

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

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Sunday 28th April

5th Sunday after Easter

**All Age Holy Communion (CW) at St Peter's at 10.30am. Acts 8: 26-end. John 15: 1-8
Readings are from The Message MSG**

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.

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Services for this 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

Services for next week

Sunday 5th May

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

Sung Eucharist at Holy Innocents at 10.30am

Wednesday 8th May:

Holy Communion (CW) at Holy Innocents at 10.30am

Thursday 9th May: (Ascension Day)

Ascension Day Communion (CW) St Peter's at 7.00pm.

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, Margaret Freeman, Dorothy, Sue and Betty Blades
- We pray for those who are awaiting the outcome of health tests.
- 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.

Dear All

At the Benefice of Holy Innocents and St Peter's we are looking for people who would like to be involved in our services. No experience is required, as training will be provided, just a willingness to be involved in the worshipping life of the Church. The opportunities that are available are:

Welcomers:

This would include welcoming the congregation to our services and handing out hymn books and Orders of Service.

Readers:

This involves reading the lessons during the service.

Serving Communion:

Assisting with Communion would involve assisting the Priest in preparation of the table/elements and serving the consecrated blood of Christ in the wine.

Crucifer (Holy Innocents):

The Crucifer is a person who is appointed to carry the Church's processional cross, or crucifix, during processions at the beginning and end of the service.

Candlebearers (Holy Innocents):

This role is left open for young people who would like to be on placement with us for their Duke of Edinburgh awards or other community engagement, with the hope that this will become a regular server role.

If you have felt a desire to become more involved in the worshipping life of our churches, do please speak to Fr Ben for an initial chat about the role which interests you.

**Every blessing,
Rev'd Fr Ben**

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**

Please, join the action #standwithUkraine

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

Annual Spring Plant Sale

Where: Windrush, 1 Cox Lane, Great Barton.

When: Saturday 18th May 2024

Time: 10.00am to 2.00pm

There will be assorted Perennials, Annual and plants of all kinds at very competitive prices

**For more information please contact:
Mary Edwards: 01284 788118.**



Christian Aid: Fundraising Lunches

For six consecutive Sundays, I am hosting a fundraising lunch for paid guests in my own home.

The meal is a traditional Sunday roast followed by dessert or cheese and biscuits. Tea, coffee and soft drinks included. A donation of £25 per diner is requested.¹ Gross proceeds to Christian Aid. You are welcome to bring your own bottle, if required.

Places are limited to six guests per meal. Advance booking essential. The venue is 1 Hunter Drive, Thurston, IP31 3QQ, off Barton Road (next to the Fox and Hounds). Parking permitted on Barton Road.

The dates are:

May 5 19

1.30 pm for 1.45 pm. (Note: there is no meal on Sunday 12 May).

Everyone is invited. A warm welcome awaits. Please contact me to book (01359 233489).

We shall also be handing out Christian Aid collection envelopes in St. Peter's Church nearer to Christian Aid week.

I look forward to your support. God bless you all,

**Barbara Sanwo
(Christian Aid rep, Thurston)**

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 2nd May 2024**

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