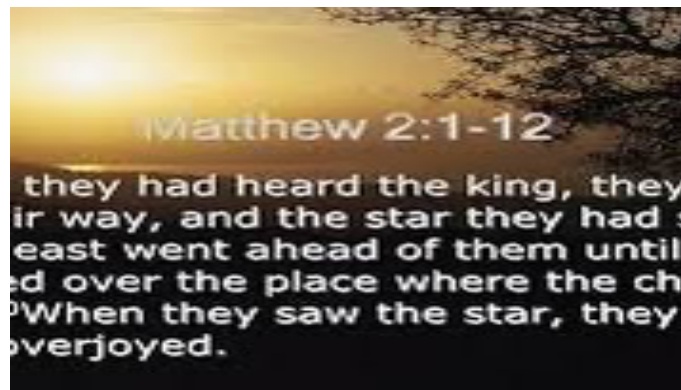


**The Benefice of
Holy Innocents, Great Barton & St Peter's, Thurston**
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Sunday 7th January
1st Sunday after Epiphany

Readings (NRSV please)

8.30am: Genesis 1: 1-5. Acts 19: 1-7: Mark 1: 4-11

10.30am: Isaiah 60: 1-6. Ephesians 3: 1-12. Matthew 2: 1-12

COLLECT

Heavenly Father,
at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as your Son:
may we recognize him as our Lord
and know ourselves to be your beloved children;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Amen

Rev'd Ben Edwards

email 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

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. Reader: Kathy Drakes. Email kathy@drakesfamily.org. 01284 787746

Services for this week

Sunday 7th January

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

Sung Eucharist at Holy Innocents (Patronal) and Epiphany at 10.30am

Wednesday 10th January

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

Services for next week

Sunday 14th January

Holy Communion (Plough Sunday) at St Peter's at 10.30am

Evensong at Holy Innocents at 3.30pm

Wednesday 17th January

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, Brenda Rainbow, Jill Rood and Chris Blades.
- We pray for those struggling with the cost of living crisis.
- We pray for the family and friends who mourn the loss of a loved one.
- We pray for the family and friends of Audrey Firth.
- 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 those affected by the recent floods.
- We pray for those affected by Storm Gerrit and the Tornado in Stalybridge
- 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

Events Next Week

The January Mothers Union meeting is on Tuesday 9th, at 11 o'clock in The Rock.

Please bring favourite poems, songs, bible readings etc. to share with each other and decide which MU charities we wish to support in 2024.

**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, Jill Rood, 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 11th January 2024****

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