

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

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Sunday 21st April

4th Sunday after Easter

8.30am Holy Communion at Holy Innocents: Acts 4: 5-12. John 10:11-18

10.00am Together Family Church at Thurston Primary

10.30am Benefice All Age Communion at Holy Innocents: Readings TBC

6.30pm Choral Evensong at St Peter's: Psalm 119: 89-96. Neh 7.73-8.12. Luke.25-32

COLLECT

**Risen Christ,
faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep:
teach us to hear your voice
and to follow your command,
that all your people may be gathered into one flock,
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

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Services for this week

Sunday 21st 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 24th April:

Holy Communion (CW) at St Peter's at 10.30am

Services for next week

Sunday 28th April:

All Age Holy Communion (CW) at St Peter's at 10.30am

Wednesday 1st May:

Holy Communion 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, Deidre and Derek Caley, Kathleen Sewter and Margaret Freeman.
- We pray for those killed in the deadly storms in the Gulf States.
- We pray for the killed and injured in the Sydney stabbings
- We pray for peace in the Middle East and for all war-torn areas of the world
- We pray for those who are experiencing ill health especially King Charles & Catherine Princess of Wales.
- 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.

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

This will be held in the Church on **Tuesday 23rd 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.



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.

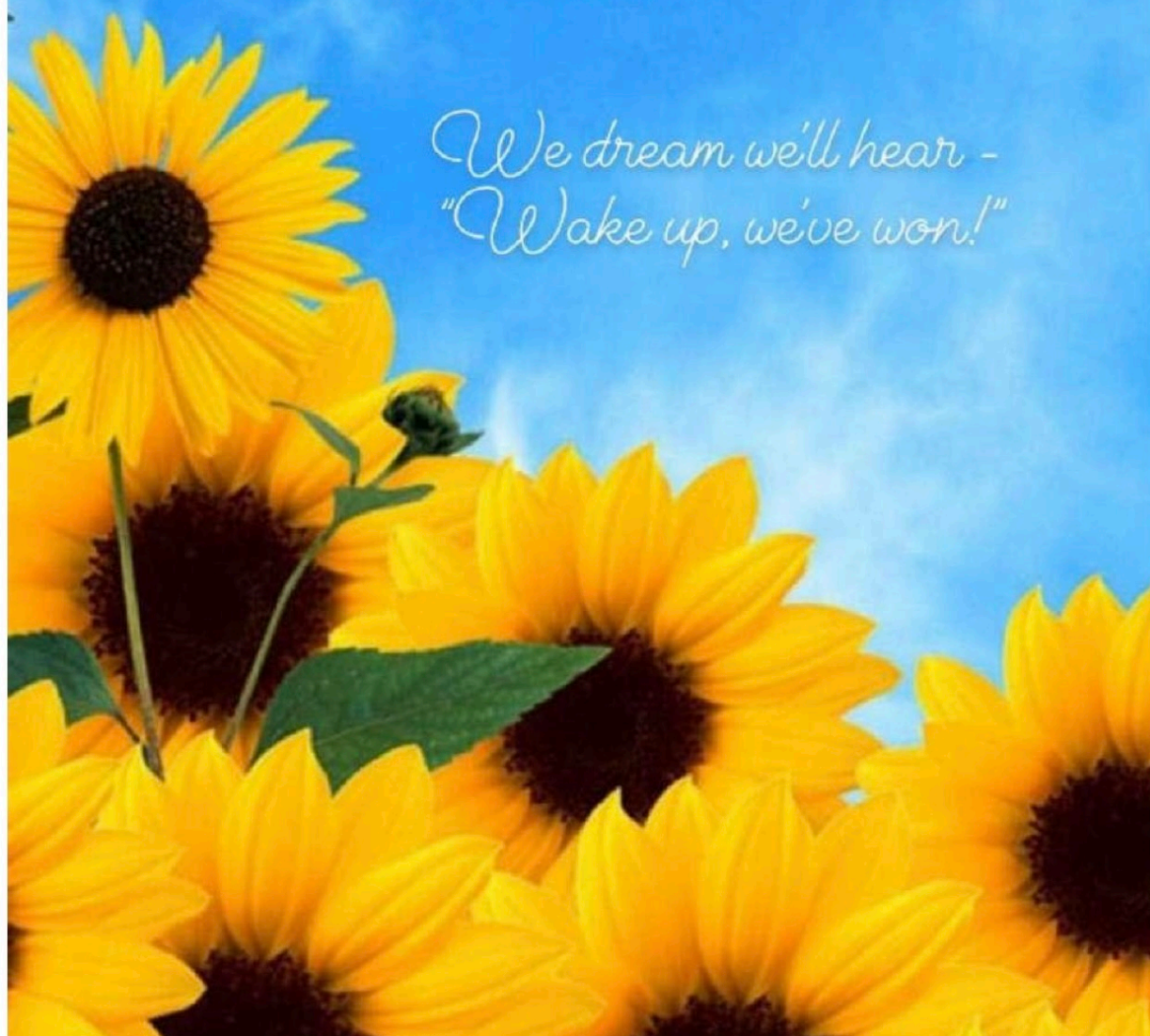
Tempted? Then do come and join us! For a brochure and further information, please contact Mark on 07964 941501 or email imarknhunt@gmail.com

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

Angel Hill 11:00-12:00

Please, stand with us to show
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International Children's Day



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

Lest we forget

As part of the commemoration of 80th anniversary of D- Day on 6th June 2024.

The church of Holy Innocents will deploy “Tommy”.

For 4 days from Thursday 6th until Sunday 9th June. To enable those who wish to do so, to pay their respect to those who never returned home.



Bury Town Pastors

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

**Please prayerfully consider applying.
Town Pastor training starts on:
Saturday 11th May 2024**

Please download an application form from our
website: 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
or tel: 07814946841 by **Thursday 25th April 2024**

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