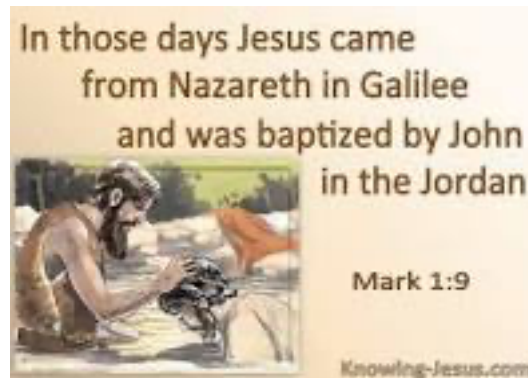


**The Benefice of  
Holy Innocents, Great Barton & St Peter's, Thurston**  
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**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> February**  
**1st Sunday of Lent**

**Readings (NRSV please)**

**8.30am Holy Communion at Holy Innocents. 2 Cor 6: 1-10. Matt 4: 1-11**

**10.30am Holy Communion at Holy Innocents. Gen 9: 8-17. 1 Pet 3: 18-end. Mark 1: 9-15**

**3.30pm Evensong at St Peter's. Psalm 77. Exodus 34: 1-10. Romans 10: 8-13**

**COLLECT**

**Heavenly Father,  
your Son battled with the powers of darkness,  
and grew closer to you in the desert:  
help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer  
that we may witness to your saving love  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Amen**

**Rev'd Ben Edwards**

**email [revdbenjaminedwards@gmail.com](mailto:revdbenjaminedwards@gmail.com) or call 07522 396397**

**Ben's time off is Friday pm and Saturdays.**

**Churchwardens**

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**Tim Frost 01284 787442 or 07840 249448**

**Angela Pearce 01359 230395**

**St Peter's Thurston**

**Pat Sadler 01359 230865 or 07552 234443**

**Margery Ashford 01359 231007 or 07443 414622**

**. Reader: Kathy Drakes. Email [kathy@drakesfamily.org](mailto:kathy@drakesfamily.org). 01284 787746**

## Services for this week

### Sunday 18th February:

Holy Communion (BCP) at Holy Innocents at 8.30am

Together Family Church at Thurston Primary Academy at 10.00am.

Holy Communion (CW) at Holy Innocents at 10.30am

Evensong at St Peter's at 3.30pm

### Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup>

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

Jill Rood's funeral will take place at 2.00pm on the 21<sup>st</sup> February at St Peter's Church Thurston.

## Services for next week

### Sunday 25th February:

All Age Communion at St Peter's at 10.30am

### Wednesday 28th

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, Mary Gould, Ian Baxter, Hayley, Cathy McQueen, Maureen and Peter, David & Pat Sheppard, Roger and Pat Boyes, Noreen Reeve, Alida Scoles, Deidre and Derek Caley, Kathleen Sewter, Chris Blades and Rev'd Derek Hill.
- We pray for King Charles and the Royal Family.
- We pray for those who have died recently, remembering Brenda Garrard, Jill Rood and Rev'd David Mathers.
- We pray for all who mourn the loss of a loved one, especially the family and friends of Brenda Garrard, Jill Rood and Rev'd David Mathers.
- 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 who can only see darkness, may they see light for the future.
- We pray for those who are affected by conflicts throughout the world.
- We pray for the people of Great Barton and Thurston.



***St Peter's Church Thurston***  
***Join us for Coffee and a Chat***  
***In The Rock***  
***on Wednesday 13th March***  
***10.00am-12noon.***  
***Table Quiz, Bring & Buy and a Draw.***  
***All proceeds to St Peter's Church.***  
***(Draw prizes welcome.)***  
***All are Welcome***

