

Benefice Events & Notices

Dates for your Diary –

Lent Lunch

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.

Wednesday April 1st at 7.30pm Lent Devotion "What is Love?" by the Mead Singers at St. Peter's Church. This includes hymns, anthems, meditations and prayers. It will be followed with hot drinks and refreshments in The Rock. The retiring collection will be for Tear Fund working in the Yemen. Do come and join us for this annual event.

Sunday April 5th at 6.30pm The next Sacred Space will be on Palm Sunday at St Peter's. This is an informal contemporary service of music, readings, poetry and prayers. All welcome.

Saturday 11th April at 7.30pm Crescendo Choir - "Pilate error!" – whatever happened at Easter at St Mary's Church Rougham. The Parish Churches of Rougham, Beyton with Hessett and Rushbrooke are delighted to present this free concert.

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.

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

Children's Society Boxes The amount raised from the Children's Society Boxes this year amounted to £316.96 which has been sent to the charity from St Peter's Church. A sincere thank you to all box-holders for your continued support.

If anyone else would like a box in order to support the work of the Children's Society, please contact Sue Adams 01359 408151 or sue.adams@talktalk.net. I would be very happy to deliver a box to you and collect it at counting time in January.

Please email any notices to Pat Sadler patsadler@hotmail.com by Thurs 12th Mar 01359 230865

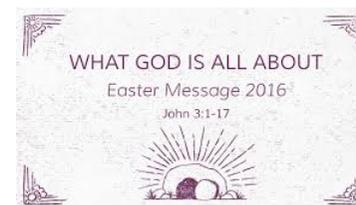
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8th March 2020

Second Sunday in Lent

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



The Collect

Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness:
grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things agreeable to the same;
through our Lord Jesus Christ, 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 God, you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves:
keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls;
that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul;
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 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

Next Sunday's Services 15th March

Holy Innocents

St Peter's

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

Eph 5: 1-14

Jn 4: 5-42

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

Old Testament Heroes

Gideon

6.30pm Choral Evensong

Readings: Jos 1: 1-9

Eph 6: 10-20

Psalm 40

With the Coronavirus spreading and on the recommendation of The Church of England to follow sensible hygiene practice, from this Sunday we will not be shaking hands to share the peace. Also for the service of Holy Communion we will just take bread, the Vicar only will take wine. Please understand that this has been done with the best interest of everyone in mind.

The Week Ahead

Wednesday 11th March 10.00am

Midweek Holy Communion (BCP) at St Peter's



Mothering Sunday at St Peter's. Each year we give out small posies of flowers at this service. Are you able to provide a few posies? If so please speak to your churchwardens Irene & Pat

Thank you.

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, Carol Crossley, Noreen and Martin.
- 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 it spreads worldwide. We especially pray for the people of Italy where around 100 have already died from the outbreak.
- We pray for all those affected by the floods in England and Wales as it is reported that they 'feel forgotten' and many fear they will lose their homes.
- We pray for all the victims of the landslides in Brazil following the torrential rain there.

The Revd Canon Mark Haworth is retiring as Team Rector of The Benefice of Lark Valley and North Bury, and also from his role as **Rural Dean of Thingoe**. Mark will be taking up a new post as: Associate Team Vicar (House for Duty), The Dorchester Team Ministry in the Diocese of Oxford. A farewell service for Mark takes place this Sunday, 8th March at St John's Church Bury St Edmunds at 5.00pm, to which everyone is welcome. **Mark sends his special regards to all at Holy Innocents and St Peter's.**



This year it has been decided to look at the diocesan 'Living in Faith in Suffolk - Basics Course' for our lent study. The course will be in the Church Institute,

Great Barton from 2pm to 3.30pm on the following days: -

Thursday 12th March – Being disciples

Friday 20th March – Being Called

Wednesday 25th March – Working Together

Friday 3rd April – Sustaining Ministry

Only note books and a bible are required, all other material will be supplied. Please sign up for this course on the sheets at the back of both churches.

Thank you to all who supported the coffee morning for St Peter's Church last Tuesday. The grand sum of £145 was made for church funds. Joy.

Churchwardens

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