

Benefice Events & Notices



Great Barton Parish Church
**'The Christmas Story in
 Carols'**

The Christmas Tree Festival

Saturday 14th & Sunday 15th

December 12noon-6pm

Mulled wine & mince pies.

Admission by donation.

Helpers will be needed, please, for two-hour stints as Hosts for the Christmas Tree Festival, Saturday and Sunday, 14th and 15th December, 12:00-6:00. A sign-up sheet will be on the table at the back of the Church.



**Thurston Christmas
 Tree Festival**

(St Peter's Church & The Library)

Space Themed 

Saturday 14th & Sunday 15th

December 10am-4pm both days

Children's Activities at both venues

Seasonal refreshments in Church

A Christmas Concert on **Sunday**, for

all the family, with **VOCA**

4.30pm in the Church

Offers of help please for stewards at the Christmas Tree Festival weekend.

A list will be on the font for those willing to sign up to help. Thank you

Thank you to everyone who helped with the Christmas Fayre at Holy Innocents. We had an abundance of cakes from the Mother's Union, lots of 'Previously Loved' items to sell, and a very interesting Tombola. The coffees, teas and lunches were a great hit, too. The profit was about £480, a good result. Linda.



The dare to do campaign is now drawing to a close but a few people have yet to complete their pledges. We are waiting to hear how much we raised once all the sponsorship money has been collected, please help those you sponsored by bringing your contributions to Church. They can be handed in to a churchwarden. Gerhard will be playing 'The Swan' on the cello accompanied by Kathleen on the 2nd Sunday of Advent, 8th December at the end of the service at HI.

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. The cards will be displayed on a board at the back of both churches for all to view. If you would like to know more please speak to your churchwardens.



Please email any notices to Pat Sadler patsadler@hotmail.com 01359 230865 by Thurs, 5th De

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

**1st December 2019
 Advent Sunday**

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



Lord Jesus, light of the world,
 born in David's city of Bethlehem,
 born like him to be a king;
 be born in our hearts at Christmas,
 be King of our lives today.
Amen

The Collect

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Post Communion Prayer

O Lord our God,
 make us watchful and keep us faithful as we await the coming of your Son our Lord;
 that, when he shall appear, he may not find us sleeping in sin but active in his service and joyful in his praise;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Rev'd Manette Crossman 01284 787554

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Manette's day off is usually Monday.

Holy Innocents Gt Barton

Today's Services

St Peter's Thurston

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
Readings: Rom 13: 11-14
Mt 24: 36-44

10.30am Benefice Communion Service for Advent Sunday at H.I.
Very Rev'd Joe Hawes, Dean of Edmundsbury
Readings: Isa 2: 1-5
Rom 13: 11-14
Mt 24: 36-44

4.00pm Music, Readings and Carols for Advent at H.I.
(with oboe, violin/viola & organ followed by mulled wine)

Next Sunday's Services

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
Readings: Rom 15: 4-13
Mt 3: 1-12

10.30am Holy Communion
Readings: Isa 11: 1-10
Rom 15: 4-13
Mt 3: 1-12

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The Week Ahead

Monday 7.30pm

Evening Advent Grp at 27, Diomed Drive Gt.Barton

Tuesday 1.00pm

Funeral of Pauline Dalton at St Peter's

Wednesday 2.30pm

Afternoon Advent Grp in The Rock.

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.



We have been invited to sing carols at Montana on Fri 20th Dec, meeting at 7.00pm for refreshments, then beginning in the Chapel at 7.30pm. If you would like to contribute a poem, Christmas story or sketch, sing/play something, please get in touch with Manette or Kathleen.
All welcome.

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

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 all those getting married; especially Nick & Abigail who were married at H.I. last Saturday.
- We pray for those who have died recently, among them Alan Broadhurst and Pauline Dalton.
- We remember all those whose anniversaries fall at this time and we pray for all who mourn the loss of a loved one. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.
- We pray for all the people in the parishes of Gt Barton and Thurston.
- **This week we pray that**, at the start of this Advent season we focus on what is really important to us, the birth of Jesus, who entered our world at Christmas as The Prince of Peace.

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

Advent Groups

Evening Advent Study Group in Great Barton – all welcome.

Mon 2nd Dec 7.30pm venue 27, Diomed Drive Gt Barton.
(Tue 10th Dec, Mon 16th Dec all at 7.30pm venues *tba*)

Wednesday Afternoon Advent Study Group 4th Dec. 2.30pm – 4.00pm in the Rock. (Future venues *tba*) (Lists to sign up to the sessions will be at the back of both churches. The books will be available from Kathy Drakes.)

St Peter's Church Cleaning Rota

I am about to do the church cleaning rota from January onwards. I am hoping that all of us on the list feel able to continue, but if it is getting too much please let me know. The chancel list is adequate, but the list for the main body of the church needs more volunteers so that we can put two on together for those who feel it is too much for one person. Please let me know if you are able to help. Joy (231301)

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 15th 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

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