

**The Benefice of
Holy Innocents, Great Barton & St Peter's, Thurston**
<https://www.greatbartonandthurston.org.uk>



Sunday 25th October
Last Sunday after Trinity
Bible Sunday
10.30am: Matthew 24: 30-35 .
Readings: MSG please.

COLLECT

**Merciful God,
teach us to be faithful in change and uncertainty,
that trusting in your word
and obeying your will
we may enter the unfailing joy of Jesus Christ our Lord.**

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 25th October:

Benefice All Age Communion (CW) at St Peter's at 10.30am

Wednesday 28th October:

Holy Communion (CW) at Holy Innocents at 10.30am

Services for next week

Sunday 1st November:

Benefice Holy Communion All Saints at Holy Innocents at 10.30am

Benefice 'All Souls' Service St Peter's at 3.30pm

Wednesday 4th November:

Holy Communion (CW) at Montana at Gt Barton at 11.15am

Praying for our Benefice

We pray for: -



Margaret Freeman, Molly, Doris, Alan & Joy Horton, Diana and Nessa, Veyron, Diamond Foster, Lance, Stephen, Hayley, Lyn Moss, , Lynette Delafortrie, Maureen, Cathy McQueen, Roger and Pat Boyes, Betty & Norman Blades, Alexander, David Edwards, Ian Baxter, Tom, Eileen Rogers.

- **We pray for safe passage and strength for humanitarian workers, doctors, and volunteers delivering food, water, and medical supplies.**
- **We pray for the recently departed, and those who mourn their loss.**
- **We pray for those who are lonely, bereaved, or unwell to seek comfort and wholeness.**
- **We pray for the peace and stability of the world. Guide the leaders of this and every nation, that justice and compassion may prevail.**
- **At the end of our days on earth be with us and with those we love, and may those who have gone before us rest in your eternal peace.**
- **We pray for the sick, the grieving, the homeless, and all who are suffering, that they may know your love and support.**
- **We pray for our families, friends, neighbours, and those we share our lives with, that we may honour one another.**
- **We pray for all the people in our parishes of Great Barton and Thurston. may they be aware of neighbours in need.**

Thank you

On behalf of St Peter's, Thurston we sincerely thank Sarah Robinson for organising the cream tea last Saturday. It was a lovely afternoon enjoyed by all, and the grand sum of £338 was raised for church funds. We also add our thanks to all who helped Sarah on the day.

Pat & Margery

All Souls' Memorial Service 2026

Our annual All Souls' Day Memorial Service is a special time to remember all our loved ones who have died and to reflect on the Christian hope of the resurrection to eternal life.

This year, the Benefice Service will be held at St Peter's Church, Thurston, on All Souls' Day, November 1st at 3:30 p.m.

The service will include prayers, hymns, and readings.

If you would like the names of your loved ones to be read out during the service, please write their names on the list provided.

The lists will be at the back of both St Peter's and Holy Innocents' churches, which are open daily from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

During the service, as each name is read, you will have the opportunity to come forward and light a candle in their memory.

You are welcome to bring any friends and family who wish to attend. Tea/coffee will be served at the back of the church immediately following the service.

May God bless and fill you with comfort and hope at this time of remembering.

With prayers and all good wishes,

**Fr Ben Edwards
Vicar of Great Barton and Thurston**

St Peter's Church Christmas Bazaar

Join us

Saturday 28th November

11am-1pm at Cavendish Hall IP31 3RU

Stalls

Gifts Bric a Brac Cakes Jigsaws
Fiction Books Preserves Wreaths
Wine or Water Game

Children's Tombola

Raffle

'2 Christmas Hampers to be won'

Do drop in and take a look

Coffee Tea Biscuits available

Contact Pat 07552 234443, Margery 07443 414622

All Welcome

St Peter's Christmas Bazaar

At Cavendish Hall on Saturday 28th November 11.00am 1.00pm

Can you help?

We are looking for donations of bric a brac, new unwanted gifts, jigsaws, items to fill our food hampers, cakes, fiction books only and draw prizes. A box will be at the back of church for items to be left in. Or, please contact;

Pat Sadler 07552 234443 or email patsadler@hotmail.com

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Thank you



Holy Innocents Christmas Tree Festival

11 December 2026 - 3 January 2027

This year's Festival is around the theme:

"My Favourite Christmas Carol"

The PCC invites families, individuals, schools, organizations and business to decorate a tree to this theme to help our community celebrate Christmas, and to provide a Quiet Place for villagers and visitors to enjoy during the Holidays.

Please contact Linda Scoles for more information:
(01359)230392 or lindascoles@uwclub.com





St Peter's Church Thurston

Christmas Tree Festival

The Christmas Tree Festival will take place on the weekend of **12th & 13th December**, so we hope this date is in your diary.

“Christmas Around the World”, is the theme this year, but you do not have to follow this. You can decorate your tree as you wish.

Your tree needs to be no more than 2metres high and any lights must be powered by batteries. Setting up of the trees will be on **Friday 11th December 11.00am to 6.00pm**, or by arrangement.

This invitation is open to businesses, schools, community groups, clubs, families, individuals; or you could join with your neighbours to provide a tree. Personal invitations to businesses and groups will be sent out, by email, at the beginning of November and we would ask that all replies are with us by mid-November.

In the meantime, we are keen to receive bookings for your tree space, so please do contact the churchwardens.

Let us mark the beginning of the festive period by filling the church with uniquely decorated trees and make this a meaningful community event.

So, get in touch now!!

Contact

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Benefice of Holy Innocents Great Barton & St Peter's Thurston.
Safeguarding Practices

"Our vision is to create a safe and nurturing environment for all, reflecting God's love and justice. We are committed to excellent safeguarding practices, ensuring our church is a place where everyone, especially the most vulnerable, feels protected and valued. This commitment is integral to our Christian mission and ministry, enabling us to live out the Gospel message of love, compassion, and wholeness."

To see our Safeguarding documents please follow the link to our website:
<https://www.greatbartonandthurston.org.uk/>

St Peter's

Jigsaws are again available, to be bought or swapped, from the porch, at a suggested donation of £2.

There is also a big selection inside the church for you to browse.

Thank you

Churchwardens Pat & Margery

Visit the following to get the latest information :-

Website: <https://www.greatbartonandthurston.org.uk>

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/>

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.

Please email any notices to Peter Robinson admichurch64@gmail.com
or tel: 07814 946841 by **Thursday 29th October.**

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