

**The Benefice of
Holy Innocents, Great Barton & St Peter's, Thurston**
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Sunday 28th January
4th Sunday after Epiphany

Readings (NRSV please)

8.30am Holy Communion at Holy Innocents. Col 1: 15-20. John 1: 1-14
10.30am Holy Communion at St Peter's. Malachi 3: 1-5. Luke 2: 22-40

COLLECT

**God of heaven,
you send the gospel to the ends of the earth
and your messengers to every nation:
send your Holy Spirit to transform us
by the good news of everlasting life
in Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Amen

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Ben's time off is Friday pm and Saturdays.

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Services for this week

Sunday 28th January:

Holy Communion (BCP) at Holy Innocents at 8.30am

Holy Communion Candlemas at St Peter's at 10.30am

Wednesday 31st January:

Holy Communion (CW) Holy Innocents at 10.30am

Services for next week

Sunday 4th February

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

Sung Eucharist at Holy Innocents at 10.30am

Wednesday 7th February:

Holy Communion at Montana at 11.15am

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, Chris Blades, and Rev'd David Mathers.
- We pray for those struggling with the cost of living crisis.
- We pray for those who have died recently, remembering Jill Rood.
- We pray for all who mourn the loss of a loved one, especially the family and friends of Jill Rood.
- 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 are affected by conflicts throughout the world.
- We pray for the people of Great Barton and Thurston.

It is with great sadness that we have to report the death of a dear friend Jill Rood. She passed peacefully away, at home, on Wednesday 24th January.

**Jill, as a member of St Peter's Church, regularly rang the bells, led the Benefice Mothers Union and did so much more.
She will be greatly missed and forever in our hearts.
May she rest in peace and rise in glory.**

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



Our next meeting is on Tuesday 13th February at 11am in The Rock and will be a talk from Age U K -- 'Lasting Power of Attorney Made Easy'.

Come and join us at the World Day of Prayer Service on Friday 1st March. It has been composed by the women of Palestine and will be held in The Rock at St. Peter's Church at 11am.

**Thank you,
All Good Wishes.**

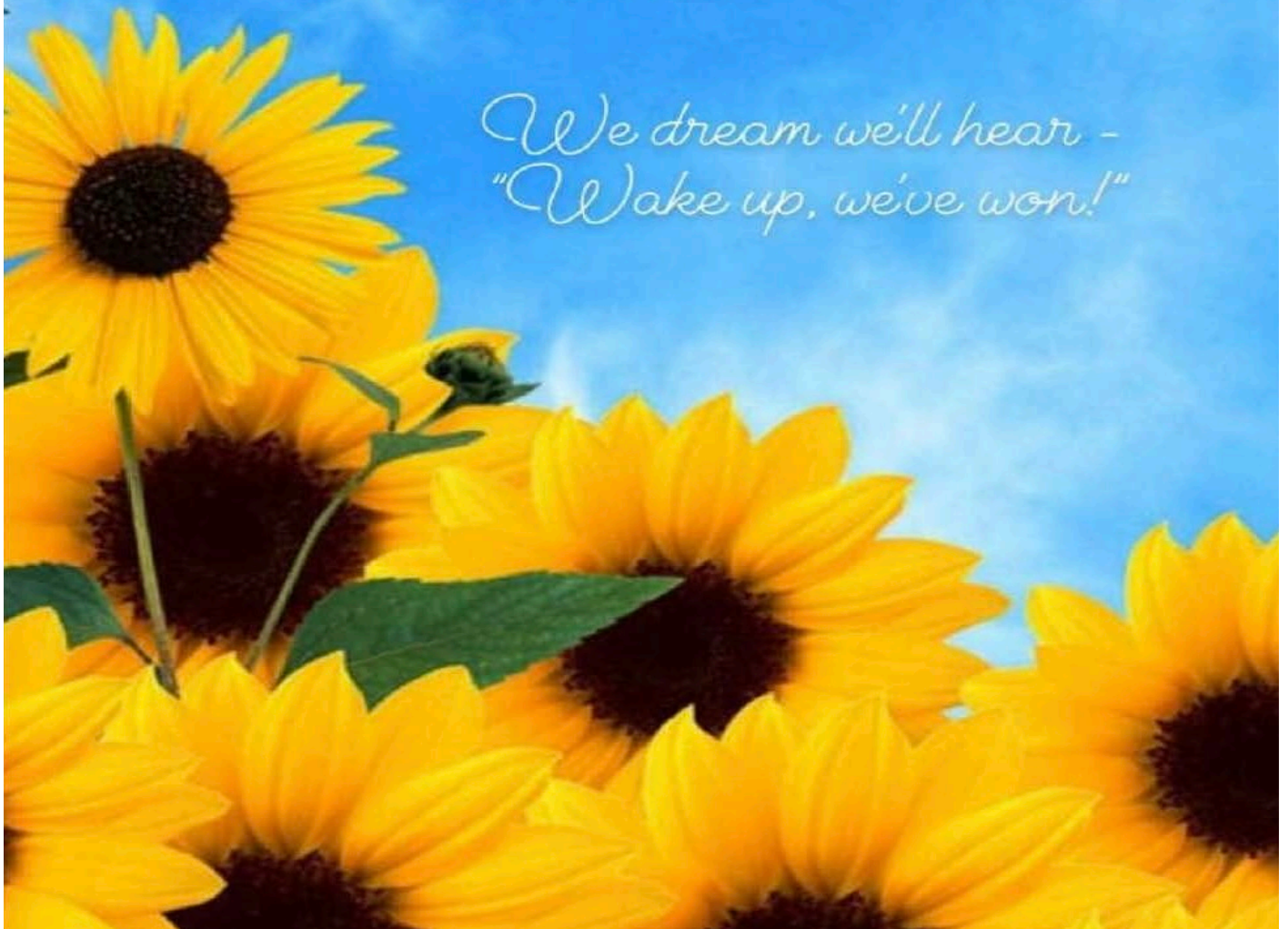
Gill.

