

Benefice Events & Notices

You can now donate to Holy Innocents Church Great Barton through Online Giving



Please scan the QR code with your smart phone to donate.
Thank you.

Please note that the items below are still on sale in the church porch at St Peter's if you are passing on your daily walk.



There are now different jigsaws and games on sale in the church porch for a suggested £2 donation. Please place your money in the honesty box. Donations have now topped £250! We can always do with more jigsaws and of course you can return the ones you have completed for someone else to take and donate. **Please no bric a brac**
Joy

You can now donate to St Peter's Church Thurston through Online Giving.



If you are able to help please scan the QR code attached with your smart phone or follow the link to our Online Giving page at <https://givealittle.co/campaign/fa6c9755-9050-46b0-acdf-423eb7cdf38>

Can you help!! – Treasurer required as soon as possible.

The Parochial Church Council of St Peter's Church is looking for a Treasurer as Catriona is stepping down after filling this role for the past 4 years. We are very grateful to her and she has offered to initially help anyone who might take on this role. If you are interested or would like more information please contact Pat Sadler at patsadler@hotmail.com or ring 07552 234443.

We will continue to send out the pew sheet electronically and only a few copies will be left in the church porches for visitors. Please let us know if you are aware of someone who needs a paper copy of the pew sheet.

Please email any notices to Pat Sadler patsadler@hotmail.com by Thurs 7th Jan 01359 230865

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

www.greatbartonandthurston.org.uk

3rd January 2021

The Epiphany & Patronal Festival



Readings

Jer 31: 7-14 Eph 1: 3-14 Jn 1: 10-18

Collect for Epiphany

O God, who by the leading of a star manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: mercifully grant that we, who know you now by faith, may at last behold your glory face to face;
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**

Collect for The Holy Innocents

God, whom the Holy Innocents confessed and proclaimed on this day, not by speaking but by dying, grant, we pray, that the faith in your which we confess O with our lips may also speak through our manner of life. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
Amen

**Your Churchwardens, here for you.
Holy Innocents Gt.Barton**

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This week

Service of Holy Communion at Holy Innocents at 10.30am.

A reminder

Face coverings are required by law to be worn in places of worship and social distancing of 2 metres needs to be observed.

Please note that after receiving the Bread please take it back to your seat to consume. Thank you.

The service will be posted online on You Tube, the churches' Facebook pages and the Benefice website.

Log in details for YouTube will be emailed to everyone who has asked to be on the list, please let one of the Churchwardens know if you would like to be added to this list.

Please note

**Both our churches will be closed for
'Private Prayer'
until further notice**

Praying for our Benefice

We pray for:

- All those who have asked for our prayers and their families: Giles, Andrea, Jack, Hilda Murray, Jane's brother Jon, Noreen and Martin, Morris, Alexander, Charlie, Brian Meen, Pat and Mary Gould, Andrew Garnham, Ian Baxter, Hayley, George and family, Daloni, Peter Seaden, Janet Pitcher, John Goddard, and Molly Lumley.
- We pray for those who have died recently. remembering Cherry Wootton, James Attwell and Bishop John Waine.
- 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 affected by the recent flooding caused by Storm Bella.
- We pray for the victims and all affected by the earthquake which rocked central Croatia this week.
- We continue to pray to everyone affected by the coronavirus virus.



Storehouse

Please continue to support this worthy cause.

Collection points for goods to be left remain at No 31, School Rd, Thurston, Jill Rood (theroods@waitrose.com) and at 2, Diomed drive, Great Barton. Tim Frost.

Next week

Service of Holy Communion, 'Plough Sunday', at St Peter's Thurston 10.30am
(Also The Baptism of Christ)

In order to ensure social distancing you will need to book a place so **please contact Pat Sadler on Tel. 07552 234443 or email patsadler@hotmail.com by 12 noon on Friday** to reserve a place.

If you have booked and are unable to attend please let us know if possible, as your seat can be reallocated. Thank you.

Government legislation now has Suffolk in Tier 4, so this is a reminder for us all that the Covid-19 virus is spreading more rapidly. We have a duty to act responsibly and protect those around us. Should further changes affecting church services and meetings be announced, we will update you as soon as possible.

We will continue to post updates on our website: <https://www.greatbartonandthurston.org.uk>

Also, on our 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/>

A message from Bishop Martin

It is with great sadness that we announce the death of Bishop John Waine KCVO GCStJ, former Bishop of this diocese from 1978 to 1986 and subsequently Bishop of Chelmsford until his retirement in 1996.

His funeral will be at St Edmundsbury Cathedral, under Covid restrictions, at a date to be announced. Our prayers are with Pat and the family at this time. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

+Martin

A Reminder

Used postage stamps for the RNIB are still needed according to a recent letter in the East Anglian Daily Times. There are boxes in both church porches. Peter Jones

Donate a toy at Christmas

Thanks to the generosity of members of both St Peter's and Holy Innocents' we have been able to donate some fifty presents to the local Social Services. These have been distributed to young people of all ages who would otherwise receive few or no Christmas gifts. On behalf of the children we are asked by Social Services to thank all who have taken part and this we are very happy to do.

New Year – New Adventure

The Great Barton magazine 'The Messenger' has gone online.

To Access this go to <http://themessengergtbarton.suffolk.cloud>