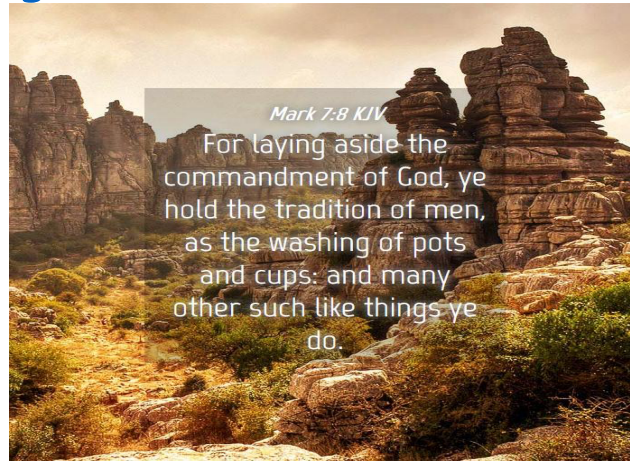


The Benefice of
Holy Innocents, Great Barton & St Peter's, Thurston

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Sunday 1st September

8.30am: Song of Solomon 2: 8-13. Mark 7: 1-8

10.30am: Song of Sol 2: 8-13. James 1: 17-end. Mark 7: 1-8

Readings from NRSV Bible please.

COLLECT

**Merciful God,
your Son came to save us
and bore our sins on the cross:
may we trust in your mercy
and know your love,
rejoicing in the righteousness
that is ours through 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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Pat Sadler 01359 230865 or 07552 234443

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Reader: Kathy Drakes. Email kathy@drakesfamily.org. 01284 787746

Services for this week

Sunday 1st September:

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

Sung Eucharist at Holy Innocents at 10.30am

Wednesday 4th September:

Holy Communion (CW) at Montana Chapel at 11.15am

Services for next week

Sunday 8th September:

Sung Eucharist at St Peter's at 10.30am

Choral Evensong, at Holy Innocents, at 6.30pm

Wednesday 11th September:

Holy Communion (CW) at Holy Innocents at 10.30am

Praying for our Benefice

We pray for;-



- 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, Jill Cooper, Rev'd Derek Hill and Charles Gorer.
- We pray for those killed and affected by the Dam bursts in Sudan.
- We pray for all involved in the Paris Paralympic Games.
- We pray for those who have died recently and those who mourn the loss of a loved one.
- We also remember all those whose anniversaries fall at this time. May they all rest in peace and rise in glory.
- In a world filled with violence and conflict, we pray for peace.
- We pray for all who are sick, physically, and mentally. May they be surrounded with God's love.
- We pray for our PCC members who work for both our churches.
- We pray for all the people in our parishes of Great Barton and Thurston. May they be aware of neighbours in need.
- We pray for ourselves that we may show loving kindness to everyone.
- We pray for the hungry and give thanks to those who donate to food banks.

Benefice Events & Notice



St Peter's Church Teddy Bear Zipline

Come and whizz your teddies and soft toys down our Zipline from the bell tower of St Peter's church from 2.00pm -4.00pm. on Sunday September 1st.

There is a suggested donation of 50p for teddy's ride.

Also, for £1, have a go on our 'Teddy Bear and Soft Toy Tombola'.

There are plenty of soft toys waiting to find a new home.

Drinks and cake will be served on the day, or if you prefer, bring your own picnic.

(Our grateful thanks to 1st Thurston Scout Group for running the zipline.)

(We are looking for offers of cakes for our Zipline event on the 1st September at St Peter's, If you can help, please let Pat or Margery know.

Very many thanks Pat)



Abbot Consort of Voices presents:

LIGHT

Music by Stanford, Duruflé & Others

Director of Music: Martyn Bagnall

Organist: Dan Soper

St Peter's Church Thurston.

Saturday 19th October 2024

7.30pm

Light refreshments available

Free admission

Retiring Collection in aid of St Peter's Church



Organ Recital

by

Matthew McVey and Joe Lewis

St Peter's Church Thurston

Friday 20th September 2024

7.00pm

**(The evening includes singing of Harvest
Hymns)**

Light refreshments available

**Retiring Collection in aid of St Peter's
Church**

BANGERS & BINGO



***A Bangers and Bingo evening is planned for
Saturday, 5 October, 6:00/6:30,
in The Institute, School Road, Great Barton.***

£10 to include supper and Bingo cards.

Items for the Draw are welcomed.

Ring Molly Lumley (01284) 787621 for reservations.



St Peter's Church Treasurer

- **Are you numerate and experienced in using accounting software?**

Could you manage the financial performance of our church?

- **Do you have good communication skills?**

If you are interested and would like to know more, please contact the following people.

**Fr Ben at revdbenjaminwards@gmail.com
Pat Sadler at patsadler@hotmail.com**



Sunday 22nd September at St Peter's Church Thurston

You are invited to bring harvest gifts, of nonperishable goods to the service on 22nd September. These will be taken to the 'Storehouse' foodbank in Bury St Edmunds.

Thank You



Gt Barton and Thurston Mothers' Union

**A reminder that our next meeting will be on
September 10th at 2:30 p.m.**

**We will meet at Holy Innocents Church
for our Corporate Communion Service with Rev'd Ben Edwards.**

We look forward to seeing you there.

Since we last met, we have learned of the death of Pat Humphry.

**Pat had been a member of Mothers Union for
almost seventy years and will be much missed by all of us.**

Gill Flower and Linda Scoles.