### **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](mailto:revdbenjaminedwards@gmail.com)**

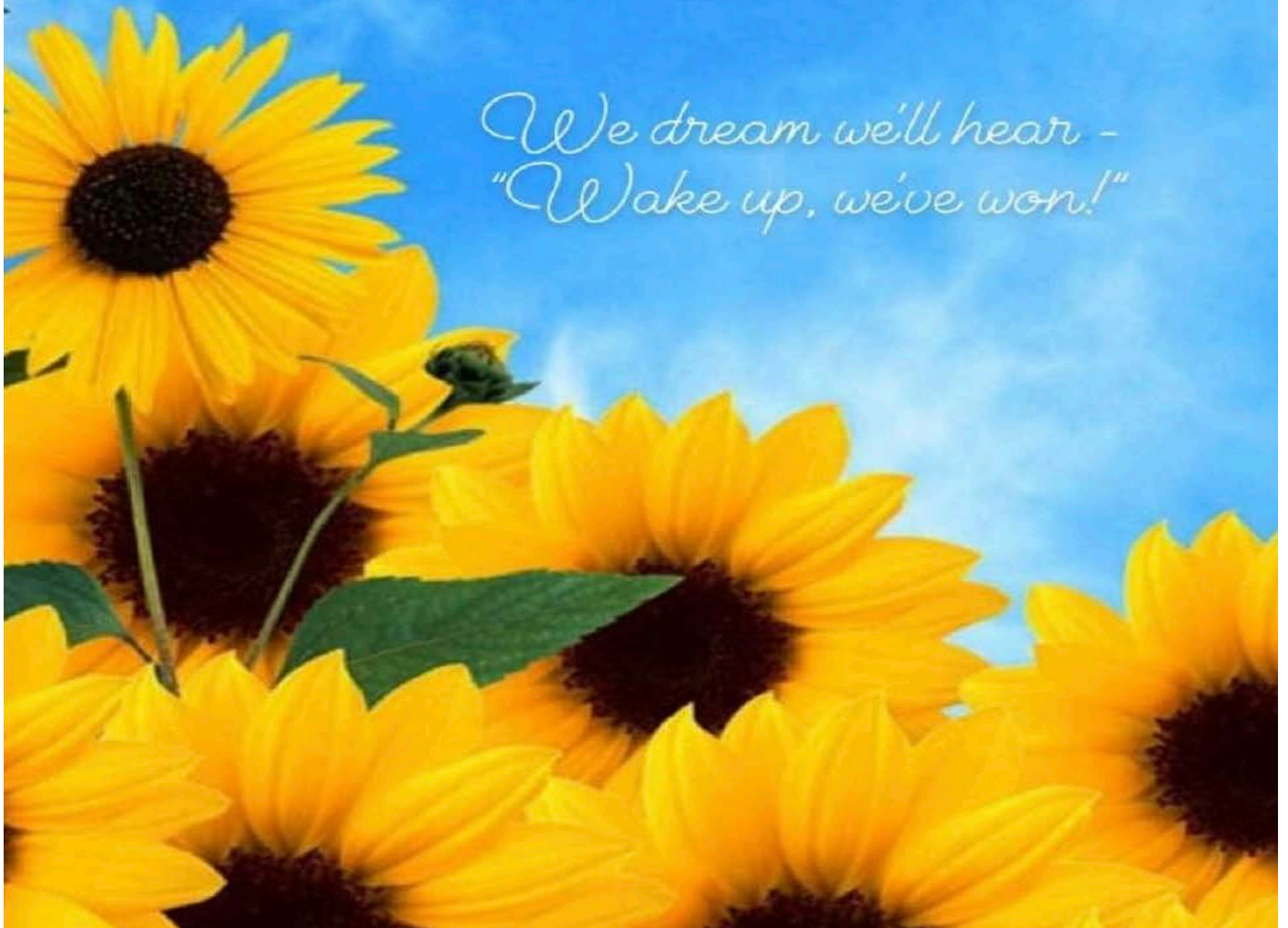


Please, join the action #standwithUkraine  
Saturday 24th February 2024

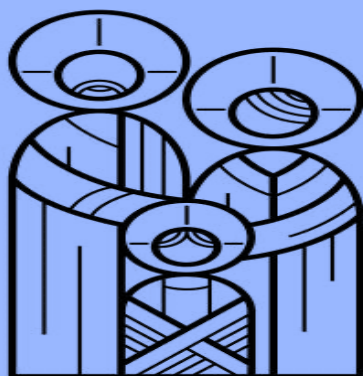
Angel Hill 11:00-12:00

Please, stand with us to show  
your support for Ukraine and to  
let people know that the struggle  
continues.

