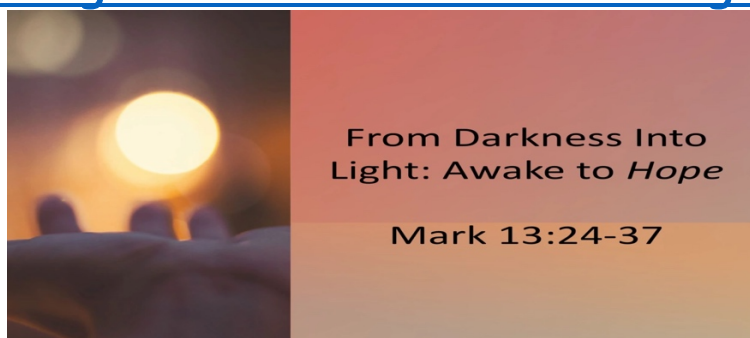


The Benefice of
Holy Innocents, Great Barton & St Peter's, Thurston
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Sunday 3rd December

1st Sunday of Advent

Readings (NRSV please)

10.30am Isaiah 64: 1-9. 1 Cor 1: 3-9. Mark 13: 24-end

COLLECT

**Almighty God,
as your kingdom dawns,
turn us from the darkness of sin to the
light of holiness,
that we may be ready to meet you
in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ**

Amen

Rev'd Ben Edwards

email revdbenjaminedwards@gmail.com or call 07522 396397

Ben's time off is Friday pm and Saturdays.

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Services for this week

Sunday 3rd December

Benefice Sung Eucharist at Holy Innocents at 10.30am

Advent Carol Service at Holy Innocents at 5.00pm

Wednesday 6th December

Holy Communion (CW) at Montana at 11.15am

Services for next week

Sunday 10th December

Holy Communion (BCP) at Holy Innocents at 8.30am

Benefice Sung Eucharist at St Peter's at 10.30am

Wednesday 13th December

Holy Communion (CW) at Holy Innocents at 10.30am

Praying for our Benefice

We pray for;-



- All those who have asked for our prayers and their families: Jane's brother Jon, Alexander, Mary Gould, Ian Baxter, Hayley, Cathy McQueen, Maureen and Peter, David & Pat Sheppard, Roger and Pat Boyes, Noreen Reeve, Maureen Andrews, John Clark, Alida Scoles, Deidre and Derek Caley, Mick & Mary, Brenda Rainbow and Jill Rood
- We pray for the safe return of all hostages in the Israel/Palestine conflict
- We pray for the those affected by the war in the Middle East.
- We pray for those killed and injured in Ukraine and Russia.
- We pray for those struggling with the cost of living crisis.
- We pray for the family and friends who mourn the loss of a loved one, especially remembering the family of Martin Canter.
- 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

Holy Innocents Church Christmas Tree Festival



9 December-5 January

“FOLLOW THE STAR”

We invite families, individuals, schools, organizations, and businesses to put up a tree to help our community celebrate Christmas, and to find a quiet place at Christmas.

Contact Linda Scoles (01359) 230392 for more information.

9 Lessons and Carols

Hear the story of Christmas and join us in song with traditional Christmas Carols'

**St Peter's Church Thurston,
17th December at 6.00pm.**

Festive refreshments available after the service'





Carols by Candlelight

**Join us in
Holy Innocents Church**

**On Friday 22nd December
7.00pm start.**

**We'll be singing Carols
for everyone.**

**St Peter's Thurston and
Holy Innocents' Gt Barton
Crib Service**

Sunday 24th Dec.

St Peter's Church Thurston 2.00pm

&

Holy Innocents' Church Great Barton 4.00pm



**A service for all the family to enjoy at Christmas.
We look forward to seeing you.**

Treasurer

Can you help?

The Treasurers in both St Peter's Thurston and Holy Innocents are retiring after many years of service to their respective churches.

We are now looking for someone to take over the role of the treasurer. The treasurer will be an integral part of our team and will be supported by the relevant PCC's.

If you have experience and would like to know more, please contact the following people.

For St Peter's:

Fr Ben at revdbenjaminwards@gmail.com

Gill Bush at gillianbush@metronet.co.uk

Pat Sadler at patsadler@hotmail.com

For Holy Innocents:

Fr Ben at revdbenjaminwards@gmail.com

Kathy Drakes at kathy@drakesfamily.org

Tim Frost at timfr0st@yahoo.co.uk

Thank you

Choir Leader

The Benefice Choir of Holy Innocents Great Barton and St Peter's Thurston are looking for a Choir Leader.

Our choir is looking for someone who will take them forward with new hymns and Anthems; someone to arrange regular practice and lead the choir into the future.

You would work with the organist and Fr Ben the Vicar.

Our choir sing at all our services including evensong and on occasions at Funerals and Weddings.

The choir would also like someone who would encourage them to sing in other venues arranged by the Royal School of Church Music.

**For more information, please contact Fr Ben at
revdbenjaminwards@gmail.com**

CHRISTMAS HAMPER



There will be a sign-up sheet in the back of Holy Innocents church, for items for a Christmas Hamper to be drawn in December. Donations from the list or anything of your own choice (in date, please), can be left in the box also at the back of the church.

**CHRISTMAS
AT**

**GREAT
BARTON**



**10TH DECEMBER 5 PM CAROLS
MEET AT FREEDOM CHURCH**

**FREEDOM CHURCH & HOLY INNOCENTS
CELEBRATING CHRISTMAS TOGETHER**

**YOU ARE INVITED TO WALK GREAT BARTON PAUSING TO SING
CHRISTMAS CAROLS.**

MEETING AT 5PM AT FREEDOM CHURCH FOR HOT BEVERAGES.

**ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN AT ANY POINT
FOR PART OF OR FOR THE WHOLE WALK.**



**Holy Innocents' Church Gt Barton
&
St Peter's Church Thurston**

11.30pm Sunday 24th December

Please note the start time of 11.30 pm

***You are welcome to join us at either of our Churches for this popular
Christmas Mass***

Remembrance Sunday

A huge thank you to all who took part in The Remembrance Services. At St Peter's. Over £270.00 was collected in aid of 'The Royal British Legion'. With £182.81 collected at Holy Innocents. Making a grand total of £452.81 from the Benefice.

St Peter's Christmas Bazaar.

Thank you to all who helped and supported our Bazaar last Saturday. It was an enjoyable occasion, at which the grand sum of £1291.85 was raised for church funds.

Again, many thanks.



Advent Course

This year's Advent Course will be looking at the Archbishop of Canterbury's 'Difference Course – The power of Faith in a conflicted world'. If you are interested in attending, could you please sign up on the sheets at the back of both Holy Innocents and St Peters.

Thank you

Kathy Drakes

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.

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.

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
or tel: 07814946841 by **Thurs 7th December****

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