

Benefice Events & Notice



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 supported and helped at the Christmas Bazaar at St Peter's last Saturday. We made £1140 for the Church and £257 for the M.U. for their Christian projects at home and abroad. Once again heartfelt thanks to all who contributed in whatever way. Joy Bolwell.

Bangers and Bingo on Saturday 30 November made the wonderful sum of £428.47 for Holy Innocents' church funds. Huge thanks, as ever, to "the team", to all who donated prizes and to all who came to enjoy the food and fun. A good time was had by all.



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.



Please email any notices to Pat Sadler patsadler@hotmail.com 01359 230865 by Thurs 12th Dec

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

8th December 2019
Advent 2

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



The Collect

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever.
Amen

Post Communion Prayer

Father in heaven, who sent your Son to redeem the world and will send him again to be our judge: give us grace so to imitate him in the humility and purity of his first coming that, when he comes again, we may be ready to greet him with joyful love and firm faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

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Manette's day off is usually Monday.

Please take this notice home with you.

Today's Services

St Peter's Thurston

Holy Innocents Gt Barton

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

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Next Sunday's Services

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

9.00am Benefice Café Church at The Church Institute

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

4.30pm Voca Concert.

(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 2.30pm-3.30pm Thurston Primary Academy Concert at St Peter's
Tuesday 2.30pm Mothers' Union Carol Service in **The Rock** (Shortened form of Nine Lessons & Carols) **All Welcome**
Tuesday 6.30pm Thurston Scout Grp. Christingle at St Peter's
Tuesday 7.30pm Evening Advent Grp at 27, Diomed Drive Gt. Barton
Wednesday 2.30pm Afternoon Advent Grp at The Vicarage Gt. Barton
Thursday 6.30pm Thurston Primary Academy Concert at St Peter's
Friday 9.30pm Thurston Primary Academy Christingle at St Peter's
Saturday 12noon-6.00pm Christmas Tree Festival at Holy Innocents.
Saturday 10.00am-4.00pm Christmas Tree Festival at St Peter's

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.**

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 being baptised at St Peter's next Sunday.
- 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.
- Tuesday 10th Dec is **Human Rights Day**. We pray for all involved in promoting 'Human Rights' and for the work of The United Nations; for social progress, a better standard of living and for international peace.

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.

St. Peter's Church Draw Club

Thank you to all members for your support which helps to fund St. Peter's Church in Thurston. A reminder that for current members annual subscriptions for 2020 are due by 31st December 2019. Current members and anyone else interested are invited to the Winter Draw, which will take place in church on Saturday 14th December at 2.30pm. during the Christmas Tree Festival. Do come along to see the trees and have a cup of tea and mince pie.

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

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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