

**The Benefice of  
Holy Innocents, Great Barton & St Peter's, Thurston**  
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**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> January**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany**

**Readings (NRSV please)**

**10.30am. Plough Sunday: Revelations 5: 1-10. John 1: 43-end**

**3.30pm Evensong: Psalm 145: 1-12. Isaiah 62: 1-5. 1 Corinthians 6: 11-end**

**COLLECT**

**Almighty God,  
whose will it is that the earth and the sea should bear fruit in due season:  
bless the labours of those who work on land and sea,  
grant us a good harvest and the grace always to rejoice in your fatherly care;  
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 14<sup>th</sup> January

Holy Communion (Plough Sunday) at St Peter's at 10.30am

Evensong at Holy Innocents at 3.30pm

### Wednesday 17th January

Holy Communion (CW) at Holy Innocents at 10.30am

## Services for next week

### Sunday 21st January

Together Family Church at Thurston Primary Academy at 10.00am

Holy Communion (CW) at Holy Innocents at 10.30am

Evensong at St Peter's at 3.30pm

### Wednesday 24th January

Holy Communion (BCP) at St Peter's 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, Alida Scoles, Deidre and Derek Caley, Brenda Rainbow, Jill Rood and Chris Blades.
- 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.
- We pray for the family and friends of Audrey Firth.
- We also remember all those whose anniversaries fall at this time. May they all rest in peace and rise in glory.
- We pray for those who are suffering with illness, in mind body and spirit.
- We pray for those who can only see darkness, may they see light for the future.
- We pray for peace in the Israel/Gaza conflict and the surrounding area.
- We pray for those who affected by conflicts throughout the world.
- We pray for the people of Great Barton and Thurston.

Please, join the action #standwithUkraine  
Saturday 20th January 2024  
Angel Hill 11:00-12:00

Please, stand with us to show your support for Ukraine and  
to let people know that the struggle continues.



"We dream we'll hear - Wake up,  
we've won!"

### **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  
[revdbenjaminedwards@gmail.com](mailto:revdbenjaminedwards@gmail.com)**

### **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.**

***Perhaps two people could share this role for each church.***

**If you would like more information, please contact one of the following people.**

#### **For St Peter's:**

**Gill Bush at [gillianbush@metronet.co.uk](mailto:gillianbush@metronet.co.uk)**

**Pat Sadler at [patsadler@hotmail.com](mailto:patsadler@hotmail.com)**

#### **For Holy Innocents:**

**Kathy Drakes at [kathy@drakesfamily.org](mailto:kathy@drakesfamily.org)**

**Tim Frost at [timfr0st@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:timfr0st@yahoo.co.uk)**

**"Dear All,**

**I would like to set aside some more time for pastoral visits - that's when I invite myself round to you for a cuppa! But also, for a chat about, well, whatever is on your mind - whether it's your prayer life, church happenings or the latest series of Strictly!**

**However, I have always been a bit anxious about inviting myself anywhere, and so it would be lovely if folk could respond by dropping their name and telephone number so that I can arrange a visit - that way I shall know my visit is a desired one! So do please reply to [admichurch64@gmail.com](mailto:admichurch64@gmail.com) with a name and number (and maybe a good time to call) so I can book a visit over the next few months.**

**God bless,  
Fr Ben"**

**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.**

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**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)  
or tel: 07814946841 by **Thurs 18<sup>th</sup> January 2024****

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