

Benefice Events & Notices

Dates for your Diary –

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 and can also be purchased on the door. Proceeds in aid of the Cystic Fibrosis Trust and Pancreatic Cancer Research Fund. All welcome.

Tuesday 31st March from 12-2pm Holy Innocents and St Peters will be holding a Lent Lunch in the Church Institute, Great Barton. Lunch will be soup and a roll with hot drinks available. Donations for the Bury Drop In centre.

There will be a **Confirmation Service at the Cathedral on Sunday, 3rd May 2020 at 3.30pm**. If you are interested in being confirmed, please get in touch with Rev'd Manette as soon as possible to arrange an initial conversation.

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

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

Please email any notices to Pat Sadler patsadler@hotmail.com by Thurs 5th Mar 01359 230865

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

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1st March 2020

First Sunday in Lent

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



The Collect

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin:
give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit;
and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save;
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

Lord God,
you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven;
by it you nourish our faith,
increase our hope, and strengthen our love:
teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread, and enable us to live by every word that proceeds from out of your mouth;
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 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

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 8th March

Holy Innocents

St Peter's

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

Readings: Rom 4: 1-5,13-17.

Jn 3: 1-17

10.30am Parish Communion

Gen 12: 1-4

Rom 4: 1-5,13-17

Jn 3: 1-17

10.30am Service of the Word for Lent

Rom 4: 1-5,13-17

Jn 3: 1-17

7.00pm Praise+Prayer @7 in The Rock

The Week Ahead

Tuesday 3rd March 10.30am

Coffee Morning for St Peter's hosted by Joy in the Rock

Wednesday 4th March 10.00am

Midweek Holy Communion (CW), also Mothers' Union Service. **at Holy Innocents.**

All welcome

We would like to be able to offer transport to anyone from both our Parishes who want to come to church, but are unable to get there. If there is anyone willing to act as a contact, to facilitate this would they please contact the Churchwardens.

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, Jane's brother Jon and Carol Crossley.
- We pray for those who have died recently.
- We pray for all who mourn the loss on 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 continue to pray for all those affected by the coronavirus as the outbreak has now spread to several countries and is close to a pandemic.
- We pray for all those affected by the floods in England and Wales as water levels continue to rise and more properties are flooded.
- We pray for Connie Hare, who was baptised at St Peter's on Sunday, 23rd February.
- As we begin our journey through Lent, for many a time of fasting, self-denial, Christian growth and penitence, we pray that we will grow ever closer to God.
- We pray for the message of **Fairtrade Fortnight** to be heard loud and clear and for farmers to continue to get a fair price for the goods they supply.

Crescendo Choir - "Pilate error!" – whatever happened at Easter

Saturday 11 April 7.30pm St Mary's Church Rougham

The Parish Churches of Rougham, Beyton with Hessett and Rushbrooke are delighted to present this free concert.



This year it has been decided to look at the diocesan Basics Course for our Benefice lent study. This will be done over 4 weeks between 2pm & 3.30pm in the Church Institute in Great Barton. There are sign up sheets at the back of both churches. Confirmation of the dates will be in next weeks pew sheet next week and on the website.

Churchwardens

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