

**The Benefice of
Holy Innocents, Great Barton & St Peter's, Thurston**
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Sunday 24th March
Palm Sunday

10.00am Together Family Church at St Peter's

3.30pm Choral Evensong at Holy Innocents. Psalm 61. Zech 9: 9-12. 1 Cor 2: 1-12

COLLECT

**True and humble king,
hailed by the crowd as Messiah:
grant us the faith to know you and love you,
that we may be found beside you
on the way of the cross,
which is the path of glory.**

Amen

Rev'd Ben Edwards

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Services for this week

Sunday 24th March (Palm Sunday)

Together Family Church at St Peter's at 10.00am

Choral Evensong at Holy Innocents at 3.30pm

Thursday 28th March: (Maundy Thursday)

Benefice Holy Communion (CW) at St Peter's at 7.00pm

Friday 29th March (Good Friday)

Benefice Communion Service of Liturgy & Contemplation at St Peter's at 11.00am

Benefice 1hr at the Cross at Holy Innocents at 3.30pm

Services for next week

Sunday 31st March: (Easter Sunday)

All Age Easter Communion at Holy Innocents at 10.30am

Easter Communion at St Peter's at 10.30am

Wednesday 3rd April

No Service

Sunday 7th April:

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

Benefice Sung Eucharist 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, Alida Scoles, Deidre and Derek Caley, Kathleen Sewter, Chris Blades.
- We pray for those who are experiencing ill health especially King Charles & Catherine Princess of Wales.
- We pray for those who are suffering famine and conflict.
- 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 those helping to bring aid into Gaza.
- We pray for those who can only see darkness, may they see light for the future.
- We pray for the people of Great Barton and Thurston.

Holy Innocents' A P C M Tuesday 16th April at 7 p.m.

Holy Innocents' Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held on Tuesday 16th April in the Church Institute, preceded by the Annual Parish Meeting at 7 p.m.. We will be presenting the Electoral Roll, Annual Report and Accounts, reports on various Church organisations, as well as electing PCC members and Deanery Synod Representatives, and electing Churchwardens and an Assistant Churchwarden at our Annual Parish Meeting. Do come – your presence at the meetings would be greatly valued. Nomination forms for these positions are available at the back of the church. If you want to explore the idea of one of these posts, please contact Fr. Ben at revdbenjaminedwards@gmail.com, tel. 07522 386387, or Jane Dalton, PCC Secretary at jane.dalton648@gmail.com, 01284 788613, or have a word when you see them. As regards Churchwardens, do contact Tim Frost on 01284 787442 or 07840 249448, or Angela Pearce on 01359 230395

Cream Tea

It's Cream Tea time again at Gt Barton Church Institute, on Monday May 6th at 3.30pm.

Do come along and have an enjoyable afternoon with family and friends.

Cost £6.50 per person

All proceeds to Christian Aid

Contact Sarah Robinson.

Email; spandj@icloud.com or Tel. 07484 674815



**PILGRIMAGE TO ISTANBUL, THE SEVEN
CHURCHES OF
REVELATION AND CAPPADOCIA 2-12 or 14 May 2025**

Next year the Revd Mark Hunt is leading another pilgrimage to the beautiful and ancient land of Turkey where we will immerse ourselves in the historical and spiritual world of the first century AD, first in fabulous Istanbul, then touring the seven churches of Revelation, ending at Ephesus.

This will be followed by a two-day optional extension to Cappadocia in central Turkey: a fascinating weird other-worldly landscape of mystical underground cities, 'fairy chimneys' and ancient churches cut into the rock.

Tempted? Then do come and join us! For a brochure and further information, please contact Mark on 07964 941501 or email: jmarknhunt@gmail.com



Dear Friends, Thank you to all who have made my 80th Birthday exciting, enjoyable, and great fun. The gifts, cards and good wishes have been amazing. I send my best wishes back to every one of you; and, of course, my Love for such a wonderful circle of friends. I am blessed. Linda

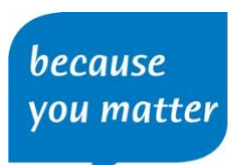


The Coronation Year: St Peter's Church supporting the next generation

'Nicky's Way' receives our cheque!

