

Benefice Events & Notices

'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.

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>

Storehouse

With a second Lockdown in place it is important that we continue to support this worthy cause. Please give generously.

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

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 or ring 07552234443.

Please email any notices to Pat Sadler patsadler@hotmail.com by Thurs 10th Dec 01359 230865

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

www.greatbartonandthurston.org.uk

6th December 2020

The Second Sunday of Advent



Readings

Isa 40: 1-11 2 Pet 3: 8-15 Mk 1: 1-8

Collect

Almighty God,
purify our hearts and minds,
that when your Son Jesus Christ comes
again as judge and saviour
we may be ready to receive him,
who is our Lord and our God.
Amen

Rev'd Manette Crossman 07947 737789

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Manette's day off is usually Monday.

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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**

This week

Service of Holy Communion at Holy Innocents, Great Barton 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.

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, Norman Blades, Janet Pitcher and John Goddard.
- We pray for those who have died recently. remembering Freda Ridgewell.
- 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.
- We pray for the thousands of Eritrean refugees in Ethiopia who face starvation. (The UN has made an urgent appeal to be allowed access to the area of Tigray.)

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.

Next week

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

In order to ensure social distancing you will need to book a place so **please contact Pat Sadler on Tel. 07552 234443 or email patsadler@hotmail.com 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.

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/>

"I am very touched by the many kind and heartfelt messages, letters, cards, gifts and emails which I have received and I would like to thank everyone for their kindness. Last week's service, to which many of you contributed, was a wonderful tribute to some of the things we have done over the past five years and I will leave with many happy memories.

Due to Covid restrictions, numbers at my licensing service are very limited and I very much regret that I am therefore unable to extend invitations to anyone, but we will be planning a service of celebration next summer to which you will be warmly invited. I will be in touch with details once we are able to plan this in more detail.

If we are unable to meet before I move then I wish you all every blessing for Advent and the Christmas season and a very Happy & Healthy 2021.

With all good wishes,

from Rev'd Manette, Gerhard & family Tel. 07947 737789 - revmcrossman@gmail.com

St. Peter's Church Draw Club

Thank you to all members for your support which helps to fund St. Peter's Church.

This has been a very difficult year for everyone and, like any organisation relying on donations and fundraising, the finances of the church have been much depleted. Indeed the Draw Club has been one of the few ways in which the St. Peter's has been able to raise any funds in order to keep the village church going.

Each Draw Club member buys a number (or more than one) for £15 each and every month there is a draw with a small monetary prize. There are two larger draws in the summer and winter, each with larger prizes. The amount of the prizes depends upon the number of Draw Club members. In a normal year we have a summer strawberry tea social event and a Christmas mince pie event when the larger draws take place. **WE NEED MORE DRAW CLUB MEMBERS** and this is an easy way to support your village church.

Anyone interested in joining the Draw Club please contact **Ann Reeve on 01359 270491**

A reminder that for current members annual subscriptions for 2021 are due by 31st December 2020.

Churchwardens

Holy Innocents Gt.Barton

Tim Frost 01284 787442 & Angela Pearce 01359 230395

St Peter's Thurston

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