



The Messenger

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The Benefice of Great Barton and Thurston

Message from the Church Wardens

The churchwardens are pleased to share with you the following announcement made at St Peter's on Sunday 27th June 2021

The Right Revd Martin Seeley, the Bishop of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich, is delighted to announce that The Revd Ben Edwards has been appointed as Vicar of The Benefice of Great Barton and Thurston. Ben is currently Assistant Curate at St Edmundsbury Cathedral. A date for Ben's Licensing will be confirmed in due course.

The Bishop has asked me to pass on his thanks to the parish representatives and all those involved in the process of Ben's appointment, and he assures you of his prayers. Please pray for Ben, his wife Caroline and their children , Dora, Bertie and Trinity as they prepare for their move.

Please Note

Holy Innocents is open daily from 10.00am to 4.00pm

We would ask that if visiting you sanitise your hands on entry and please wear a mask. Please also either scan the Covid QR code or leave your details on the register provided.

A Reflection

from the Reverend Sarah Geileskey

“Isn’t it funny how day by day nothing changes but when you look back everything is different.” (C S Lewis, ‘Prince Caspian’). Last year many of the lockdown reflections I shared were from my garden. The wisteria. The birds nesting – blue tits, great tits. The robin’s eggs that never hatched but became food for the crows. As summer approaches and spring is almost over the wisteria this year has already been and gone... there’s a little sadness in me as I’m not sure that it was as beautiful this year as it was before. But maybe that is because I was expecting it to be just how it was.

Somehow everything and nothing changed over the course of last year. Nothing in so far as the blue tits and great tits have returned, yet everything has changed – there’s a clematis that didn’t make it through the winter, but the wrens, blackbirds and robins fledged! Funny to see them all lolloping around the garden. It really made me smile. Especially the robins after a tough time last year.

Not all changes have felt joyful. Especially the very big changes! The prospect of reordering the layout of our home to accommodate the way in which we live today was particularly challenging for me. The disruption. The effort and resources but for what gain? Not to mention the loss of familiarity and oh! the inconvenience. It was stressful and yes, there were the occasional restless nights. We really had to bear patiently with one another through the upheaval. Well... people bore patiently with me! But we did it! And now it’s done I realise just how needed it was. Today we live better together because we dared to change.

We have chosen to make some changes in the garden now too. It’s not as grand as it sounds but we’ve encouraged the meadow plants to grow by leaving swathes of grassed area uncut. And now we’re beginning to tread a circular reflective woodland path through the shade of the oak tree. It’s not what it used to be... it’s no longer the manicured garden that we inherited, and it’s required a bit of effort to get it going. But it’s made more room in the garden for life in all its fulness and diversity.

To become Christ-like is to be an advocate for change. We, the church and we as individuals are works-in-progress: being changed from glory into glory. We are constantly being moulded and honed and shaped into the image of Christ, sometimes joyfully, too often reluctantly, but always to bring glory to the Gardener.

So, as we move from spring into summer, I hope we will continue to enjoy the garden together: appreciating the need for gentle pruning and shaping as, encouraged by the flourishing annuals we might find the courage to embrace any

structural changes that we will need to make to our landscape to live-better-together post-lockdown.

200 Club Draw

Today 26th June 2021, the draw took place for April and May 2021.

Rosemary Barbrooke officially administered the draw.

April 2021

£100 245 Luke Atwell

£25 105 Linda Scoles

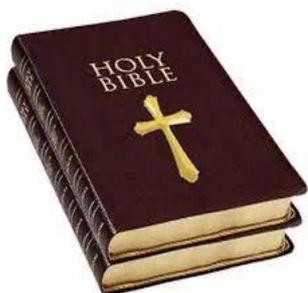
May 2021

£100 253 Judy Oldman

£25 193 Hillary Aaron

Tim Frost – 200 Club Administrator

School Bibles



In past years, but not last year, the church presented bibles to 6th year students at Great Barton Primary Academy as a leaving gift. The school would like us to continue with this, so I would ask our Parishioners if they would be willing to sponsor a bible for each of the 28 pupils at a cost of £10 per bible. If you are willing, please make contributions as follows, which can be gift aided:

Cash to the Churchwardens or our Treasurer Kathy Drakes. Likewise, cheques made payable to: Great Barton Church Offertory – please write bible on the reverse of the cheque. Direct Debit payment can also be made, payable to:

Great Barton Church Offertory

Sort-code 20-16-12

Account 50421944

Reference Bible

Thank you for your support
Churchwardens

Stained-Glass Windows at Holy Innocents

Stained-Glass Windows

Recently, I met with a gentleman named Alan Thompson, who lives in Great Barton. Alan's father, during WWII, removed the Burne-Jones window (Faith, Hope and Love), the first window on the right as you enter through the South door. We also presume that Alan's father reinstated it. Alan has left me with the copy of the layout drawing for removing it.

