

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



**Sunday 10th March**  
**Mothering Sunday**

**10.30am Mothering Sunday Communion at Holy Innocents.**

**10.30am Mothering Sunday Service at St Peter's**

**Readings at both churches: Ex 2: 1-10. Col 3: 12-17. John 19: 25b-27**

**COLLECT**

**Merciful Lord,  
you know our struggle to serve you:  
when sin spoils our lives  
and overshadows our hearts,  
come to our aid  
and turn us back to you again;  
through 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**

**Holy Innocents Gt.Barton**

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## Services for this week

### Sunday 10th March:

**Mothering Sunday Service at St Peter's at 10.30am**

**Mothering Sunday Holy Communion at Holy Innocents at 10.30am**

### Wednesday 13th March:

**Holy Communion at Holy Innocents at 10.30am**

## Services for next week

### Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March: Passiontide Begins

**Holy Communion (BCP) at Holy Innocents at 8.30am**

**Holy Communion at St Peter's at 10.30am**

**All Age Communion at Holy Innocents at 10.30am**

### Wednesday 20th March:

**Holy Communion (CW) at St Peter's 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 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 killed in Pakistan in the unexpected heavy snowfall
- 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 those who are affected by conflicts throughout the world.
- We pray for the people of Great Barton and Thurston.

A background image showing several hands holding white coffee cups with latte art on a wooden table.

***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***

### **Cream Tea**

A background image showing scones on a plate, a cup of tea, and a bowl of jam.

**It's Cream Tea time again at Gt Barton Church  
Institute, on Monday May 6th at 3.30pm.**

**Do come along and have an enjoyable.  
afternoon with family and friends.**

**Cost £6.50 per person**

**All proceeds to Christian Aid**

**Contact Sarah Robinson.**

**Email; [spandj@icloud.com](mailto:spandj@icloud.com) or Tel. 07484 674815**





## Christian Aid: Benefice Fundraiser 2024

### Advance notice of fundraising: fight food poverty

This year, we are fighting food poverty with food. For twelve consecutive Sundays, from February 25<sup>th</sup> to May 19<sup>th</sup> inclusive<sup>1</sup>, I am hosting a 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.<sup>2</sup> 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. I intend to start almost immediately in the hope of reaching a target of £1500.

It will give those of us who live alone the chance to dine in the company of friends and meet new ones (no washing up!) as well as benefitting those less fortunate than ourselves.

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:

February	25				
March	3	10	17	24	31
April	7	14	21	28	
May	5	19			

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

Everyone from the Benefice is invited together with partners, family or friends. Please contact me to book (01359 233489) or speak to me in church or at Lunch Club.

We shall also be handing out Christian Aid collection envelopes in both churches nearer to Christian Aid week.

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

Barbara Sanwo  
(Christian Aid rep)

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<sup>1</sup> Except: 12 May

<sup>2</sup> Cash or cheque. £10 for children aged 6 -12, under-fives free!



**Our next meeting will be on Tuesday March 12th at 11:00am in The Institute Gt. Barton and will be Easter Crafting with Sheila and Vonnice.**

**Thank you,  
All Good Wishes.  
Gill.  
(01359231718)**

**"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 14th 2024****

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