The Benefice of
Holy Innocents, Great Barton & St Peter's, Thurston

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Sunday 17th March
Passiontide Begins

8.30am: Hebrews 9: 11-15. John 8: 46-end
10.30am: Jeremiah 31: 31-34. Hebrews 5: 5-10. John 12: 20-33
10.30am All Age Communion. Service of Explanation & Exploration

COLLECT

Gracious Father,
you gave up your Son
out of love for the world:
lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion,
that we may know eternal peace
through the shedding of our Saviour's blood,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

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Services for this week

Sunday 17th 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

Services for next week

Sunday 24th March (Palm Sunday)
Together Family Church at St Peter's at 10.00am
Choral Evensong at Holy Innocents at 3.30pm

Thursday 28th March: (Maundy Thursday)
Benefice Holy Communion (CW) at St Peter's at 7.00pm

Friday 29th March (Good Friday)
Benefice Communion Service of Liturgy & Contemplation at St Peter's at 11.00am
Benefice 1hr at the Cross at Holy Innocents at 3.30pm

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, 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 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.

Cream Tea

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 or Tel. 07484 674815

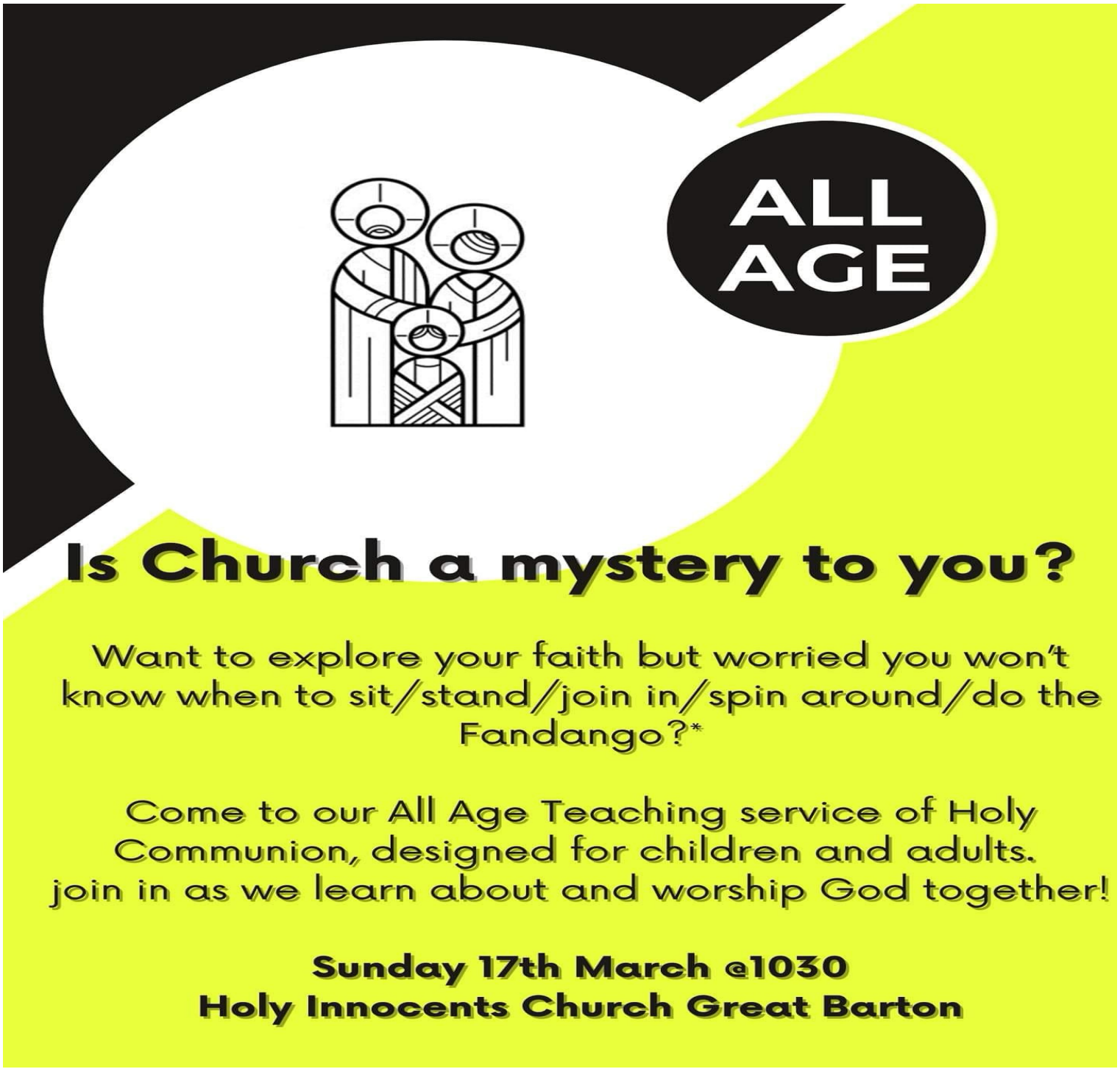
PILGRIMAGE TO ISTANBUL, THE SEVEN CHURCHES OF REVELATION AND CAPPADOCIA 2-12 or 14 May 2025

Next year the Revd Mark Hunt is leading another pilgrimage to the beautiful and ancient land of Turkey where we will immerse ourselves in the historical and spiritual world of the first century AD, first in fabulous Istanbul, then touring the seven churches of Revelation, ending at Ephesus.
This will be followed by a two-day optional extension to Cappadocia in central Turkey: a fascinating weird other-worldly landscape of mystical underground cities, 'fairy chimneys' and ancient churches cut into the rock.

Tempted? Then do come and join us! For a brochure and further information, please contact Mark on 07964 941501 or email: jmarknhunt@gmail.com

Coffee Morning

There will be a coffee morning at 10am on Friday 22nd March in the Church Institute for anyone who would like to discuss the Lent reflections that we have been following.



Christian Aid: Fundraising Lunches

For six consecutive Sundays, I am hosting a fundraising 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.[1] 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.
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:

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 is invited. A warm welcome awaits. Please contact me to book (01359 233489).

We shall also be handing out Christian Aid collection envelopes in St. Peter's Church nearer to Christian Aid week.
I look forward to your support. God bless you all,

Barbara Sanwo
(Christian Aid rep, Thurston)

[1] Cash or cheque. £10 for children aged 6 -12, under-fives free!

Together Family Church
Join us this Sunday 24th March for our family-orientated church service.
Breakfast, Songs, Crafts & Prayer
TOGETHER FAMILY CHURCH
ALL ONE IN CHRIST
For March only
@ St Peter's Church, Thurston

10am for 1030 start (40 mins)
If you would like to know more, please contact one of our Church Wardens.
Pat Sadler: 01359 230865 or 07552 234443.
Margery Ashford 07443 414622
The Rev'd Fr Benjamin Edwards
Vicar of Great Barton & Thurston

VOLUNTEER HELP REQUIRED

Due to increasing popularity the Meeting Point Community Cafe, held each Wednesday at Gt. Barton Church Institute, require additional help between 10.30am and 2pm on a rota basis to assist with serving light lunches, tea and coffee to mostly senior citizens from the surrounding area.

Lunch and tea/coffee will be provided.

Please contact Betty Holdgate on 01284 788196 if you could spare a little of your free time.

"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

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.

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.

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 21st 2024

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