

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

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Sunday 22nd December

**10.30am: Micah 5: 2-5. Luke 1: 39-45
Readings; NRSV Please**

COLLECT

Eternal God,

**as Mary waited for the birth of your Son,
so we wait for his coming in glory;
bring us through the birth pangs of this present age
to see, with her, our great salvation
in Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Amen

Rev'd Ben Edwards

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Ben's time off is Friday pm and Saturdays.

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Services for this week

Sunday 22nd December:

Holy Communion at St Peter's at 10.30am

Tuesday 24th December

Crib Service at St Peter's, Thurston at 2.00pm

Crib Service at Holy Innocents, Great Barton at 4.00pm

Bethlehem Midnight Mass at St Peter's at 9.00pm

Midnight Mass at Holy Innocents, Great Barton at 11.30pm

Wednesday 25th December:

Holy Communion (BCP) at St Peter's at 8.30am

Benefice Christmas Morning Holy Communion at Holy Innocents, at 10.00am

Services for next week

Sunday 29th December:

Holy Communion (BCP) at St Peter's at 8.30am

Holy Communion Patronal Service at Holy Innocents Church at 10.30am

Wednesday 1st January:

No Service

Praying for our Benefice

We pray for:-



- Alexander, Ian Baxter, Hayley, Cathy McQueen, Maureen and Peter, David & Pat Sheppard, Roger and Pat Boyes, Noreen Reeve, Deidre and Derek Caley, Kathleen Sewter, Jill Cooper, Silvia, Tom, David and Mary Edwards.
- We pray for everyone separated from their families, especially this Christmas
- We pray for all those who have departed this world, remembering, Jonathan Dalton, Robert Wakerley and Walter Casey.
- We pray for all who mourn the loss of a loved one, especially thinking of the family and friends of Jonathan, Robert and Walter
- We also remember all those whose anniversaries fall at this time. May they all rest in peace and rise in glory.
- In a world filled with violence and conflict, we pray for peace.
- We pray for all who are sick, physically, and mentally. May they be surrounded with God's love.
- We pray for all the people in our parishes of Great Barton and Thurston. May they be aware of neighbours in need.
- We pray for ourselves that we may show loving kindness to everyone.

Christmas Tree Festival at St Peter's

A huge thank you to everyone who decorated trees, made donations, and assisted with the running of the Christmas Tree Festival over the weekend. The grand sum of £372.74 was raised for church funds.

Thank you
Pat & Margery



St Peter's Church Thurston is in **URGENT** need of an honorary treasurer. Is this a role you could fill? We believe there is someone out there who could help us

- Are you numerate and experienced in using accounting software?
- Could you manage the financial performance of our church?
- Do you have good communication skills?

If you are interested and would like to know more, please contact the following people.

Fr Ben at revdbenjaminedwards@gmail.com

Pat Sadler at patsadler@hotmail.com

***Fr Ben, the Churchwardens and
Kathy our Lay Reader,
Wish you all a very
Happy Christmas***

Just a reminder, that following the splendid refurb of our porch at St Peter's, Jigsaws are again available to be bought or swapped, at a suggested donation of £2.00

Thank you. Churchwardens.

Can you help?

Can you spare time once a month to help keep our lovely church, St Peter's, Thurston, clean. We desperately need helpers to join the present small band of cleaners. Any time you can give will be gratefully appreciated.

We would love to hear from you. Please contact Pat 07553 234443 or Margery 07443 414622

Many thanks

STOREHOUSE, PLEASE give generously at this time when so many families are relying on food banks. Thank you

Goods and donations for Thurston can be left at No 31, School Rd, Thurston, donations for Great Barton can be left at Holy Innocents church or with Tim Frost at 2, Diomed Drive, Great Barton.

Visit the following to get the latest information :-

Website: <https://www.greatbartonandthurston.org.uk>

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/>

**Please email any notices to Peter Robinson beneficepr@gmail.com
or tel: 07814 946841 by **Thursday 26thth December****

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