

Benefice Events & Notices



Great Barton Parish Church
'The Christmas Story in Carols'
The Christmas Tree Festival
Saturday 14th & Sunday 15th
December 12noon-6pm
 Mulled wine & mince pies.
 Admission by donation.



Thurston Christmas Tree Festival
 (St Peter's Church & The Library)
Space Themed 

Saturday 14th & Sunday 15th
December 10am-4pm both days
Children's Activities at both venues
Seasonal refreshments in Church
 A Christmas Concert on **Sunday**, for all the family, with **VOCA**
4.30pm in the Church

Offers of help please for stewards at St Peter's for the Christmas Tree Festival weekend. A list will be on the font for those willing to sign up to help. Thank you



The dare to do campaign is now drawing to a close but a few people have yet to complete their pledges. We are waiting to hear how much we raised once all the sponsorship money has been collected, please help those you sponsored by bringing your contributions to Church. They can be handed in to a churchwarden. Gerhard will hope to play 'The Swan' on the cello accompanied by Kathleen on the 2nd Sunday of Advent, 8th December at the end of the service at HI. Donations also received for St Peter's are, £85 from M.U. for a prayer session and £40 from Joy for private playing and singing or saying psalms.



We have been invited to sing carols at Montana on Fri 20th Dec, meeting at 7.00pm for refreshments, then beginning in the Chapel at 7.30pm. If you would like to contribute a poem, Christmas story or sketch, sing/play something, please get in touch with Manette or Kathleen. **All welcome.**



Communal Christmas Card at both H.I. & St Peter's.

This year as part of our ECO Church scheme you will be given the opportunity to send just a **single** Christmas card to all of your friends in church. The cards will be displayed on a board at the back of both churches for all to view. If you would like to know more please speak to your churchwardens.

Please email any notices to Pat Sadler patsadler@hotmail.com 01359 230865 by Thurs, 28th Nov

The Benefice of Holy Innocents, Great Barton & St Peter's, Thurston www.greatbartonandthurston.org.uk

24th November 2019
Christ the King

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



The Collect

God the Father,
 help us to hear the call of Christ the King and to follow in his service, whose kingdom has no end;
 for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, one glory.

Amen

Post Communion Prayer

Stir up, O Lord,
 the wills of your faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by you be plenteously rewarded;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Rev'd Manette Crossman 01284 787554

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Manette's day off is usually Monday.

Today's Services

Holy Innocents Gt Barton

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

Readings: Col 1: 11-20

Lk 23: 33-43

10.30am Benefice Communion for 'Christ the King' at St Peter's Thurston

Readings: Col 1: 11-20

Lk 23: 33-43

Next Sunday's Services

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

Readings: Rom 13: 8-14

Mt 24: 36-44

10.30am Benefice Communion Service for Advent Sunday at H.I. Very Rev'd Joe Hawes, Dean of Edmundsbury

4.00pm Music, Readings and Carols for Advent at H.I with oboe, violin/viola & organ followed by mulled wine

The Week Ahead

Tuesday 1.00pm – 5.30pm

*Test session for Atrial Fibrillation – simple test which could prove valuable to your health. No need to book just turn up at **Community Room, Gt Barton Village Hall.***

Wednesday 10.00am

Midweek Holy Communion (CW) at St Peter's

Friday 2.30pm

Interment of ashes of Jack Halls at St Peter's

Saturday 11.00am -1.30pm

St Peter's Christmas Bazaar at Cavendish Hall Thurston. All welcome

Saturday 1.30pm

Wedding of Nick Markham & Abigail Ranson at H.I.

Saturday 5.00pm for 5.30pm

Final Bangers and Bingo at The Church Institute Gt. Barton All welcome

St Peter's Thurston

Our website is www.montanacarehome.com.

Praying for our Benefice



We pray for:

- All those who have asked for our prayers and their families: Giles, Andrea, Jack, Hilda Murray, Dorothy Howard and Diane Martyn.
- We pray for all those getting married; especially Nick & Abigail to be married at H.I. on Saturday 30th November.
- We pray for those who have died recently, among them Daphne Kerry, Ivan Sturman, Alan Broadhurst and Pauline Dalton.
- We remember all those whose anniversaries fall at this time and we pray for all who mourn the loss of a loved one. May they all rest in peace and rise in glory.
- We pray for all the people in the parishes of Gt Barton and Thurston.
- **This week we pray that** all those affected by HIV and AIDS feel supported and loved throughout the year and particularly on World AIDS Day on 1st Dec.
- We pray for the homeless especially as the weather gets colder.
- We continue to pray for **the people and the wildlife** of Australia as wildfires rage over vast areas endangering lives.

Advent Groups

Evening Advent Study Group in Great Barton – all welcome.

Dates - Tues 26th Nov (venue Morris & Kathleen's, [36 The Coppice, IP31 2TT](#)) 7.30pm
Mon 2nd Dec, Tue 10th Dec, Mon 16th Dec all at 7.30pm venues *tba*.

Wednesday Afternoon Advent Study Group – beginning on the 27th Nov in the Rock 2.30pm – 4.00pm. (Future venues *tba*)

(Lists to sign up to the sessions will be at the back of both churches. The books will be available from Kathy Drakes.)

St Peter's Church Cleaning Rota

I am about to do the church cleaning rota from January onwards. I am hoping that all of us on the list feel able to continue, but if it is getting too much please let me know. The chancel list is adequate, but the list for the main body of the church needs more volunteers so that we can put two on together for those who feel it is too much for one person. Please let me know if you are willing to help. Joy (231301)

Churchwardens

Holy Innocents Gt.Barton

Tim Frost 01284 787442 & Angela Pearce 01359 230395

St Peter's Thurston

Irene Churchus 01359 230652 & Pat Sadler 01359 230865

Montana Care Home for the Elderly –we are looking for a **night carer** and would be very pleased to hear from anyone interested. (We were awarded an Outstanding grading for our care in our last CQC Inspection.) Please contact Sr. Thaya Moses, at 01284 787321.