

## Benefice Events & Notices

### 'Send a card to your Church Friends'

(Communal Christmas Card at both H.I. & St Peter's.)

Again 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 has been placed in the porch of both churches for you to display your card on.



### You can now donate to Holy Innocents Church Great Barton through Online Giving



Please scan the QR code with your smart phone to donate. Thank you.

**Please note that the items below are still on sale in the church porch at St Peter's if you are passing on your daily walk.**



There are now different jigsaws and games on sale in the church porch for a suggested £2 donation. Please place your money in the honesty box. (Donations have now topped £200! We can always do with more jigsaws and of course you can return the ones you have completed for someone else to take and donate. Joy)

### You can now donate to St Peter's Church Thurston through Online Giving.



If you are able to help please scan the QR code attached with your smart phone or follow the link to our Online Giving page at <https://givealittle.co/campaign/fa6c9755-9050-46b0-acdf-423eb7cdf38>

### ***Can you help!! – Treasurer required as soon as possible.***

The Parochial Church Council of St Peter's Church is looking for a Treasurer as Catriona is stepping down after filling this role for the past 4 years. We are very grateful to her and she has offered to initially help anyone who might take on this role. If you are interested or would like more information please contact Pat Sadler at [patsadler@hotmail.com](mailto:patsadler@hotmail.com) or ring 07552234443

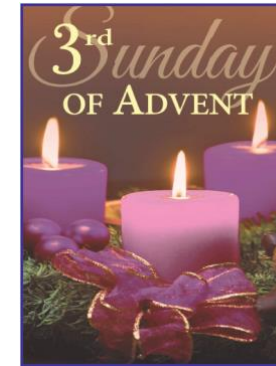
Please email any notices to Pat Sadler [patsadler@hotmail.com](mailto:patsadler@hotmail.com) by Thurs 17<sup>th</sup> Dec 01359 230865

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

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

13<sup>th</sup> December 2020

The Third Sunday of Advent



### Readings

1Cor 4: 1-5 Mt 11: 2-10

#### 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

#### Your Churchwardens, here for you. Holy Innocents Gt.Barton

Tim Frost 01284 787442 or 07840 249448

Angela Pearce 01359 230395

#### St Peter's Thurston

Pat Sadler 01359 230865 or 07552 234443

Irene Churchus 01359 230652

## Latest from The Church of England

The Church of England has welcomed the publication of the Government's Covid-19 Winter Plan, detailing that places of worship will be permitted to reopen for public worship from Wednesday 2 December. **For the latest information from the Church of England visit their website page [www.churchofengland.org](http://www.churchofengland.org)**

## This week

**Service of Holy Communion at St Peter's Thurston at 10.30am.**

**A reminder - Face coverings are required by law to be worn in places of worship and social distancing of 2 metres needs to be observed.**

**Please note that after receiving the Bread please take it back to your seat to consume. Thank you.**

**For those of you unable to attend church the service will be posted online on YouTube, the churches' Facebook pages and the benefice website.**

Log in details for YouTube will be emailed to everyone who has asked to be on the list, please let one of the Churchwardens know if you would like to be added to this list.

### **'Private Prayer' in both Churches**

**Both Holy Innocents and St Peter's will be open for Private Prayer at the following times:- Saturday 1.00pm – 3.00pm  
Sunday 1.00pm – 3.00pm.**

### **Can you donate a toy?**

For many years members of Holy Innocents', with help from Father Christmas, have donated toys for children living in the local area who would otherwise receive little or nothing by way of presents. We hope you will all wish to do so again this year when the need is likely to be even greater. Please wrap the toys showing clearly which are for boys and/or girls together with an appropriate age. Gifts should be new but not expensive. Closing date is Sunday 20 December and gifts will be gratefully received by either of our Wardens; Angela (01359 230395) or Tim (01284 787442). Distribution is by Social Services. If members of St Peter's wish to join with us please do so.  
David Sheppard.

### **Praying for our Benefice**

#### **We pray for:**

- All those who have asked for our prayers and their families: Giles, Andrea, Jack, Hilda Murray, Jane's brother Jon, Noreen and Martin, Morris, Alexander, Charlie, Brian Meen, Pat and Mary Gould, Andrew Garnham, Ian Baxter, Hayley, George and family, Daloni, Peter Seaden, Janet Pitcher and John Goddard.
- We pray for those who have died recently. remembering Freda Ridgewell, Cherry Wootton and Brian Knight.
- We pray for all who mourn the loss of a loved one. We also remember all those whose anniversaries fall at this time. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.
- Please pray for James Atwell, for Lorna, Luke, Charlotte and all their family as they come to terms with James' illness.
- We pray for all the people in the parishes of Great Barton and Thurston.



## Next week

**Service of Holy Communion at Holy Innocents Great Barton at 10.30am.**

In order to ensure social distancing you will need to book a place so **please contact Tim Frost on Tel. 07840 249448 or email [timfrost@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:timfrost@yahoo.co.uk) by 12 noon on Friday** to reserve a place.

If you have booked and are unable to attend please let us know if possible, as your seat can be reallocated. Thank you.

## Also Next Week

**Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols from St Peter's Thurston will be online on YouTube, the churches' Facebook pages and the Benefice website.**

Government legislation is changing frequently and this is a reminder for us all that the Covid-19 virus is still very much around. We have a duty to act responsibly and protect those around us. Should further changes affecting church services and meetings be announced, we will update you as soon as possible.

We will continue to post updates on our website: <https://www.greatbartonandthurston.org.uk>

Also, on our 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/>



### **Doorstep Carols at 6pm on Wednesday 16th**

**December.** Our Diocese, along with Radio Suffolk, have proposed this event. The idea is that you tune into the radio (Radio Suffolk) and then stand on your doorstep to sing Carols with your neighbours. It would be great for our churches to be seen to be supporting this. If you would like to invite your street to join in, I can provide you with the link, or print off the Carols and invites for you. Kathy Drakes

## **Storehouse**

**Please continue to support this worthy cause.**

Collection points for goods to be left remain at No 31, School Rd, Thurston, (Jill Rood [theroods@waitrose.com](mailto:theroods@waitrose.com)) and at 2, Diomed drive, Great Barton. (Tim Frost

**Manette's licensing service on Monday will be filmed and can be viewed on Facebook or via the link which will be shared by the middle of next week.**

**We will continue to send out the pew sheet electronically and only a few copies will be left in the church porches for visitors. Please let us know if you are aware of someone who needs a paper copy of the pew sheet.**

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