

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.

Christian Aid Appeal

Climate change in many parts of Africa has resulted in crop failure, hunger and great anxiety.

Christian Aid, in conjunction with their partner organisations, has responded by being involved in the introduction of a drought-resistant, soil revitalising, high protein tasty crop - the mighty pigeon pea which is transforming the lives of many. So that more families can have access to this vital crop, please give as generously as you are able to this year's Christian Aid appeal.

Let us do so out of love and compassion for our brothers and sisters and as an expression of thanks to God for all the everlasting mercies and blessings he has bestowed on us.

Devotional booklets and gift envelopes will be available in St. Peter's Church on Sunday 14th May for collection in church the following Sunday, 21st May.

In keeping with this year's horticultural theme, a sale of plants will take place in the garden of my home, 1 Hunter Drive, on Saturday 20 May from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. There is unrestricted parking on Barton Road. The sale will include shrubs, grasses, and hardy perennials grown with love. You are welcome to sit and enjoy a cup of tea or coffee in the garden. There will also be a raffle. All proceeds to **Christian Aid**. Donations of plants and raffle prizes much appreciated.

God bless you all and thank you in anticipation of your support.

Barbara Sanwo

Christian Aid rep Thurston.

Please email any notices to Pat Sadler patsadler@hotmail.com by Thurs 11th May 23 01359 230865 or 07552 234443

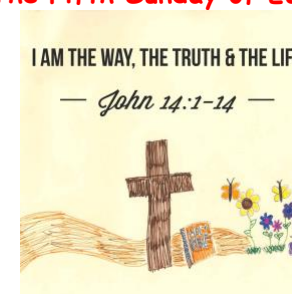
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The Benefice of
Holy Innocents, Great Barton & St Peter's, Thurston

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Sunday 7th May

The Fifth Sunday of Easter



Readings (NRSV please)

Acts 7: 55-60 1Pet 2: 2-10 Jn 14: 1-14

Collect

Risen Christ,
your wounds declare your love for the world and the
wonder of your risen life:
give us compassion and courage to risk ourselves for
those we serve,
to the glory of God the Father.

Amen

Rev'd Ben Edwards

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Ben's time off is Friday pm and Saturdays.

Churchwardens

Holy Innocents Gt.Barton

Tim Frost 01284 787442 or 07840 249448

Angela Pearce 01359 230395

St Peter's Thurston

Pat Sadler 01359 230865 or 07552 234443

Margery Ashford 01359 231007 or 07443 414622

Services for this week

Sunday 7th May

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

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



Coronation Family Service at St Peter's, Thurston at 6.30pm

Wednesday 10th May

Holy Communion (BCP) at St Peter's, Thurston at 10.30am

Services for next week

Sunday 14th May

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

Evensong at Holy Innocents, Great Barton at 6.30pm

Thursday 18th May

Ascension Day. Benefice Service, Holy Communion (CW) at Holy Innocents, Great Barton at 7.30pm

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 team.

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting for Holy Innocents Great Barton

"We will be holding our APCM on **Tuesday May 9th at 7 pm** in the Church Institute, beginning with our Annual Parish Meeting, where we will be electing our Churchwardens and appointing an Assistant Churchwarden. If you are interested in any of these valuable positions, do put yourself forward. Forms for nomination as Churchwarden are available at the back of Church, and Fr. Ben, Tim or Angie would be glad to tell you more.

At the meeting we will be considering reports on many aspects of Church life, and electing PCC members and two Deanery Synod representatives. Do come - it should be very interesting. Reports, minutes of our meeting last year and agendas will shortly be on our website." Jane Dalton Secretary

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/>

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, and Noreen Reeve.
- 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.



A Prayer for our new King, Charles III

Everlasting God, we pray for our new King.

Bless his reign and the life of our nation.

Help us to work together

so that truth and justice, harmony and fairness

flourish among us;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.



Visit to RHS Gardens Wisley

Join our coach excursion on Thursday June 15th 2023 to RHS Wisley and enjoy the beautiful gardens and all they have to offer, the garden centre and other retail opportunities as well as a variety of eateries. We will travel by Mulleys coach with WC facilities and will depart at 7.30am from Great Barton Village Hall, where parking is available, returning from Wisley at 4.30pm. The cost of COACH ONLY, will be £32.50, and you will purchase your own entry tickets on arrival. (RHS members free) To book and pay for your place on the coach please contact either,

Mary Edwards, Email:

marywindrush@yahoo.com or

Sarah Robinson, Email: spandj@icloud.com