SUFFOLK HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST RIDE AND STRIDE 2024



Ride and Stride will take place between 9am and 5pm on Saturday 14th September.

It's an opportunity to support both our churches of St Peter's Church, Thurston and Holy Innocents Church Great Barton, by your ride or stride being sponsored.

Sponsor forms and details of open churches are in the back of St Peter's Church and Holy Innocents Church.

Half the money raised goes to the respective Church, the other half to the Suffolk Historic Churches Trust.

For more details, or to sponsor someone, please phone Mary Fawcett on 01359 321363 for St Peter's and Tim Frost 07840 249448 for Holy Innocents.

ALI MILLER

for General Synod

Nominated by The Revd
Canon Sharon Potter
Rector of the Cockfield
Benefice, Rural Dean of
Lavenham, Chair of the
House of Clergy at Diocesan Synod



MINISTRY

Team Vicar of the
Lark Valley North
Bury Team Benefice
Diocesan Adviser for
Women's Ministry and
on the NADAWM exec
Spiritual Director
Chapter Rector for the
Society of Catholic
Priests
Godly Play Storyteller
I have degrees in
Theology and
Ministry, Chemistry
and Pharmacology,
and was ordained in
2015 in Durham
Cathedral

Seconded by The Revd Dr Andrew Miller
Team Rector of the Lark Valley North Bury Team
Benefice,
Rural Dean of Thingoe

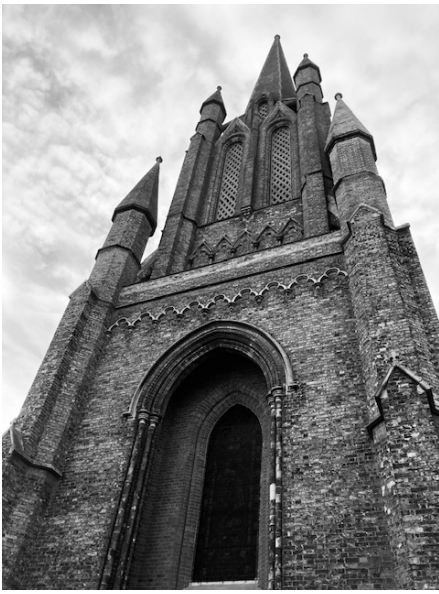
Dear Colleague,
I write to you at this time of the clergy by-election to
request your vote so I can represent you at General
Synod.

My own spiritual heartland is inclusive Anglo-Catholic -
sacramental life and worship is important to me and my
default doctrine is the incarnation. I am solidly Anglican
and take the Cure of Souls seriously. How the Church
organises itself, including the statements it makes and
the decisions it takes, affects all the people in our
parishes, not only those who occupy our pews.

To that end, it is often said that my benefice, covering
the northern part of Bury St Edmunds and neighbouring
villages, is like our diocese in microcosm: in my care is a
town church, two estate churches, and seven rural
churches, all of differing traditions. I know the joys and
challenges of ministering in such diverse contexts and
this breadth of parish experience will serve me well in
the range of debates at synod.

As a spiritual director, I am passionate about prayer. Personally, I would approach General
Synod as another spiritual discipline: maintaining a prayerful stance while considering the
business at hand, ever conscious that our faith deals in grace and oodles of it.

As an aside, I publish a daily Examen, prayer or meditation on X (formerly known as
Twitter), see @Sacramentrix



What do I stand for?

For Inclusion Being made in the image of God, our identity is rooted in the Trinity and the loving cooperative relationships found therein, in that blend of unity in diversity and diversity in unity. Our Church should reflect this, therefore I wish to see equality and flourishing in ordained and lay ministry for everyone and there should be no discrimination on the basis of gender and sexuality, ethnicity, health or wealth status. Related to this, I wish to see the implementation of PLF for the use of 'standalone' services of blessing, and I further hope for equal marriage and for clergy too. While respecting views of my colleagues may differ, I would hope this can be achieved such that clergy

can act according to their conscience.

For the Parish I believe in the simple beauty of the parish system. Our churches are precious resources, taking on sacramental status almost in themselves. I know too from my experience of rural communities, that there is a sense of affection for, and ownership of, their churches. I would hope to speak into fair sharing of clerical and financial resources, and to lift administrative burden, that ministry can flourish and see creativity and growth across all our churches (and traditions within them).

For Clergy Wellbeing Ministry can be a heady mix of both joy and stress. For the latter it is necessary to address systemic pressures within the Church rather than bandy round words such as 'resilience'. Financial burdens, worry about pensions and future housing can compound stress. As does bullying in parishes and threat of CDM (incidentally women are more likely to have complaints and CDMs brought against them, according to Unite). I support introduction of a new Clergy Conduct Measure and I will keep wellbeing of my colleagues at heart when voting on pertinent issues at synod.

For Safeguarding The C of E continues to journey towards reform. Generally, I believe we need to listen to the voices of the vulnerable and to better educate ourselves about trauma (theologically and otherwise) and power dynamics. I want to see decisions that will ensure safeguarding responses marry transparency and consistency as well as compassion.

For Care of Creation Care for our common home and sustainable living is an urgent priority for Christians. I look forward to thoughtful, faithful engagement with this at synod.

Thank you for reading.

I hope for your first preference vote.

Contact: The Revd Alison Miller

teamvicarlvnb@btinternet.com

or 01284 728714



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.

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

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>

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/>

**Please email any notices to Peter Robinson beneficepr@gmail.com
or tel: 07814 946841 by **Thursday 5th September****

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