Please, join the action #standwithUkraine
Saturday 24th February 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!"*



**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

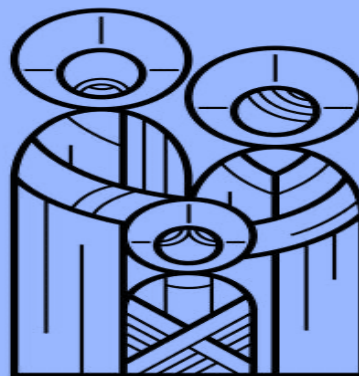
Pat Sadler at patsadler@hotmail.com

For Holy Innocents:

Kathy Drakes at kathy@drakesfamily.org

Tim Frost at timfr0st@yahoo.co.uk

**St Peter's Church, Thurston
All Age Holy Communion
Sunday 25th February at 10.30am.**



This is a Communion service for all the family to enjoy

Together Family Church

Join us for this monthly family-orientated church service and learn more about God, your family and you!

Breakfast, Songs, Crafts & Prayer

TOGETHER FAMILY CHURCH

ALL ONE IN CHRIST

**Every 3rd SUNDAY
@ Thurston Primary**

10am for 1030 start (40mins)

**Thank You From
Rev Canon (Emeritus) Stephne Van Der Toorn.**

Many thanks to you all for being so disciplined when approaching me and Coco. I know it is a great temptation to tickle a dog's ears, but as you know a working dog, is when the harness is on its back, and should be ignored totally until she is off duty, I appreciate all your efforts in this regard.

It would be of great assistance to me if when you approach you could say your name, please, as I have a great talent for calling Petunia, "Humphrey" and Humphrey, "Petunia". You will also have noticed that when I am speaking to you, I tend to look to my right, that is beyond your left ear, as it is my left eye that does the most seeing from stuck. I am not being shifty I'm doing my best to look you in the face, but in most cases fail miserably. Please don't think that I am being rude to you. thank you so much.

"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 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"**

Can you help?

Can you spare time once a month to help keep our lovely church, St Peter's, Thurston, clean. We desperately need helpers to join the present small band of cleaners. Any time you can give will be gratefully appreciated.

We would love to hear from you. Please contact Pat 07553 234443 or Margery 07443 414622

Many thanks

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, 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 1st February 2024**

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