

Benefice Events & Notices

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Thank you.

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.



There are now different jigsaws and games on sale in the church porch for a suggested £2 donation. Please place your money 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>

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 3rd Dec
01359 230865

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The Benefice of
Holy Innocents, Great Barton & St Peter's, Thurston
www.greatbartonandthurston.org.uk
29th November 2020
The First Sunday of Advent



Readings

1 Cor 1: 3-9 Mk 13: 24-37

Collect
Amen

Almighty God,
give us grace to cast away the works of darkness
and to put on the armour of light, now in the time
of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ
came to us in great humility;
that on the last day,
when he shall come again in his glorious majesty
to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life
immortal;
through him who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen

Rev'd Manette Crossman 07947 737789
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Manette's day off is usually Monday.

Latest from The Church of England

The Church of England has welcomed the publication of the Government's Covid-19 Winter Plan, detailing that places of worship will be permitted to reopen for public worship from Wednesday 2 December. Restrictions however remain in place and you will be reminded of these at the announcement of each service.

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

This week

Due to the current government Covid restrictions there will be no service in church this week, but an online service of 'Readings and Reflections for the First Sunday of Advent' will be posted online on YouTube, the churches' Facebook pages and the benefice website

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.

'Private Prayer' in both Churches

**Both Holy Innocents and St Peter's will be open for Private Prayer at the following times:- Saturday 1.00pm – 3.00pm
Sunday 1.00pm – 3.00pm.**

Advent Groups 2020

Unfortunately with future restrictions unknown it is not possible to arrange Advent Groups in their usual form. However it is perhaps more important than ever this year that we take time to reflect on our faith during the approach to Christmas. I am therefore offering to hold four Zoom Advent group meetings for those who are able and would like to join me. I am aware that not everyone is able to access these types of meeting so I will also provide a printed version of the material for you to be able to study and reflect in your own time. If you are interested in either joining a group, or in having the printed material, please contact me at kathy@drakesfamily.org or on 01284 787746. Blessings, Kathy Drakes.

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 those who have died recently.
- 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 country as further restrictions to try and curtail COVID-19 are put in place.
- We pray for the people of Yemen as the conflict there shows no signs of ceasing, despite the coronavirus crisis.



Next week

Service of Holy Communion at Holy Innocents at 10.30am.

In order to ensure social distancing you will need to book a place so **please contact Tim Frost on Tel. 07840 249448 or email timfrost@yahoo.co.uk by 12 noon on Friday to reserve a place.** If you have booked and are unable to attend please let us know if possible, as your seat can be reallocated. Thank you.

Government legislation is changing frequently and this is a reminder for us all that the Covid-19 virus is still very much around. We have a duty to act responsibly and protect those around us. Should further changes affecting church services and meetings be announced, we will update you as soon as possible.

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/>

"I am very touched by the many kind and heartfelt messages, letters, cards, gifts and emails which I have received and I would like to thank everyone for their kindness. Last week's service, to which many of you contributed, was a wonderful tribute to some of the things we have done over the past five years and I will leave with many happy memories. As we will be placed into Tier 2 of Covid restrictions next week, we are sadly not allowed to meet indoors. However, if some of you would like to come to the Vicarage for a brief and socially distanced farewell outdoors on Saturday, 5th December in the afternoon, please let me know and I will give you a time. I will be in touch with those of you who have already said that you would like to come.

Due to Covid restrictions, numbers at my licensing service are very limited and I very much regret that I am therefore unable to extend invitations to anyone, but we will be planning a service of celebration next summer to which you will be warmly invited. I will be in touch with details once we are able to plan this in more detail.

If we are unable to meet before I move then I wish you all every blessing for Advent and the Christmas season and a very Happy & Healthy 2021.

With all good wishes,

from Rev'd Manette, Gerhard & family Tel. 07947 737789 - revmcrossman@gmail.com

‘ Thank you to all of you who sent me photos for inclusion in Manettes online leaving service last week. It made the service very special to have so many lovely memories of Manette's time in the Benefice included. I have had lots of comments about how lovely it was so thank you all so much. Ali

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 are aware of someone who needs a paper copy of the pew sheet.

Churchwardens

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