

Benefice Events & Notices

Dates for your Diary –
Monday 17th 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.



For those who still wish to be identified with this appeal, we are now 2/3rds of the way to our target. One final push will get us over the line, as I expect I will soon have confirmation that it has been made. **Many thanks to all those who have so far contributed.**

'Contributions can be made via Bank payment transfer to **Great Barton Church Sort Code 20-16-12, Account 50421944**. Cheques may be made payable to Great Barton Church and sent to Tim Frost, 2 Diomed Drive, Great Barton, IP31 2TF. Please mark all payments with 'Tommy'. If you are a tax-payer, please ask for a Gift Aid form which will increase your donation by 25%. Thank you for your support.'



Your stamps can help fund RNIB. Used postage stamps are always welcome by the Royal National Institute of Blind People. Your stamps will be recycled to provide funds which will help RNIB to break down barriers that still exist in society for people living with sight loss. There is a "post box" in the porch at Holy Innocents church. Thank you.

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.

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
 Please note we are both away next week. Irene and Pat



Small Flower Pots Needed - for propagation and potting on of seedlings. If you are able to help please contact Mary Edwards on 01284 788118 or email mary.windrush@yahoo.com Many thanks Mary

Please email any notices to Peter Robinson beneficepr@gmail.com by Thurs 13th Feb

Today's Services 9th February

Holy Innocents
 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
 Readings: 1Cor 2 1-12(13-16)
 Mt 5: 13-20

10.30am Holy Communion (CW)
 Readings: Isa 58: 1-9(10-12)
 1Cor 2 1-12(13-16)
 Mt 5: 13-20

St Peter's

10.30am Songs of Praise
 Readings: 1Cor 2 1-12(13-16)
 Mt 5: 13-20

Hymns Chosen from Nations top 10 hymns for 2019

Please note there is no Praise+Prayer@7 at St Peter's tonight.

6.00pm Everyone is warmly invited to attend the Taize' Service at **St Edmundsbury Cathedral**, where some of our choir will be singing with the Cantus Firmus.

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 16th February

Holy Innocents

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

St Peter's

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 Readings: 2 Cor 11: 19-31
 Mt 6: 25-34

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

6.30pm Choral Evensong
 Readings: Pro 8: 1,22-31
 Rev 4
 Psalm 148

Post Communion Prayer

Merciful Father, who gave Jesus Christ to be for us the bread of life, that those who come to him should never hunger:
 draw us to the Lord in faith and love, that we may eat and drink with him at his table in the kingdom,
 where he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.
Amen

The Week Ahead
Tuesday 11th 1.00pm
Funeral of Pauline Holder at the West Suffolk Crematorium (St Edmunds Chapel).
Tuesday 11th 2.30pm
M.U. in the Rock
A talk by Jill, 'The Hepburn Family'
Wednesday 12th 10.00am
Midweek Service of Holy Communion (BCP) at St Peter's

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

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



The Collect

Almighty God, who alone can bring order to the unruly wills and passions of sinful humanity: give your people grace so to love what you command and to desire what you promise, that, among the many changes of this world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen

The Collect for Songs of Praise

Eternal God, whose Son went among the crowds and brought healing with his touch: help us to show his love, in your Church as we gather together, and by our lives as they are transformed into the image of Christ our Lord.
Amen

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Manette's day off is usually Monday.

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 of 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 Tuesday 11th February is the, 'World Day of Prayer for the Sick', we especially pray for all those suffering any form of illness and for all those people around the world who work very hard to alleviate the sufferings of the sick.
- 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 injured and for the family of the one victim, of the plane crash in Istanbul.
- We pray for the victims and their families as two avalanches have killed at least 38 people in eastern Turkey, many of them rescue workers who were looking for survivors of the first incident.



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

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