

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

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**Sunday 14th April**

10.30am Benefice Sung Eucharist at St Peter's: Acts 3: 12-19. Luke 24: 36b-48.  
6.30pm Choral Evensong at Holy Innocents: Psalm 77: 11-20. Isaiah 63: 7-15.  
1 Corinthians 10: 1-13

**COLLECT**

**Risen Christ,  
you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope:  
strengthen us to proclaim your risen life  
and fill us with your peace,  
to the glory of God the Father.**

**Amen**

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## Services for this week

### Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April:

Benefice Sung Eucharist at St Peter's at 10.30am

Choral Evensong at Holy Innocents at 6.30pm

### Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April:

Holy Communion (CW) at Holy Innocents at 10.30am

## Services for next week

### Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April:

Holy Communion (BCP) at Holy Innocents at 8.30am

Together Family Church at Thurston Primary at 10.00am

Benefice All Age Communion at Holy Innocents at 10.30am

Choral Evensong at St Peter's at 6.30pm

### Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April:

Holy Communion (CW) at St Peter's 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, Deidre and Derek Caley, Kathleen Sewter and Margaret Freeman.
- We pray for the aid workers killed in Gaza and those who mourn them.
- We pray for the victims and families affected by the Earthquake in Taiwan
- 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 16<sup>th</sup> April at 7 p.m.**

Holy Innocents' Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:revdbenjaminedwards@gmail.com), tel. 07522 386387, or Jane Dalton, PCC Secretary at [jane.dalton648@gmail.com](mailto: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

### **The Annual Parochial Church Meeting for St Peter's Church Thurston.**

This will be held in the Church on **Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April at 7.30 pm**. The Annual Vestry meeting in the Church at 7.00pm precedes it. All are welcome.

There are some vacancies to serve on the church council (PCC – our trustees). This is a really good way to help shape the future direction of your parish: do speak to Rev'd Ben, Pat or Margery if you are interested and would like to find out more.

Nomination forms for PCC members can be found at the back of the church.

The **annual report and financial statement** can be found on our website:

<https://www.greatbartonandthurston.org.uk/assets/APCM/St-Peters/Report-Accounts-2023-13.4.pdf>

We look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

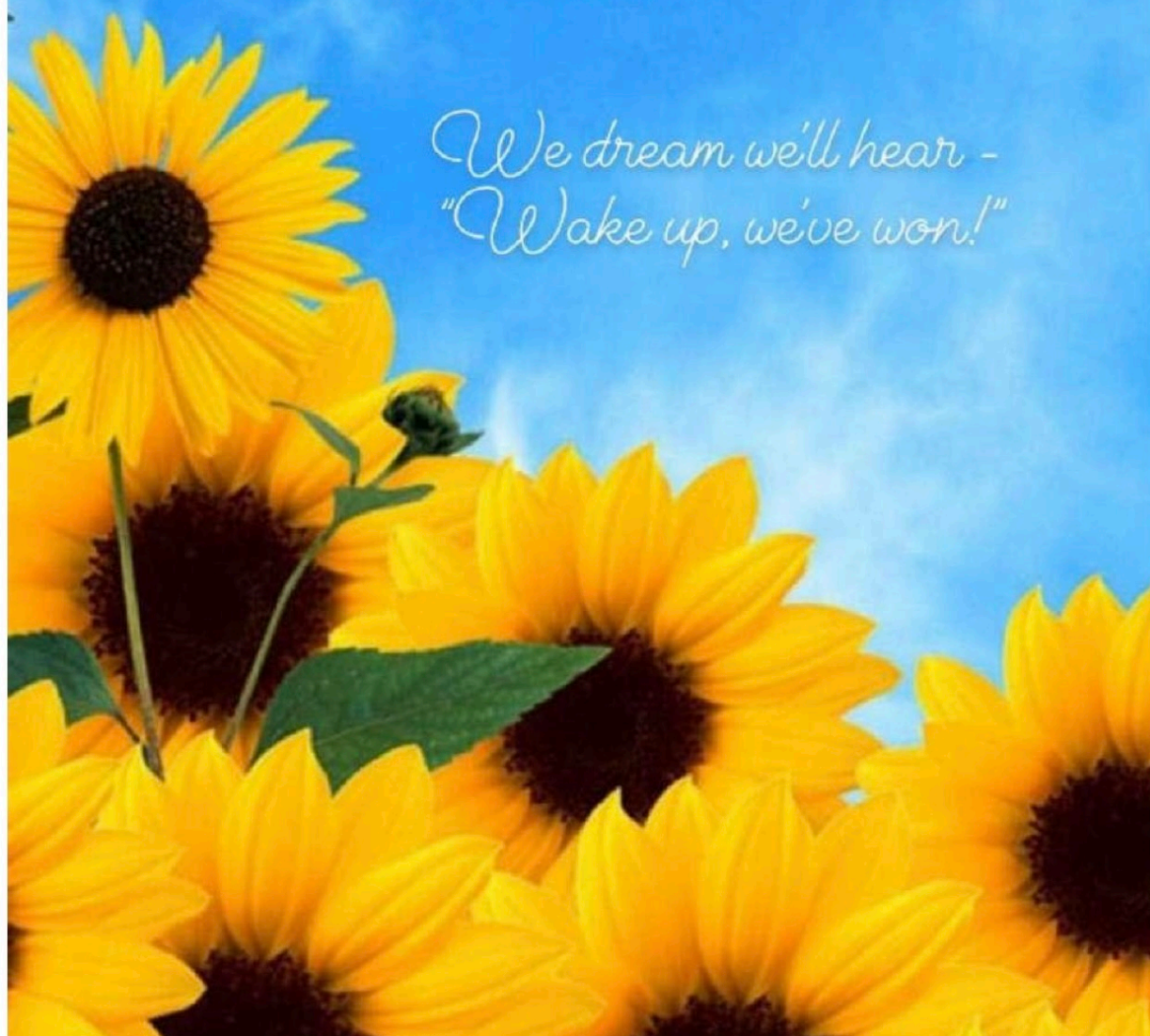


Please, join the action #standwithUkraine  
Saturday 27th April 2024

Angel Hill 11:00-12:00

Please, stand with us to show  
your support for Ukraine and to  
let people know that the struggle  
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*Saturday 1st June 2024*

*Angel Hill 11:00-12:00*

*International Children's Day*



**When the whole world protects  
children, russia keep killing and  
kidnaping them from Ukraine**





**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](mailto:jmarknhunt@gmail.com)



# Bury Town Pastors

**...Town Pastors and  
Prayer Team members**

**URGENTLY needed**

**Please prayerfully consider applying.**

**Town Pastor training starts on:**

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2024**

Please download an application form from our website: [www.burytownpastors.org.uk](http://www.burytownpastors.org.uk)  
or contact Jo Copsey 07870 340344 or 07594 334215

### 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.

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/>

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.

Please email any notices to Peter Robinson [beneficepr@gmail.com](mailto:beneficepr@gmail.com)  
or tel: 07814946841 by **Thursday 18th April 2024**

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