

## Benefice Events & Notices



The dare to do campaign is now drawing to a close. Once all the sponsorship money has been collected we will let you know the final total.

### **New Archdeacon Announced.**

Bishop Martin is delighted to announce the appointment of The Rev'd Jeanette Gosney as the next Archdeacon of Suffolk. Jeanette will be collated as Archdeacon on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> January at St Michael's Framlingham and installed at the Cathedral on Candlemas Sunday on 2nd February at 3.30pm.



### **Forthcoming events.**



**December 22<sup>nd</sup>** Benefice 9 Lessons and Carols 4.00pm at St Peter's  
(Followed by mulled wine)

### **December 24<sup>th</sup> Christmas Eve**

Crib Service 3.00pm at St Peter's  
Crib Service 5.00pm at Holy Innocents  
Midnight Mass 11.00pm at St Peter's  
Midnight Mass 11.00pm at Holy Innocents.

### **December 25<sup>th</sup> Christmas Day**

Holy Communion (BCP) 8.00am at Holy Innocents  
Holy Communion (BCP) 8.00am at St Peter's  
Christmas day Service 10.00am at Holy Innocents  
Christmas Day Service 10.00am at St Peter's



### **Communal Christmas Card at both H.I. & St Peter's.**

This year as part of our ECO Church scheme you will be given the opportunity to send just a **single** Christmas card to all of your friends in church. A board is at the back of both churches for you to display your card on.

Please email any notices to Pat Sadler [patsadler@hotmail.com](mailto:patsadler@hotmail.com) 01359 230865 by Thurs 19th Dec

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

[www.greatbartonandthurston.org.uk](http://www.greatbartonandthurston.org.uk)

**15th December 2019**

**Advent 3**

Welcome to our Churches - please stay for refreshments and a chat following the service!



**Café Church  
at The Church Institute**

**8.00am H.C. (BCP)  
St Peter's Please take t**

**Join us for an hour,  
at 9.00am**



**We begin with a buffet breakfast  
followed by informal worship  
accompanied by our music group.**

**We aim to finish by 10am**

### **The Collect**

God for whom we watch and wait, you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way of your Son: give us courage to speak the truth, to hunger for justice, and to suffer for the cause of right, with Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

**Rev'd Manette Crossman 01284 787554  
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Manette's day off is usually Monday.**

## Today's Services

### Holy Innocents Gt Barton

3.30pm Christmas Evensong  
Isa 5: 8-end  
Acts 13: 13-41  
Psalm 12

### **9.00am Benefice Café Church at The Church Institute**

### St Peter's Thurston

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)  
Readings: 1Cor 4: 1-5  
Mt 11: 2-11

4.30pm Voca Concert.  
(For all the Family)

## Next Sunday's Services

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)  
Readings: Rom 1: 1-7  
Mt 1: 18-25  
10.30am Parish Communion  
Readings: Isa 7: 10-16  
Rom 1: 1-7  
Mt 1: 18-25

### **4.00pm Benefice 9 Lessons & Carols at St Peter's (followed by mulled wine)**

**(With all the colds and infections that are doing the rounds, if you are not feeling 100%, could you please dip your wafer into the wine rather than sharing the chalice when coming up for Communion? Thank you. Rev'd Manette)**

#### The Week Ahead

#### **Monday 7.30pm**

*Evening Advent Grp at 27, Diomed Drive Gt. Barton*

#### **Wednesday 10.00am**

*Midweek Holy Communion (CW) in the Chapel, Montana*

#### **Wednesday 2.30pm – 4.00pm**

*Afternoon Advent Group.at the home of Pat Humphry Tele 01284 787308*

#### **Friday 7.00pm**

*We begin with refreshments at Montana and follow this with Carols at 7.30pm in the Chapel. All Welcome.*

**Montana Care Home for the Elderly** –we are looking for a **night carer** and would be very pleased to hear from anyone interested. (We were awarded an Outstanding grading for our care in our last CQC Inspection.) Please contact Sr. Thaya Moses, at 01284 787321.

Our website is [www.montanacarehome.com](http://www.montanacarehome.com)

## Praying for our Benefice



### We pray for:

- All those who have asked for our prayers and their families: Giles, Andrea, Jack, Hilda Murray, Dorothy Howard and Diane Martyn.
- We pray for Tullalah-Mai and Ralphie baptised at St Peter's on 15<sup>th</sup> Dec.
- We pray for those who have died recently.
- We pray for all who mourn the loss on a loved one and we remember all those whose anniversaries fall at this time. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.
- We pray for all the people in the parishes of Gt Barton and Thurston.
- We pray especially this week for everyone working in education; teachers, assistants, helpers and all pupils as the school term draws to a close.
- We pray for all those affected by the recent volcanic eruption on New Zealand's White Island.

**Avian flu** has been found on a farm in Suffolk and we have been asked to pray for poultry farmers in the region, not only to mourn the loss of life at the farm where birds will need to be culled but also for the infection to be contained. Birds in surrounding farms now need to be kept under cover and we pray for all those worried about their livelihoods:

### **Father God,**

Jesus reminded us that not even a single sparrow falls without your knowledge and care. We pray for all those affected by a the threat of avian flu, especially the birds and poultry farmers of this region. Bring to them your protection, your blessing and your peace. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

**The new Hymn Books** are now in use at HI. If anyone who sponsored a book wants to have a dedication inserted, please let Tim Frost know by the end of December. This excludes those who have already informed me.

### **Draw for Christmas Hamper at Holy Innocents.**

We shall again be holding our Christmas Hamper Raffle this year as it is both popular and a means of raising funds for Holy Innocents'. As in previous years a list of gifts suitable for the hamper has been placed at the back of the church. If you would like to make a contribution please record your name on the list. You may, of course, prefer to make a gift of your own choosing or a cash donation. If you have any queries please have a word with Linda Scoles or David Sheppard. Thank you very much for your support

### Holy Innocents

If you would like to bring Christmas gifts for children for distribution by Social Services, please bring them to Church, to the Christmas Tree Festival or to Cafe' Church by 15<sup>th</sup> Dec. We can wrap them if you prefer. Holy Innocents has delivered many gifts over the last several years, and they have been received very gladly. There is always a shortage of gifts for teenagers. Please give generously.

### **Churchwardens**

#### **Holy Innocents Gt.Barton**

Tim Frost 01284 787442 & Angela Pearce 01359 230395

#### **St Peter's Thurston**

Irene Churchus 01359 230652 & Pat Sadler 01359 230865