

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



Sunday 5th November

4th Sunday before Advent

Readings (NRSV please)

10.30am. Micah 3: 5-12. 1 Thess 2: 9-13 Mt 24: 1-14.

3.30pm Evensong. Isaiah 66: 20-23. Luke 6: 17-31. Psalm 33

Collect

God of glory,
touch our lips with the fire of your Spirit,
that we with all creation
may rejoice to sing your praise;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Rev'd Ben Edwards

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Ben's time off is Friday pm and Saturdays.

Churchwardens

Holy Innocents Gt.Barton

Tim Frost 01284 787442 or 07840 249448

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Services for this week

Sunday 5th November

Benefice Sung Eucharist at Holy Innocents at 10.30am

Evensong at St Peter's at 3.30pm

Wednesday 8th November

No Service

Services for next week

Sunday 12th November

Holly Communion (BCP) at Holy Innocents at 8.30am

Service of Remembrance, at St Peter's War Memorial at 10.45am

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Wednesday 15th November

Holy Communion (BCP) 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, Charlie, Mary Gould, Ian Baxter, Hayley, Cathy McQueen, Maureen and Peter, David & Pat Sheppard, Roger and Pat Boyes, Noreen Reeve, Kevin Scoles, Maureen Andrews, John Clark, and Alida Scoles.
- ☐ We pray for all those affected by Storm Ciaran
- ☐ We pray for those killed and injured in the earthquake in Nepal
- ☐ We pray for those killed and injured in the conflict throughout the world
- ☐ We pray for the those affected by the war in the Middle East.
- ☐ We pray for those killed and injured in Ukraine and Russia.
- ☐ We pray for those struggling with the cost of living crisis.
- ☐ We pray for those who have died recently, remembering Jill Gradwell.
- ☐ We pray for the family and friends of Jill Gradwell and 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.



In aid of St Peter's Church, Thurston
on Wednesday 8th November
10.30am-12noon.

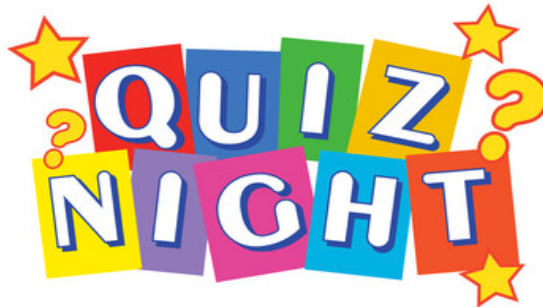
By kind invitation
of Stephen and Gillian Bush
at

Alfred House, Pokeriage Gardens, Thurston IP31 3TS

A great opportunity to chat with friends and meet others, so please
drop by.

St Peter's Special Coronation Fundraising Family Quiz

You are warmly invited to join us for an evening of fun and friendly
competition



WHERE? The Cavendish Hall

WHEN? Friday 1st December. Doors open at 7.00pm for a 7.30 start.

COST? £15 for a team of 4: we can make up groups if you are not in a 4.

REGISTER? Email: jandvneale@icloud.com to register. Pay on the door.

BRING YOUR OWN REFRESHMENTS .

PRIZES available for the winning teams.

**ALL PROCEEDS TO OUR CORONATION FUNDRAISING
PROGRAMME:**



St Peter's Church

Christmas Bazaar

Saturday 25th November

11.am-1pm at the Cavendish Hall IP31 3RU

Raffle Cakes/*Fudge Jigsaws Preserves Christmas Wreaths

Fiction Books Jewellery

Face Painting for Kids

'2 Christmas Hampers to win'

Coffees, Tea, Biscuits available

Contact Pat 07552 234443 or Margery 07443 414622

All Welcome



*Donated by Yum Yum Tree Fudge

St Peter's Church Christmas Bazaar Saturday 25th Nov 11.00am -
1.00pm at Cavendish Hall Thurston.

Please help us by donating any of the following items:-

jewellery, toiletries, cakes, fiction books (adult & children), crafts, jigsaws, unwanted small gifts, and goods to fill our hampers. We are also running a raffle so prizes welcome.

There is now a box at the back of church for any donations of gifts
or just ring

Pat on 07552 234443 or Margery on 07443 414622 and we will
collect.

Thank you



Holy Innocents Christmas Fayre

Saturday, 18 Nov - 10:00-12:00

The Church Institute, Gt. Barton, IP31 2PN

Stalls: Crafts, Cakes, Bric-a-Brac, Gifts, Books

Grand Draw, Teas, Coffees and Mulled Wine

Please bring donations to the Institute at 9:00

and stay to help, if possible.

Linda Scoles (01359) 230392

Holy Innocents Church Christmas Tree Festival



9 December-5 January

“FOLLOW THE STAR”

**We invite families, individuals, schools, organizations, and businesses to
put up a tree to help our community celebrate Christmas,
and to find a quiet place at Christmas.**

Contact Linda Scoles (01359) 230392 for more information.

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.

If you have experience and would like to know more, please contact the following people.

For St Peter's:

Fr Ben at revdbenjaminewards@gmail.com

Gill Bush at gillianbush@metronet.co.uk

Pat Sadler at patsadler@hotmail.com

For Holy Innocents:

Fr Ben at revdbenjaminewards@gmail.com

Kathy Drakes at kathy@drakesfamily.org

Tim Frost at timfr0st@yahoo.co.uk

Thank you

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
revdbenjaminewards@gmail.com**



Let their memory shine for St Nicholas Hospice Care

Join us at one of our
remembrance events

Our **Light Up a Life** events
are free and open to all, not
just those whose loved ones
were cared for by St Nic's.

They offer a meaningful way to
come together as a community
during the festive season and
enjoy a moment of reflection,
with music and readings.

*You are invited, should you wish,
to have the names of your loved
ones read out at an event.*

You can do this using the enclosed
reply slip or by visiting our website:
stnicholashospice.org.uk/lightupalife



26 Sudbury **3pm**
Nov St Gregory's Church, CO10 1BA

28 Lavenham **7pm**
Nov St Peter and St Paul Church, CO10 9SA

07 Thetford **7pm**
Dec United Reformed Church, IP24 2AD

10 Bury St Edmunds **4pm**
Dec St Mary's Church, IP33 1RT

12 Mildenhall **7pm**
Dec Kings Church, IP28 7EF

14 Newmarket **7pm**
Dec All Saints Church, CB8 8ES

16 Haverhill **3pm**
Dec St Mary's Church, CB9 8AX

17 Hospice **3pm**
Dec Hardwick Lane, IP33 2QY
Booking required

40 years of
caring
St Nicholas
Hospice Care

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.

**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/>

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.

**Please email any notices to Peter Robinson beneficepr@gmail.com
or tel: 07814946841 by **Thurs 9th November****

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