

## Benefice Events & Notices

**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.

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.



**THE MEETING POINT COMMUNITY CAFÉ**

At The Church Institute,  
The Street,  
Great Barton

OPENING TIME:  
EVERY WEDNESDAY  
11.00AM – 1.30PM

LUNCHES SERVED FROM 12.00 NOON

All Welcome!  
A Great place to meet up with friends for lunch or to relax and enjoy a Tea or Coffee with a slice of Cake.

Come and join us for FREE  
Tea and Coffee.

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We serve Homemade  
Cakes, freshly prepared  
hot lunches to order.

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) by **Thurs 27<sup>th</sup> July**

**Find us on Facebook**

The Benefice of  
Holy Innocents, Great Barton & St Peter's, Thurston  
[www.greatbartonandthurston.org.uk](http://www.greatbartonandthurston.org.uk)

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> July**

**Mary Magdalene**

(The Seventh Sunday after Trinity)



**Readings (NRSV please)**

**Song of Solomon 3: 1-4 Jn 20: 1-2, 11-18**

**Feast of St. Mary Magdalene:**

O God, whose Only Begotten Son entrusted Mary Magdalene before all others with announcing the great joy of the Resurrection, grant, we pray, that through her intercession and example we may proclaim the living Christ and come to see him reigning in your glory. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

**Amen**

**Rev'd Ben Edwards**

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Ben's time off is Friday pm and Saturdays.

**Churchwardens**

**Holy Innocents Gt.Barton**

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**St Peter's Thurston**

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### Services for this week

#### **Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> July**

Benefice Service, Holy Communion (CW) at St Peter's, Thurston at 10.30am  
Baptism of Stormi – Rose Vincent at St Peter's, Thurston at 2.00pm

#### **Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> July**

Holy Communion (CW) at Holy Innocents, Great Barton at 10.30am

### Services for next week

#### **Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> July**

Benefice Service, Holy Communion (CW) at St Peter's Thurston at 10.30am  
Songs of Praise at Holy Innocents, Great Barton at 6.30pm

#### **Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> Aug**

NO SERVICE.



### Prayer Chain

We all need others to pray for us sometimes. If you would like our prayer team to pray for you this week, please send your prayer request to (Kathy Drakes: email [kathy@drakesfamily.org](mailto:kathy@drakesfamily.org)). Requests are only shared confidentially between the vicar and the prayer group

St Martin's Voices Concert Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September at 7.00pm at St Peter's Church, Thurston. (They are from the famous St Martin's-in-the-Field, London.)  
If you would like tickets to the concert please follow the link below to the St Martin's website:

<https://www.stmartin-in-the-fields.org/calendar/st-martins-voices-in-concert-st-peters-church-thurston/>

Then on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> in church 10.30am-1.30pm

A Choral Workshop by St Martin's Voices from St Martin-in-the-Fields, London.

Registration 10.00am, Workshop 10.30am-12.30am followed by refreshments. At 1.00pm Short Harvest service including music prepared in the workshop. Cost £5.00 including refreshments.

If you wish to attend please email [beneficepr@gmail.com](mailto:beneficepr@gmail.com) for an application form.

### Praying for our Benefice We pray for:-

- All those who have asked for our prayers and their families: Jane's brother Jon, Alexander, Charlie, Mary Gould, Andrew Garnham, Ian Baxter, Hayley, Sheila Hughes, Cathy McQueen, Maureen and Peter, Sheppard, Roger and Pat Boyes, Noreen Reeve and Kevin Scoles.
- 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 the people of Great Barton and Thurston.
- We pray for all those being baptized, especially Stormi-Rose being baptized at St Peter's on the 23<sup>rd</sup> July
- We pray for all persecuted Christians, especially those in danger in India at the present time.
- We pray for all countries where there is conflict and war, especially thinking of the people in Ukraine, Yemen and South Sudan.



David

#### **Flower Festival at St Peter's 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> September.**

Sat 10.00am – 4.00pm & Sun 12noon – 4.00pm.

**'Hurrah for Harvest'**

**Admission by suggested donation of £3. Children Free**

**Includes Recital by James Thomas on Sat afternoon at 2pm.**

**Plant Stall & Cake stall**

**Refreshments and a raffle.**

**If you would like to do an arrangement please contact Margery**

**If you are able to help by making a cake please let Mary Fawcett know on 01359 231363.**

**If you can offer to help run a stall, refreshments or be a Welcomer please get in touch with the churchwardens, Pat or Margery. Thank you.**

**Also on the 9<sup>th</sup> September our Walkathon. Please see below for details.**



**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2023: 10-12am**

**A sponsored family walkathon on the field at Thurston Primary Academy**



This is an easy, fun morning for all: children, parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles and friends; all welcome. A chance to 'walk and talk' whilst raising money to be shared between 'Nicky's Way', the service for young people at St Nicholas Hospice and the next generation at St Peter's Church.

Each lap is 0.2km so 5 laps is 1K for young children and 25 laps is 5K for keen adults: just choose your distance and find your sponsors! Entry is free but £5 minimum sponsorship for over 5s is payable at the start. Under 5s are welcome to be sponsored.

There is a small prize for every child in fancy dress on a harvest theme. An adult must accompany all children and we regret no dogs are allowed. All participants do so at their own risk.