

Benefice Events & Notices

Dates for your Diary –

The event on 3rd of February has contributions from Rev'd Manette and Rev'd Mark Hunt.

Monday 3rd February 7.00pm-8.00pm 'Standing Together: an interactive evening of exploration and reflection' in the Edmund Room at St Edmundsbury Cathedral. Free admission, donations welcome. **All welcome.**

Tuesday 4th February Coffee Morning at St Peter's

Your churchwardens are hosting a coffee morning in the Rock at 10.30am. Come along for a friendly chat and the challenge of a quiz if you so wish. There will be a raffle and items for sale as usual. All welcome. Irene & Pat

Sunday 9th February 6.00pm

Taize' Service at St Edmundsbury Cathedral. Some of our choir will be singing with the Cantus Firmus at this event. **All welcome**



Jam Jar Appeal at St Peter's - Please bring your jars of pennies to church before the end of January, when the coins will be blessed at **Songs of Praise on the 9th February**. Thank you all for your support and please carry on collecting. Jars are available at the back of church.



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.

Please email any notices to Pat Sadler patsadler@hotmail.com 01359 230865 by Thurs 30th Jan

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

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26th January 2020

Epiphany 3

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



The Collect

Almighty God, whose Son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of your saving presence:
renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power;
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**

Post Communion Prayer

Almighty Father, whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world:
may your people, illumined by your word and sacraments, shine with the radiance of his glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth;
for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen**

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Manette's day off is usually Monday.

Today's Services 26th January

Holy Innocents Gt Barton

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

Readings: 1 Cor 1: 10-18

Mt 4: 12-23

10.30am Holy Communion

Readings: Isa 9: 1-4

1 Cor 1: 10-18

Mt 4: 12-23

St Peter's Thurston

10.30am Holy Communion

Readings: 1 Cor 1: 10-18

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6.30pm Benefice Special Sacred Space for Candlemas at St Peter's

Join us to reflect, rejuvenate and unwind to music drawn from the communities of Iona and Taize' as well as traditional Anglican Church music. **A reflective service perfect for a Sunday evening. All welcome.**

Next Sunday's Services 2nd February

8.00am Holy Communion

Readings: Mal 3: 1-5

Lk 2: 22-40

10.30am Benefice Communion at Holy Innocents

Readings: Mal 3: 1-5

Heb 2: 14-18

Lk 2: 22-40

Please note that we will not meet for Praise+Prayer@7, at St Peter's in February as many who usually attend this gathering will be going to the Taize' Service at the Cathedral.

The Week Ahead

Monday 27th January 10.30am

Holocaust Memorial Day Service. Peace Garden of the Abbey Gardens. The theme is 'Standing Together' and as well as remembering the Holocaust and Genocide this year, we mark also the 25th anniversary of the genocide in Bosnia. **Contributions from Rev'd Manette and Rev'd Mark Hunt. All**

Wednesday 29th January 10.00am

Healing Service at Holy Innocents

(A reflective service with prayers for Healing & Wholeness, laying on of hands and anointing will be offered.)

Praying for our Benefice



We pray for:

- All those who have asked for our prayers and their families: Giles, Andrea, Jack, and Hilda Murray
- We pray for those who have died recently, David Penistone, Dorothy Howard, Albert Prouse and Pauline Holder.
- We pray for all who mourn the loss on a loved one, especially for the bereaved families of Dorothy Howard, David Penistone, Albert Prouse and 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.
- We especially pray for the staff of the NHS. For the decision makers as they seek to structure a health service to support the needy, which does not have the resources to be all things, to all people, all the time.
- We pray for the people of China's Hubei province as the authorities and medical teams try to control the spread of a new virus that has left 18 people dead in the country.
- We pray for the victims and their families after an air tanker crashed in a fireball while fighting bushfires in Australia, killing all on board.

Thank you from Anne and Stephen Penistone and Family

"Following the Service for David last Wednesday, the Penistone Family would like to thank Revd Manette, the Organist Jeremy Harding, the Choir, Irene and Pat, Peter and the wider Church family for such a memorable Service in remembrance of David's life".

The Parish Giving Scheme greatly benefits our churches. Please consider joining.



PARISH GIVING SCHEME

'The Church of England offers a Christian presence in every community, seeking to be at the heart of all our cities, towns and villages. Our own Benefice is no exception. Many of you will have heard of the

nationwide **Parish Giving Scheme (PGS)**, which is a 21st century solution to offset one of the greatest threats to parish income which is static giving. By becoming the principal funding method for our Church we will have 'inflation proofed' our giving, maximised our cash-flow and minimised administration. If you would like to know more please contact one of the Churchwardens or our Treasurer.'

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