While St Nicholas Hospice continues to celebrate its 40th anniversary, Nicky's Way reached its 25th anniversary in February. To mark this milestone, St

Peter's presented its cheque and, to thank you for all your support, we share a photo and a shortened version of their account of our visit.



**St Nicholas
Hospice Care**
A Registered Charity No. 287773

Thousands are raised for child bereavement service!

Thousands of pounds have been raised to help support a local hospice's bereavement service for children.

St Peter's Church in Thurston has handed over £4,106 to St Nicholas Hospice Care, and the funds will be used to support their Nicky's Way service, which helps children and young

people facing grief.

Last year, the church ran its initiative 'By the Young for the Young,' which aimed to give youngsters the chance to have experiences they had missed out on mainly due to the pandemic, and they decided to raise some money for a good cause, too. To raise funds, the church organised several activities, including concerts, workshops and displays involving students from local schools, St Martin's Voices, The Voice Squad, a family walkathon and online auction, which saw more than 40 local businesses kindly provide lots. A family who received support from Nicky's Way, who had a special festive-themed trip to Melford Hall, enjoyed one such auction lot.

Vicky Butler's children were supported by Nicky's Way following the death of Vicky's brother and their nanny. Vicky said: "We were very thankful for the gift to go and have the day together to make some happy memories, and we really appreciate everything that Nicky's Way has done and is doing to support my children."

George Chilvers, the hospice's community fundraising manager, said: "We are really grateful to everyone at St Peter's Church for all of their support. To have raised more than £4,000 is fantastic, and I know this money will make a big difference to our Nicky's Way service and the children it supports.

"Thank you, St Peter's Church, and thank you to everyone who got behind them and supported their fundraising."



Christian Aid: Fundraising Lunches

For six consecutive Sundays, I am hosting a fundraising lunch for paid guests in my own home.

The meal is a traditional Sunday roast followed by dessert or cheese and biscuits. Tea, coffee, and soft drinks included. A donation of £25 per diner is requested.¹ Gross proceeds to Christian Aid. You are welcome to bring your own bottle, if required.

Places are limited to six guests per meal. Advance booking essential. The venue is 1 Hunter Drive, Thurston, IP31 3QQ, off Barton Road (next to the Fox and Hounds). Parking permitted on Barton Road.

The dates are:

April	7	14	21	28
May	5	19		

1.30 pm for 1.45 pm. (Note: there is no meal on Sunday 12 May).

Everyone is invited. A warm welcome awaits. Please contact me to book (01359 233489).

We shall also be handing out Christian Aid collection envelopes in St. Peter's Church nearer to Christian Aid week.

I look forward to your support. God bless you all,

Barbara Sanwo
(Christian Aid rep, Thurston)

¹ Cash or cheque. £10 for children aged 6 -12, under-fives free!

Vacancies for the Parochial Church Council (PCC) of St Peter's Church, Thurston

We have a small number of vacancies to serve on the PCC. Being a member is a really good way to help shape the future direction of your parish. As a group we are friendly and welcoming, and no prior specialist knowledge is required. The PCC usually meets five times a year. We warmly invite you to speak to Rev'd Ben, Pat Sadler or Margery Ashford if you are interested and would like to find out more. The new PCC will be confirmed at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting on Tuesday 23rd April at 7.30 pm so you have plenty of time to consider joining us.

St Peter's Thurston.

A huge thank you to all who attended and supported our coffee morning in whatever way. The goodly sum of £96 was raised for church funds.

**Many thanks
Pat & Margery**

VOLUNTEER HELP REQUIRED

Due to increasing popularity the Meeting Point Community Cafe, held each Wednesday at Gt. Barton Church Institute, require additional help between 10.30am and 2pm on a rota basis to assist with serving light lunches, tea and coffee to mostly senior citizens from the surrounding area.

Lunch and tea/coffee will be provided.

Please contact Betty Holdgate on 01284 788196 if you could spare a little of your free time.

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

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.

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/>

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