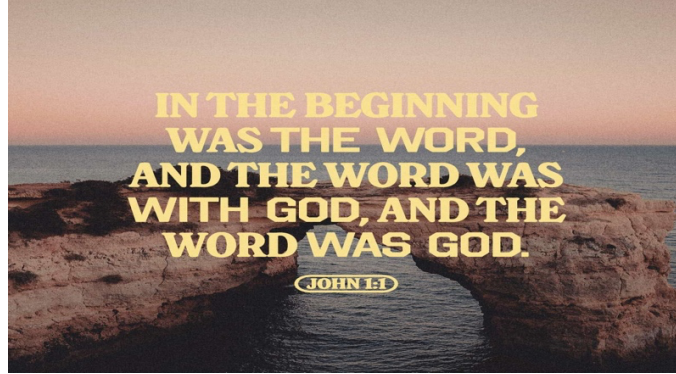


**The Benefice of
Holy Innocents, Great Barton & St Peter's, Thurston**
www.greatbartonandthurston.org.uk



Sunday 4th February
2nd Sunday before Lent

Readings (NRSV please)

8.30am Holy Communion (BCP) at St Peter's. Col 1: 15-20. John 1: 1-14

10.30am Sung Eucharist at Holy Innocents. Prov 8: 1, 22-31. Col 1: 15-20. John 1: 1-14.

COLLECT

**Almighty God,
you have created the heavens and the earth
and made us in your own image:
teach us to discern your hand in all your works
and your likeness in all your children;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things,
now and for ever.**

Amen

Rev'd Ben Edwards

email revdbenjaminedwards@gmail.com or call 07522 396397

Ben's time off is Friday pm and Saturdays.

Churchwardens

Holy Innocents Gt.Barton

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. 01284 787746

Services for this week

Sunday 4th February

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

Sung Eucharist at Holy Innocents at 10.30am

Wednesday 7th February:

Holy Communion at Montana at 11.15am

Services for next week

Sunday 11th February:

Sung Eucharist at St Peter's at 10.30am

Evensong at Holy Innocents at 3.30pm

Wednesday 14th February: Ash Wednesday

Holy Communion Ash Wednesday Holy Innocents at 7.30pm

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, Brenda Rainbow, Kathleen Sewter and Chris Blades.
- We pray for those struggling with the cost of living crisis.
- 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 are suffering with illness, in mind body and spirit.
- We pray for those who can only see darkness, may they see light for the future.
- We pray for peace in the Israel/Gaza conflict and the surrounding area.
- We pray for those who are affected by conflicts throughout the world.
- We pray for the people of Great Barton and Thurston.

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**

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.

Perhaps two people could share this role for each church.

If you would like more information, please contact one of the following people.

For St Peter's:

Gill Bush at gillianbush@metronet.co.uk

Pat Sadler at patsadler@hotmail.com

For Holy Innocents:

