at 6.30pm

Wednesday 9th Aug

NO SERVICE.

Services for next week

Sunday 13th August

Benefice Sung Eucharist at St Peter's, Thurston at 10.30am

Choral Evensong at Holy Innocents, Great Barton at 6.30pm

Wednesday 16th Aug

Holy Communion (CW) at Holy Innocents at 10.30am.



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). Requests are only shared confidentially between the vicar and the prayer

St Martin's Voices Concert Friday 22nd 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-martiins-voices-in-concert-st-peters-church-thurston/>

Then on Saturday 23rd 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.

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, Sheila Hughes, Cathy McQueen, Maureen and Peter, David Sheppard, Roger and Pat Boyes, Noreen Reeve and Kevin Scoles.
- We pray for those who have died recently.
- We pray for all who mourn the loss of a loved one.
- 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 the people in Lebanon fleeing the violence in their refugee camp.
- We continue to pray for the people of Ukraine as the conflict with Russia continues.
- We pray for the people of Pakistan affected by the bomb blast the killed and injured so many.
- We pray for the people of Yemen which remains one of the world's largest humanitarian crises. In 2023, a staggering 21.6 million people require some form of humanitarian assistance as 80% of the country struggles to put food on the table.



Flower Festival at St Peter's 9th & 10th 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 9th September our Walkathon. Please see below for details.



Saturday 9th 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.