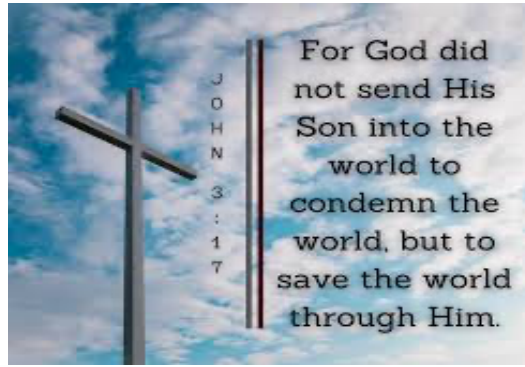


The Benefice of  
Holy Innocents, Great Barton & St Peter's, Thurston

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**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May**  
**Trinity Sunday**

**Holy Communion (BCP) at Holy Innocents at 8.30am. Isaiah:6. 1-8. John 3: 1-17**  
**All Age Worship at St Peter's at 10.30am. Isaiah:6. 1-8. John 3: 1-17**

**Readings from NRSV Bible version please for 8.30am**

**Readings from Message MSG version for 10.30am. (These will be printed)**

**COLLECT**

**Holy God,  
faithful and unchanging:  
enlarge our minds with the knowledge of your truth,  
and draw us more deeply into the mystery of your love,  
that we may truly worship you,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.**

**Amen**

**Rev'd Ben Edwards**

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**Ben's time off is Friday pm and Saturdays.**

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## Services for this week

### Sunday 26th May (Trinity Sunday)

Holy Communion (BCP) at Holy Innocents at 8.30am

All Age Worship at St Peter's at 10.30am

### Wednesday 29th May:

Holy Communion at Holy Innocents at 10.30am

## Services for next week

### Sunday 2nd June:

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

Sung Eucharist at Holy Innocents at 10.30am

### Wednesday 5th June:

Holy Communion (CW) at Montana at 11.15am

## Praying for our Benefice

### We pray for;-



- All those who have asked for our prayers and their families: Jane's brother Jon, Alexander, Mary Gould, Ian Baxter, Hayley, Cathy McQueen, Maureen and Peter, David & Pat Sheppard, Roger and Pat Boyes, Noreen Reeve, Deidre and Derek Caley, Kathleen Sewter, Mary's brother John, and Jill Cooper.
- We pray for those suffering from famine, hardship or floods
- We continue to pray for the people of Palestine and Israel.
- We pray for the peacemakers, that their efforts are rewarded with peace.
- We pray for those who have died recently, remembering Geoff Messenger.
- We pray for all who mourn the loss of a loved one, especially the family and friends of Geoff Messenger.
- We also remember all those whose anniversaries fall at this time. May they all rest in peace and rise in glory.
- We pray for everyone battling ill health.
- We pray for those who can only see darkness, may they see light.
- We pray for the people of Great Barton and Thurston.



# St Peter's Church Thurston

**Call in for Coffee and a Chat  
In The Rock**

**On Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June 10.00am-  
12noon.**

**We invite you to bring plants, puzzles &  
pleasant company.**

**All proceeds to St Peter's Church.  
(There will be a draw so draw prizes  
welcome.)**

**Spread the word as everyone is  
welcome.**

*Lest we forget*



**As part of the commemoration of 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of D- Day on  
6<sup>th</sup> June 2024.**

**The church of Holy Innocents will deploy “Tommy”.  
For 4 days from Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> until Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June. To enable those  
who wish to do so, to pay their respect to those who never returned  
home.**

### **Visit to Holy Innocents**

**St. Mary's Fellowship from Bocking, Essex near Braintree, is visiting  
our church on June 20<sup>th</sup>. Their party of 50 plan to be at the church  
about 10:45. I did a talk for this group last year, and invited them to  
come to see the church, hear a bit of its history (just the fun  
stories), and have coffee before they go on to Bury St. Edmunds for  
lunch and shopping.**

**Please come to meet them, and enjoy a cup of coffee or tea and a  
chat. The biscuits will be homemade! It would be nice to have a good  
number to make them feel welcome.**

**Linda**



**A huge thank you to all of you who turned up to help with the tidying up of the churchyard. In just two hours so much was achieved. The result looks amazing. Thank you all, we really do appreciate it.  
Pat & Margery**

### **Church Fundraising**

**The Kirby Voices will make a welcome return to Holy Innocents on Saturday, 22 June, at 7:30.**

**There will be a Retiring Collection to be shared between Church Funds and the Choir. We will also have a Grand Draw for a Summertime Hamper or Six Bottles of Wine, with wine and nibbles served at the interval.**

**Donations for the Hamper will be very welcome, and can be left in the box at the back of the church after services, or contact Tim Frost (01284) 787442 or Linda Scoles (01359)230392.**

**Tickets for either the Hamper or the Wine, at £1 each, will also be available after services, at Meeting Point, and on the evening.**

**Additional funds are needed to keep our church open and running as usual. Please support this event in every way you can: it's a great way to build our funds, and have an evening of good music, and good company, as well.**

**Dear All**

**At the Benefice of Holy Innocents and St Peter's we are looking for people who would like to be involved in our services. No experience is required, as training will be provided, just a willingness to be involved in the worshipping life of the Church. The opportunities that are available are:**

**Welcomers:**

**This would include welcoming the congregation to our services and handing out hymn books and Orders of Service.**

**Readers:**

**This involves reading the lessons during the service.**

**Serving Communion:**

**Assisting with Communion would involve assisting the Priest in preparation of the table/elements and serving the consecrated blood of Christ in the wine.**

**Crucifer (Holy Innocents):**

**The Crucifer is a person who is appointed to carry the Church's processional cross, or crucifix, during processions at the beginning and end of the service.**

**Candlebearers (Holy Innocents):**

**This role is left open for young people who would like to be on placement with us for their Duke of Edinburgh awards or other community engagement, with the hope that this will become a regular server role.**

**If you have felt a desire to become more involved in the worshipping life of our churches, do please speak to Fr Ben for an initial chat about the role which interests you.**

**Every blessing,  
Rev'd Fr Ben**



*Please, join the action #standwithUkraine*

*Saturday 1st June 2024*

*Angel Hill 11:00-12:00*

*International Children's Day*



**When the whole world protects children, russia keep killing and kidnaping them from Ukraine**

**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**

**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**

**Thank you. Churchwardens.**

**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>

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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 30<sup>th</sup> May 2024****

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