

## Benefice Events & Notices

### Dates for your Diary –

The St Peter's Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held on 21<sup>st</sup> April, in The Rock and we are now seeking nominations for one new churchwarden and several new PCC members. Nomination forms will be available at the back of the church. If you want to explore the idea of one of these posts, please contact Rev'd Manette by email at [revmcrossman@gmail.com](mailto:revmcrossman@gmail.com) or Gill Bush, PCC Secretary, [gillianbush@metronet.co.uk](mailto:gillianbush@metronet.co.uk) or have a word when you see them

Holy Innocents will be holding its Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held on Wednesday 22 April, in The Church Institute. We will be electing our PCC members and our churchwardens for the year. Nomination forms will be available at the back of the church. If you want to explore the idea of one of these posts, please contact Rev'd Manette by email at [revmcrossman@gmail.com](mailto:revmcrossman@gmail.com) or Jane Dalton, PCC Secretary, [jane.dalton648@gmail.com](mailto:jane.dalton648@gmail.com) or have a word when you see them

### SACRED SPACE

Come and join us for Sacred space next Sunday at 6.30pm at St Peters on the feast of the transfiguration. **Can you be transformed by the love of God.....**

### *Thurston Newsletter*

We are looking to recruit a new editor for the Thurston Newsletter. This is a monthly publication and we estimate that the work required will be approximately 12 +hrs per month. The salary will be £10 per hour. The role involves the use of your own computer and a deadline for completion of the content will be required. In the first instance please reply by email to [beneficepr@gmail.com](mailto:beneficepr@gmail.com)

The World Day of Prayer services will be on Friday March 6 at 2.30 in Holy Innocents' Church, Gt Barton and St Peter's Thurston in The Rock. It has been written this year by Christian women in Zimbabwe. All are welcome - both men and women.

Coffee Morning for March Many thanks to all who came to last month's Coffee Morning when we raised over £95 for church funds. It was lovely to hear the visiting Bell Ringers too. This month we will be in the Rock again where Joy Bolwell is hosting her Coffee Morning on Tuesday 3rd March from 10.30am. All welcome to come and enjoy the company of friends. There will be the usual Raffle and items for sale.

Pamela Prouse and family would like to thank everyone for their cards, flowers and great support since Albert passed away on 4th January. We have been overwhelmed by the kindness shown to us all. It is very comforting to have such lovely people around us, our love, thoughts and thanks to you all.

### **Thurston Newsletter.**

Melanie Johnson will be editing the next three issues of the Newsletter. Please send any items to her using the present email address. [thurstonnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:thurstonnewsletter@gmail.com)

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

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

**16th February 2020**

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



### Café Church

Join us for an hour, at  
9.00am at The Institute, Gt  
Barton



We begin with a buffet  
breakfast followed by informal  
worship accompanied by our  
music group. We aim to finish  
by 10am

### The Collect

Almighty God,  
you have created the heavens  
and the earth and made us in  
your own image:  
teach us to discern your hand in  
all your works and your likeness  
in all your children; through  
Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who with you and the Holy Spirit  
reigns supreme over all things,  
now and for ever.  
**Amen**

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**Manette's day off is usually Monday.**

Please take this notice home with you

Please email any notices to Pat Sadler [patsadler@hotmail.com](mailto:patsadler@hotmail.com) by Thurs 20th Feb

## Today's Services 16 th February

Holy Innocents

St Peter's

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)  
Readings: 2 Cor 11: 19-31  
Mathew 6: 25-34

### **9.00am Benefice Café Church at the Church Institute Great Barton.**

6.30pm Choral Evensong

Readings: Prov 8: 1,22-31  
Rev 4  
Psalm 148

*In view of the many flu and cold viruses going around, please don't share the chalice but intinct your wafer by dipping it into the wine instead.*

## Next Sunday's Services 23rd February

Holy Innocents

St Peter's

8.00am Holy Communion  
Readings: 2 Peter 1: 16-21  
Matthew 17: 1-9

10.30am Holy Communion  
Readings: Exodus 24: 12-18  
2 Peter 1: 16-21  
Matthew 17: 1-9.

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Matthew 17: 1-9

2.30pm Baptism

6.30pm Sacred Space

### **The Week Ahead**

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February 7.30pm in The Rock**

'Albanian Evangelical Mission'. Paul Davies has been coming annually for many years to update those of us who take an interest in his work with the A.E.M. His talk is very inspiring. There is an opportunity to give a donation to this Christian Mission at this meeting.

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> 10.00am**

Midweek Service of Holy Communion (CW) **at Montana, Gt Barton.**  
All welcome

**Are you able to represent St Peter's? If so please read on.**

At the invitation of Archdeacon David Jenkins: A day to look at making the best use of your church buildings for mission. This Church Buildings Conference 2020, 'Buildings : Millstone or Mission Opportunity' takes place at The St Nicholas Centre, Cutler Street, Ipswich, IP1 1UQ, on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2020 from 10.00am – 4.00pm. If interested please speak to Rev'd Manette or your churchwardens.

## Praying for our Benefice

We pray for:

- All those who have asked for our prayers and their families: Giles, Andrea, Jack, Hilda Murray, Irene Jones and Jane's brother Jon.
- We pray for those who have died recently, remembering Pauline Holder.
- We pray for all who mourn the loss on a loved one, especially for the bereaved family of Pauline Holder. We also 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 Great Barton and Thurston.
- As the World Health Organisation has declared the Coronavirus a global emergency we pray for all the people affected, as the death toll has rocketed and the virus has spread to twenty five countries.
- We pray for all those affected by Storms Ciara and Dennis
- We pray for the people in Yemen who are suffering in the world's greatest humanitarian emergency.
- We pray for Connie Hare, who is to be baptised at St Peter's on the 23<sup>rd</sup> February.
- We pray for the wedding couples who are preparing to get married in our churches this year.



### **The Church of England national Lent campaign #LiveLent: Care for God's Creation**

This Lent, we hope both adults and children might engage in God's plea for us to "Care for Creation". It is an opportunity for us to rebuild our relationship with our planet, and in turn with the God who is Lord of everything. During this time, we hope you might engage in prayer, learn more about the remarkable world we have been given and build habits that last beyond the season to protect and honour the earth.

### **Bishop's Lent Appeal**

Following the theme of #LiveLent our Bishop's Lent Appeal is also about raising awareness of environmental issues. It is not just about raising money but offers a fun way in which you and your family can think about ways in which we can all protect God's creation. For full information about the appeal and downloadable resources please visit: [www.cofesuffolk.org/bishops-lent-appeal-2020](http://www.cofesuffolk.org/bishops-lent-appeal-2020)

### **Newsletter Thank You.**

Rev'd Manette and the members of St Peter's Parochial Church Council would like to thank the Parish Council and Vicky Waples (Parish Clerk) for their support with production of the St. Peter's Church Newsletter over the past 3 years. Vicky has competently and with great dedication fulfilled this task in addition to her role as Parish Clerk but due to her increased workload, she has sadly resigned from her role as editor

### **Churchwardens**

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