

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

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**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February**

**Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas)**

**10.30am: Malachi 3: 1-5. Luke 2: 22-40.**

**3.30pm: Exodus 13: 1-16. Romans 12: 1-5. Psalm 48**

**Readings NRSV Version Please**

**COLLECT**

**Lord Jesus Christ,  
light of the nations and glory of Israel:  
make your home among us,  
and present us pure and holy  
to your heavenly Father,  
your God, and our God.**

**Amen**

**Rev'd Ben Edwards**

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## Services for this week

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Sung Eucharist (Candlemas) at Holy Innocents at 10.30am

Evensong at St Peter's at 3.30pm

### Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February:

Holy Communion at Montana at 11.15am

## Services for next week

### Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> February:

Sung Eucharist at St Peter's at 10.30am

### Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February:

Holy Communion at Holy Innocents at 10.30am

## 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 those onboard the aircraft that crashed over Washington DC and their families and friends.
- We pray for all those who have departed this world, remembering,
- The funeral of Julia Briggs will take place on 11<sup>th</sup> February at 11.30am at Holy Innocents.
- We pray for all whose hearts have been saddened by the death of someone close to them, especially thinking of the family and friends of Julia
- At the end of our days on earth be with us and with those we love, and may those who have gone before us rest in your eternal peace.
- We pray for all those known only to us.
- 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.

# WAR IN UKRAINE

JOIN US AT OUR  
MEMORIAL EVENTS IN BURY ST EDMUNDS



*Saturday 22nd February*

**11am** Procession starting at Corn Exchange

**12noon** Unveiling of memorial in Abbey Gardens

*Monday 24th February*

**6pm** Candlelight vigil for our lost heroes on Angel Hill

1 minute silence

Prayer for Ukraine

**SUPPORT UKRAINE**  
**1097 DAYS OF RESISTANCE**



## Thingoe Deanery Evensong

The Rural Dean, Revd Andy Miller, and Deanery Lay Chair, Dr Sarah Cooledge, are planning a service of Evensong in one of our churches later in the year, possibly late spring/early summer. This will be for all Churches in our Deanery and will be accompanied by a voluntary choir from among our different congregations and friends.

Please let me know if you can offer your voice as Soprano, Alto, Tenor or Base. Music reading skills are not essential. Kevin Slingsby, organist at Horringer church, will be our conductor. Please email me with your name and add S, A, T or B – or telephone me.

We will circulate the venue and date as soon as possible. This is a provisional request to ascertain how many people would be interested.

Michael Wilde

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**THE MEETING POINT  
COMMUNITY CAFÉ**

At The Church Institute,  
The Street,  
Great Barton

OPENING TIME  
**Every Wednesday 10.00am - 3.00pm**

All Welcome!  
A Great place to meet up with friends for lunch or to  
relax and enjoy a Tea or Coffee with a slice of Cake.

Come and join us for  
**FREE Tea and Coffee.**  
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We also serve  
Homemade Cakes,  
freshly prepared lunches  
to order.

**Baked.**

## "Sizewell Men's Weekend 9th-11th May

Sizewell Hall stands right on the sea front and is an ideal place for being with friends. This is a special weekend catering for men designed to encourage one another in the Christian faith. There will be ample time for relaxation which includes many sports and indoor games. There are some organized activities and some free time. Bookings will be accepted on a 'first come, first served' basis for single rooms.

This weekend is open to ALL MEN over the age of 18 from any background or any Christian denomination.

Please ask Fr Ben or email [admichurch64@gmail.com](mailto:admichurch64@gmail.com) if you would like a booking form."

### **Attendance is not restricted**

To attend this weekend you do not have to attend church regularly, even attend church at all, or be attached to any church denomination.

Attendance at all sessions is optional.

All bed linen is provided.

Please bring your own towels.

There will be a Rota to help with serving and helping with the

washing up and dish washer. If you are a musician, please let us know and we can involve you in the worship if you would like.

## **Sizewell Weekend Friday 9th May – Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2025.**



**Leaders: Phil Sparkes, Victor Jack  
Tony Hood and Mark Wallace**

Speaker: Steve Fenning

### General

Sizewell Hall stands right on the sea front and is an ideal place for being with friends. This is a special weekend catering for men designed to encourage one another in the Christian faith. There will be ample time for relaxation which includes snooker, table tennis, darts, walking, tennis, squash, and other indoor games. There are some organized activities and some free time.

Please let us know, via the booking form, if you are willing to share a room with friends, there are however only a few single rooms available. **Bookings will be accepted on a 'first come, first served' basis for single rooms.**

This weekend is open to **ALL MEN** over the age of 18 from any background.

### Arrival and Departure

Please plan to arrive between 5.00 and 7.00pm on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2024.

**The Evening meal will be at 7.30pm.**

Departure will be between 3.00 - 4.00pm on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2025.

### Cost.

The cost will be **£102.00 per person** of which **£32.00** must be sent as a **Non-Refundable/Transferable Deposit** when booking.

The remaining amount (£70.00) is to be paid by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025. If you wish to pay in full, £70 will be refundable if you need to cancel. **(Cheques made payable to C.V.M.)**

### Final Instructions

You will receive your final instructions with a kit list and a programme at the end of March 2025. This will be by email if you supply your email on your application form.



It was only a few months after Bobby Moore held the World Cup aloft at Wembley that Steve Fenning was introduced to the world! Being born a farmer's son, everything pointed to him joining the generations of Fennings before him in working the land... but life took a different turn at 19 years of age when he quit agricultural college (after one whole term!) and joined The Saltmine Trust for three years, gaining experience in schools work and evangelism around the UK. At 21, he returned to Suffolk to work part-time with his Church at Brockford and part time as an evangelist. Steve (and his first wife, Sara) initiated the start of a new Church in Mendlesham in 1992 and 31 years on, he is still leading this church which now meets in Debenham and is known as 'The Forge'.

Steve is the proud dad of three children - Sam, Alice and Rachel and following Sara's death in 1999, he has been happily married to Sarah for 22 years. He's also a very youthful grandad to 2 granddaughters!

He is a sports fan and an optimist, supporting Ipswich Town and passionately following English Cricket! He dreams of one day having a golf handicap below 18 (sadly it's just a dream)

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### Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> February:

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

All Age Communion (CW) at Holy Innocents at 10.30am

### Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> February:

Holy Communion (CW) at St Peter's at 10.30am

### Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> February:

All Age Family Communion at St Peter's at 10.30am

Evensong at Holy Innocents at 3.30pm

### Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February:

Holy Communion (CW) at Holy Innocents at 10.30am

*(CW Common Worship, BCP Book of Common Prayer)*

**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. Due to the damp weather the jigsaws have been moved to inside the church.**

**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](mailto:beneficepr@gmail.com)  
or tel: 07814 946841 by **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February****

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