

Benefice Events & Notices

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.



A selection of jigsaws, games and preserves will be on sale in the church porch at St Peter's. Please place your donation in the honesty box.

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>

Rev'd Manette Crossman has been appointed Rector of Higham, Holton St Mary, Raydon and Stratford St Mary, and her licencing service will be held on 14th December. We currently don't know what format the service will be but due to Covid restrictions numbers will be limited. Please let Manette know if you would like to attend. Please pray for Manette and Gerhard as they prepare for their move.

Storehouse

With a second Lockdown in place it is important that we continue to support this worthy cause. Please give generously.

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) **Thank you for your support.**

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 07552234443.

Please email any notices to Pat Sadler patsadler@hotmail.com by Thurs 19th Nov 01359 230865

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

www.greatbartonandthurston.org.uk

15th November 2020

2 Before Advent

The Parable
of the
Talents



Readings

1 Thess 5: 1-11 Mt 25: 14-30

Collect

Heavenly Lord,
you long for the world's salvation:
stir us from apathy,
restrain us from excess
and revive in us new hope
that all creation will one day be healed
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Rev'd Manette Crossman 07947 737789

revmcrossman@gmail.com

Manette's day off is usually Monday.

Find us on Facebook

Latest from The Church of England

During this period of lockdown, collective or congregational prayer and regular scheduled services are not permitted. We acknowledge and share the sadness many are feeling at not being able to meet together as we used to do. We prayerfully and confidently look forward to the day when we can all meet together again.

The main point of contact for information from the Church of England is on their dedicated website page www.churchofengland.org

Private prayer, (which is defined as a person or household entering the venue to pray on their own and not as part of a group, led prayer or communal act) is however allowed.

‘Private Prayer’ in both Churches.

Holy Innocents and St Peter’s **will be open for Private Prayer** at the following times:-

Saturday 2.00pm – 4.00pm

Sunday 12noon – 4.00pm.

Due to the current government Covid restrictions there will be no services in the Benefice this week, but there will be an online service which will be posted online on YouTube and on the Facebook pages of both churches. 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.

This week’s service will be a service of Spiritual Communion from Holy Innocents Church in Gt. Barton.

Next week’s service which will also be Rev’d Manette’s last service in the benefice will come from St. Peter’s Church, Thurston.

Services have resumed being livestreamed from the Cathedral as follows:-

Sunday Services 15th November:

St Edmunds Patronal Festival 11.00am

Service for the Collation of Honorary Canons 3.30pm

Saturday Morning prayer led by the Cathedral Clergy 8.45am

Monday to Friday Morning Prayer from the Bishop’s Oratory Chapel 8.30am [Diocesan](#)

[Facebook page](#)

Monday to Friday Evening Prayer/Evensong led by Cathedral Clergy 5.30pm

All services livestreamed can be found at www.facebook.com/stedscathedral

Diocesan website <https://www.cofesuffolk.org/bishops/broadcasting-live-services>

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/>

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 know of someone who needs a paper copy of the pew sheet.

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, Norman Blades, Janet Pitcher and John Goddard.
- We pray for all couples who are to be married and whose plans may be under threat due to the changes in the government legislation concerning COVID-19.
- We pray for those who have died recently: remembering Gunther (Gerhard’s father), Grace Eastwood, and David Redfern.
- 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.
- Please pray for James Atwell, for Lorna, Luke, Charlotte and all their family as they come to terms with James’ illness.
- We pray for all the people in the parishes of Great Barton and Thurston.
- We pray for our World as Covid-19 continues to claim victims.
- We pray for all those involved in producing a vaccine which can prevent nine out of 10 people getting Covid-19 and which is set to be put forward for emergency approval.
- We pray for all people who are still unable to make contact with their loved ones during this pandemic.



The Home, But Not Alone phonenumber, which supports vulnerable people in our communities who may be struggling with the impact of Coronavirus, is now live again. The telephone number is freephone 0800 876 6926 and will be staffed from 9.00am to 5.00pm Monday to Friday.

Next week’s Sunday service on 22nd November will be Rev’d Manette’s last service in the Benefice. As we can’t hold services in our churches at this time, this will be an online service.

In order to make this a special farewell service, could you email me any messages, reflections on the past 5 years or prayers which you would normally have contributed in person and we will try and include them in next week’s service. Please email Manette on revmcrossman@gmail.com or Ali Wakelin on aliwakelin@aliwakelin.co.uk .

Please note Rev’d Manette’s phone line is out of order so ring her on 07947 737789

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