

Benefice Events & Notices

We give thanks for the ministry of Archbishop Sentamu as he prepares to retire next June, and we pray for Bishop Stephen Cottrell, the Archbishop of York Designate as he prepares to take up his new ministry next year.

Generous God, we give you thanks:
you have heard our prayer,
guided your people
and raised up Stephen
to serve as the next Archbishop of York.
By your Holy Spirit, grant to him
good counsel, holy insight and joy in the gospel,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



Message from the Vicar:

I wish you all a blessed Christmas
and a Happy & Healthy New Year.
With all good wishes from
Manette, Gerhard & family



Please see **'The Week Ahead'** for details of the Christmas Services.



'We are still waiting for some of the Dare-to-Do sponsorship money to come in. If you have pledged to sponsor someone, could you please fulfil your pledge so we can let you know the total money raised? Many thanks. '

Please email any notices to Pat Sadler patsadler@hotmail.com 01359 230865 by Fri 27th Dec

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

22nd December 2019
Advent 4

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



The Collect

God our redeemer,
who prepared the Blessed Virgin
Mary to be the mother of your Son:
grant that, as she looked for his
coming as our saviour,
so we may be ready to greet him
when he comes again as our judge;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen

Post Communion Prayer

Heavenly Father,
who chose the Blessed Virgin
Mary to be the mother of the
promised saviour:
fill us your servants with your
grace,
that in all things we may embrace
your holy will and with her rejoice
in your salvation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

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Manette's day off is usually Monday.

Today's Services

St Peter's Thurston

Holy Innocents Gt Barton

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)**

Next Sunday's Services

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

Readings: Heb 2: 10-18

Mt 2: 13-23

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(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

Christmas Eve Tuesday 24th December

3.00pm Crib Service at St Peter's

5.00pm Crib Service at Holy Innocents

11.00pm Midnight Mass at both Holy Innocents and St Peter's

Reading: Isa 52: 7-10, Heb 1: 1-4, Jn 1: 1-14.

Christmas Day Wednesday 25th December

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) at both Holy Innocents and St Peter's

H.I. - Readings: Titus 3:4-7, Lk 2:1-14

St Peter's - Readings: Heb 1: 1-12, Lk 2: 1-14

10.00am Christmas Day Family Communion at both Holy Innocents and St

Peter's - Readings: Titus 3: 4-7, Lk 2: 1-14

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 15th 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 especially pray for all people who are in any kind of need:- the homeless, the poor, the lonely, those who are sick and those who cannot get the medication they require, the vulnerable, those who are hungry, the mentally ill and the persecuted. Lord please take special care of all people and help us to care more. Amen.
- We pray for all those affected by the extreme wildfires and high temperatures in Australia.
- We pray for all migrants camped out in the cold weather waiting to apply for asylum.

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.

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

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