

The Benefice of
Holy Innocents, Great Barton & St Peter's, Thurston
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Sunday 19th November

2nd Sunday before Advent

Readings (NRSV please)

8.30am (BCP). Col 1: 3-12. Matt 9: 18-26

10.30am Zeph 1: 7, 12-18. Thess 5: 1-11. Matt 25: 14-30

Collect

Heavenly Lord,
you long for the world's salvation:
stir us from apathy,
restrain us from excess
and revive in us new hope
that all creation will one day be healed
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Rev'd Ben Edwards

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Ben's time off is Friday pm and Saturdays.

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Services for this week

Sunday 19th November

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

Together Family Church at Thurston Primary School at 10.00am

Benefice Communion at Holy Innocents, Gt Barton at 10.30am

Evensong with Jubilate at St Peter's at 6.00pm

Wednesday 22nd November

No Service

Services for next week

Sunday 26th November

Benefice Communion (Christ the King) at St Peter's Thurston at 10.30am

Wednesday 29th November

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, Charlie, Mary Gould, Ian Baxter, Hayley, Cathy McQueen, Maureen and Peter, David & Pat Sheppard, Roger and Pat Boyes, Noreen Reeve, Kevin Scoles, Maureen Andrews, John Clark, and Alida Scoles.
- ☐ We pray for those affected by the earthquake in Iceland
- ☐ 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 those who have died recently, remembering Jill Gradwell and Thomas Falco.
- ☐ We pray for the family and friends of Jill Gradwell and Thomas Falco and 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 the people of Great Barton and Thurston

St Peter's Special Coronation Fundraising Family Quiz

You are warmly invited to join us for an evening of fun and friendly competition



WHERE? The Cavendish Hall

WHEN? Friday 1st December. Doors open at 7.00pm for a 7.30 start.

COST? £15 for a team of 4:
we can make up groups if you are not in a 4.

REGISTER? Email: jandvneale@icloud.com to register. Pay on the door.

PLEASE REGISTER BY THE END OF
TUESDAY 25TH NOVEMBER

BRING YOUR OWN REFRESHMENTS .

PRIZES available for the winning teams.

ALL PROCEEDS TO OUR CORONATION FUNDRAISING PROGRAMME:

‘BY THE YOUNG FOR THE YOUNG’

St Peter's Christmas Bazaar

New For 2023!

Face Painting and Glitter*

**We invite you to join us in The Cavendish Hall, Thurston
Saturday 25th November: 11.00 until 1.00**



Lots more to buy, to eat and to enjoy as well!

***by Glamorous Hair and Beauty**



St Peter's Church

Christmas Bazaar

Saturday 25th November

11.am-1pm at the Cavendish Hall IP31 3RU

Raffle Cakes/*Fudge Jigsaws Preserves Christmas Wreaths

Fiction Books Jewellery

Face Painting for Kids

'2 Christmas Hampers to win'

Coffees, Tea, Biscuits available

Contact Pat 07552 234443 or Margery 07443 414622

All Welcome



***Donated by Yum Yum Tree Fudge**

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 revdbenjaminedwards@gmail.com

Gill Bush at gillianbush@metronet.co.uk

Pat Sadler at patsadler@hotmail.com

For Holy Innocents:

Fr Ben at revdbenjaminedwards@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
revdbenjaminedwards@gmail.com**

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'





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

Happy Christmas!

We are writing this before our Christmas Bazaar and Coronation Quiz, so we have no update on our fundraising total to bring you. However, as we reach the end of 2023, we did want to **thank everyone** who has supported our fundraising campaign, primarily for our beautiful church and also for the work of 'Nicky's Way' at St Nicholas Hospice. We have had incredible support from the people and businesses of Thurston, Great Barton and the wider area and are truly grateful.

We will back in January with a further update. In the meantime, we **wish everyone a Happy Christmas and a healthy, happy New Year.**

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.



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.

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/>

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.

**Please email any notices to Peter Robinson beneficepr@gmail.com
or tel: 07814946841 by **Thurs 23rd November****

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