

Benefice Events & Notices

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

Dates for your Diary –

Coffee Morning for March at St Peter's 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.

The World Day of Prayer services will be on **Friday 6th March** 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.

St Edmundsbury Male Voice Choir Concert with soloist Gemma Alexander, **Saturday 7th March** 7.30pm at Holy Innocents. Tickets £7.50 available from Ken 01284 787485 & Pat 01359 235034. Proceeds in aid of the Cystic Fibrosis Trust and Pancreatic Cancer Research Fund. All welcome.

The St Peter's Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held on **21st 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 or Gill Bush, PCC Secretary, gillianbush@metronet.co.uk or have a word when you see them

Holy Innocents' Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held on Wednesday **22nd 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 or Jane Dalton, PCC Secretary, jane.dalton648@gmail.com or have a word when you see them

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 21st May 2020 from 10.00am – 4.00pm. If interested please speak to Rev'd Manette or your churchwardens.

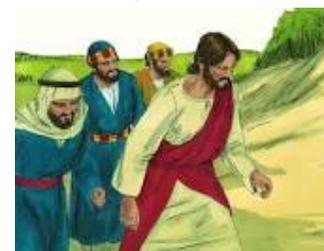
Please email any notices to Pat Sadler patsadler@hotmail.com by Thurs 27th Feb 01359 230865

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

23rd February 2020

Sunday Next Before Lent

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



The Collect

Almighty Father, whose Son
was revealed in majesty before
he suffered death upon the cross:
give us grace to perceive his
glory, that we may be
strengthened to suffer with him
and be changed into his likeness,
from glory to glory;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen

Post Communion Prayer

Holy God,
we see your glory in the face
of Jesus Christ:
may we who are partakers at
his table reflect his life in
word and deed,
that all the world may know
his power to change and save.
This we ask 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 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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2.00pm Baptism

6.30pm Sacred Space

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 1st March

Holy Innocents

St Peter's

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
Readings: 2 Cor 6: 1-10
Mt 4: 1-11

10.30am Benefice Holy Communion at Holy Innocents.
Readings: Gen 2: 15-17, 3.1-7
Rom 5: 12-19
Mt 4: 1-11

The Week Ahead

Wednesday 26th 10.00am
Ash Wednesday Service of Holy Communion for the Benefice at St Peter's.

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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.
- 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.
- We pray for all the people in the parishes of Great Barton and Thurston.
- We pray for all those affected by the coronavirus and for the scientists who are working hard to track and contain the coronavirus outbreak.
- We pray for all those affected by Storms Ciara and Dennis, especially the flooded communities in England and Wales as more heavy rain is expected, adding to fears flood defences might not withstand rising river levels.
- We pray for Connie Hare, who is to be baptised at St Peter's this Sunday, 23rd February.



Thank you

Many thanks to kind friends that brought me flower pots for 2020 propagation. Mary Edwards

Tree of Life and Open Heaven

25 February to 3 April St Edmundsbury Cathedral, Bury St Edmunds IP33 1LS



Tree of Life consists of three huge stitched panels, depicting the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil; the Tree of Life, promising a new heaven and a new earth and the third tree is a reimagining of the cross of the crucifixion.

Open Heaven is based on a huge rope ladder that reaches from the floor to the heights of the cathedral representing the connection between earth and heaven and between us and God. Low down on the rope ladder visitors stand face to face with a life size figure, a cast of

a real young man in his thirties. Here is Jesus, hanging on the ladder reaching out to everyone.

There is no charge for admission, but donations are welcome.

Churchwardens

Holy Innocents Gt.Barton

Tim Frost 01284 787442 & Angela Pearce 01359 230395

St Peter's Thurston

Irene Churchus 01359 230652 & Pat Sadler 01359 230865