

The Benefice of
Holy Innocents, Great Barton & St Peter's, Thurston
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Sunday 26th November

Next before Advent

Christ the King

Readings (NRSV please)

10.30am Eze 34. 11-16. 20-24. Eph 1. 1-15. Matt 25: 31-end

Collect

God the Father,
help us to hear the call of Christ the King
and to follow in his service,
whose kingdom has no end;
for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, one glory.

Amen

Rev'd Ben Edwards

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Ben's time off is Friday pm and Saturdays.

Churchwardens

Holy Innocents Gt.Barton

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Services for this 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

Services for next week

Sunday 3rd December

Benefice Sung Eucharist at Holy Innocents at 10.30am

Advent Carol Service at Holy Innocents at 5.00pm

Wednesday 6th December

Holy Communion (CW) 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, Maureen Andrews, John Clark, Alida Scoles, Deidre and Derek Caley, and Stephne Vandertoorn
- We pray for the family and friends of the four teenagers who tragically died in Wales
- We pray for the safe return of all hostages in the Israel/Palestine conflict
- 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 the family and friends 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

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'





Carols by Candlelight

**Join us in
Holy Innocents Church**

**On Friday 22nd December
7.00pm start.**

**We'll be singing Carols
for everyone.**

**St Peter's Thurston and
Holy Innocents' Gt Barton
Crib Service**

Sunday 24th Dec.

St Peter's Church Thurston 2.00pm

&

Holy Innocents' Church Great Barton 4.00pm



**A service for all the family to enjoy at Christmas.
We look forward to seeing you.**

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
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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



At The Church Institute,
The Street,
Great Barton



THE MEETING POINT COMMUNITY CAFÉ

OPENING TIME:

EVERY WEDNESDAY

11.00AM – 1.30PM

LUNCHES SERVED FROM 12.00 NOON

All Welcome!

A Great place to meet up with friends for lunch or to relax and enjoy a Tea or Coffee with a slice of Cake.



Come and join us for FREE
Tea and Coffee.

We serve Homemade
Cakes, freshly prepared
hot lunches to order.



**Holy Innocents' Church Gt Barton
&
St Peter's Church Thurston**

11.30pm Sunday 24th December

Please note the start time of 11.30 pm

***You are welcome to join us at either of our
Churches for this popular Christmas Mass***

**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.

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 30th November****

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