*We dream we'll hear -  
"Wake up, we've won!"*



**St Peter's Church, Thurston  
All Age Holy Communion  
Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February at 10.30am.**



**This is a Communion service for all the family to enjoy**

**"Christian Viewpoint for Men are running a retreat weekend this May 10th - 12th at Sizewell.**

**This is a special weekend catering for men designed to encourage one another in the Christian faith.**

**There will be ample time for relaxation and activities which includes snooker, table tennis, darts, walking, tennis, squash, and other indoor games.**

**This weekend is open to ALL MEN from any background, and runs from 5pm on the Friday.**

**For further details, please speak with Fr Ben or Peter Robinson at [admichurch64@gmail.com](mailto:admichurch64@gmail.com) for booking form."**



## Attendance is not restricted

To attend this weekend you do not have to attend church regularly, even attend church at all, or be attached to any church denomination.

Attendance at all sessions held is optional

Sizewell has a lift to all floors to assist those not able to climb the stairs.

Further information and booking forms from:  
Rachael Wallace  
44 Oakey Field Road  
Thurston  
Bury St Edmunds  
Suffolk  
IP31 3RX  
Phone: 01359 231084  
[Email: menssizewellweekend@gmail.com](mailto:menssizewellweekend@gmail.com)

## Christian Viewpoint For Men



**Sizewell Weekend**  
**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May –**  
**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May**  
**2024.**

**Leaders: Phil Sparkes, Victor Jack  
Tony Hood and Mark Wallace**

**Speaker: Steve Fenning**

### General

Sizewell Hall stands right on the sea front and is an ideal place for being with friends. This is a special weekend catering for men designed to encourage one another in the Christian faith. There will be ample time for relaxation which includes snooker, table tennis, darts, walking, tennis, squash, and other indoor games.

Please let us know, via the booking form, if you are willing to share a room with friends, there are however only a few single rooms available. Bookings will be accepted on a 'first come, first served' basis.

This weekend is open to **ALL MEN** from any background.

### Arrival and Departure

Please plan to arrive between 5.00 and 7.00pm on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2024.

The Evening meal will be at 7.30pm.

Departure will be between 3.00 - 4.00pm on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2024.

### Cost.

The cost will be **£98.00 per person** of which **£32.00** must be sent as a **Non-Refundable/Transferable Deposit** when booking. The remaining amount (£66.00) is to be paid by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024. If you wish to pay in full, £64 will be refundable if you need to cancel. *(Cheques made payable to C.V.M.)*

### Final Instructions

You will receive your final instructions with your confirmation of booking acceptance. This will be by email if you supply your email on your application form.



It was only a few months after Bobby Moore held the World Cup aloft at Wembley that Steve Fenning was introduced to the world! Being born a farmer's son, everything pointed to him joining the generations of Fennings before him in working the land... but life took a different turn at 19 years of age when he quit agricultural college (after one whole term!) and joined The Saltmine Trust for three years, gaining experience in schools work and evangelism around the UK. At 21, he returned to Suffolk to work part-time with his Church at Brockford and part time as an evangelist. Steve (and his first wife, Sara) initiated the start of a new Church in Mendlesham in 1992 and 31 years on, he is still leading this church which now meets in Debenham and is known as 'The Forge'.

Steve is the proud dad of three children - Sam, Alice and Rachel and following Sara's death in 1999, he has been happily married to Sarah for 22 years. He's also a very youthful grandad to Matilda!!

He is a sports fan and an optimist, supporting Ipswich Town and passionately following English Cricket! He dreams of one day having a golf handicap below 18 (sadly it's just a dream!)

**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**

**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, 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](mailto:beneficepr@gmail.com)  
or tel: 07814946841 by **Thurs 22nd February 2024****

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