Kathy Drakes at kathy@drakesfamily.org

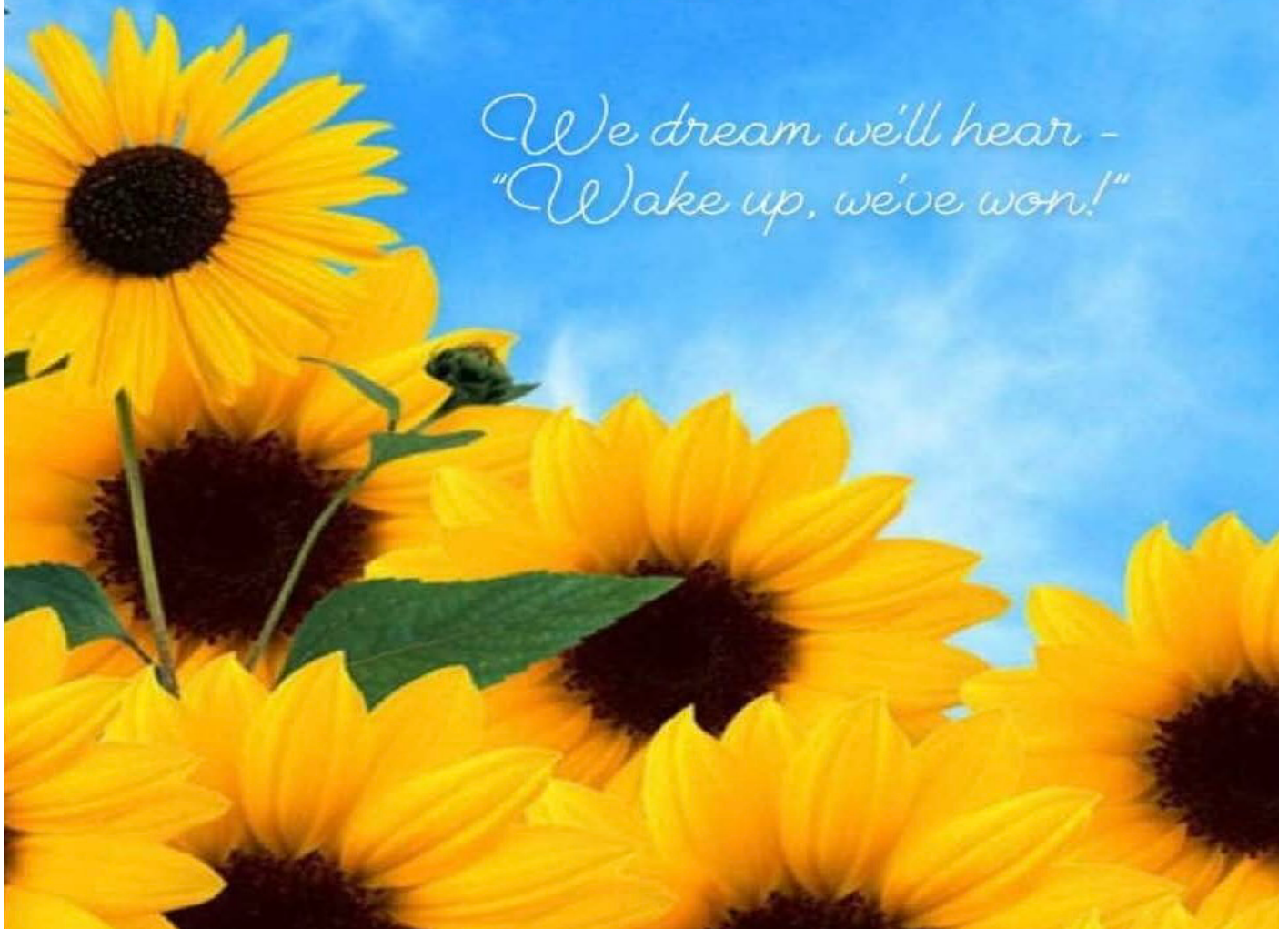
Tim Frost at timfr0st@yahoo.co.uk

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!"*





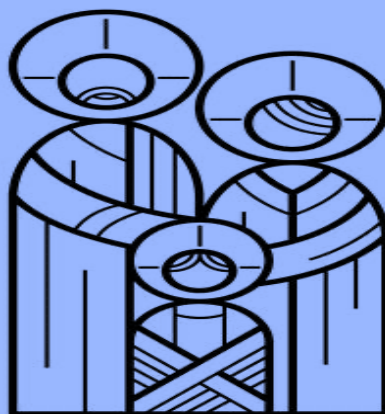
Our next meeting is on Tuesday 13th February at 11am in The Rock and will be a talk from Age U K -- 'Lasting Power of Attorney Made Easy'.

Come and join us at the World Day of Prayer Service on Friday 1st March. It has been composed by the women of Palestine and will be held in The Rock at St. Peter's Church at 11am.

**Thank you,
All Good Wishes.**

Gill.

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



This is a Communion service for all the family to enjoy

Together Family Church

Join us for this monthly family-orientated church service and learn more about God, your family and you!

Breakfast, Songs, Crafts & Prayer

TOGETHER FAMILY CHURCH
ALL ONE IN CHRIST

Every 3rd SUNDAY
@ Thurston Primary

10am for 1030 start (40mins)

"Dear All,

I would like to set aside some more time for pastoral visits - that's when I invite myself round to you for a cuppa! But also, for a chat about, well, whatever is on your mind - whether it's your prayer life, church happenings or the latest series of Strictly!

However, I have always been a bit anxious about inviting myself anywhere, and so it would be lovely if folk could respond by dropping their name and telephone number so that I can arrange a visit - that way I shall know my visit is a desired one! So do please reply to admichurch64@gmail.com with a name and number (and maybe a good time to call) so I can book a visit over the next few months.

God bless,
Fr Ben"

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 Oakley Field Road
Thurston
Bury St Edmunds
Suffolk
IP31 3RX
Phone: 01359 231084
Email: menssizewellweekend@gmail.com

Christian Viewpoint For Men



Sizewell Weekend
Friday 10th May -
Sunday 12th May
2024.

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

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 10th May 2024.

The Evening meal will be at 7.30pm.
Departure will be between 3.00 - 4.00pm on Sunday 12th 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 31st 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.

Speaker: Steve Fenning



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!)

"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 for booking form."

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
or tel: 07814946841 by **Thurs 8th February 2024**

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