We do not know if, Alan's father removed more than one window, as there are no other drawing layouts to suggest this. But I can only assume that all the stained-glass windows were removed for safe storage during that time. It goes some way to solving another problem we have regarding a window.

A recent historian identified that the Ascension and Resurrection window, situated on the South side of the choir stalls, both had a bottom panel which didn't correspond to the top panel. Indeed, the bottom panels were installed on the opposite side to how they should be. I can only conclude that this is most likely to have happened when the windows were removed for safe keeping during WWII and to provide adequate blackout and were incorrectly reinstated the opposite way round after the war ended.

If anyone has any further information related to this, I would be glad to hear from you, to enable us to record this as part of the history of the church. Should you also have any further information on removal or storage of the other windows I would like to know.

Thank you!

Tim

Wanted!

Holy Innocents

Someone to cut the Institute grass, failing that, does anyone have a small useable mower, preferably electric, that they are willing to donate for this purpose.

We would also like a two draw filing cabinet if anybody has one to donate.

Please contact Tim Frost



Would you like to be the Local Recorder for Gt Barton?

The Suffolk Local History Council runs a Recorders Scheme throughout Suffolk. We administer a network of volunteers to ensure that the 'present' is adequately recorded at local level for the 'future'.

A Recorder will note significant happenings in their parish and collect their local parish magazines, leaflets, election pamphlets and newspaper cuttings. At the end of each year, they are asked to submit a short report summarising the activities of their parish. The reports are deposited at the Suffolk Record Office and available to future researchers together with the collected items.

If you are interested, please look at the Recorders Pack by visiting www.slhc.org.uk to acquaint yourself with the guidelines of the scheme. You do not need to be a historian; you do not need any qualifications other than an interest in your parish. In return you will receive a copy of the SLHC Newsletter and be invited to the annual conference specifically for Local Recorders. To volunteer to help in this important work, please contact recorders@slhc.org.uk

Your Recipe for June 2021

Date Slice (11 x 7 shallow tin)

12 oz chopped dates

90 ml water

½ grated lemon rind

8 oz wholemeal flour

4 oz porridge oats

3 oz raw brown sugar

5 oz butter

**Put dates, water, and lemon in a saucepan
Heat gently, stirring occasionally until
mixture is soft**

Combine remaining ingredients

**Sprinkle half the mixture into the tin and
press down well**

**Cover with the dates, sprinkle the remaining
mixture over the date sand press down well
Bake 200 degrees or 180 degrees in fan oven
for about 20 minutes**

Cool then cut into slices

Thank you to Molly Lumley who has kindly provided this recipe

Services for July in The Benefice

We are now welcoming back our congregation into our Churches.

Sunday 4th July:

Holy Communion at Holy Innocents, Great Barton at 10.30am

Sunday 11th July:

Holy Communion at St Peter's, Thurston at 8.00

Holy Communion at St Peter's, Thurston at 10.30am

Sunday 18th July:

Holy Communion at Holy Innocents, Great Barton at 08.00am

Holy Communion at Holy Innocents, Great Barton at 10.30am

Sunday 25th July:

Holy Communion at St Peter's, Thurston at 10.30am

Due to the legislation regarding social distancing, numbers in church are limited so please let us know if you are planning to attend a service.

Holy Innocents:

Tim Frost: 01284 787442 or email: timfr0st@yahoo.co.uk

St Peter's

Pat Sadler: 01359 230865 or email: patsadler@hotmail.com

Any changes will be posted to our Noticeboards and: -
website: <https://www.greatbartonandthurston.org.uk>

Facebook pages:

Holy Innocents: <https://www.facebook.com/Holy-Innocents-Church-Great-Barton685807921585678/>

St Peter's: <https://www.facebook.com/St-Peters-Church-Thurston-1790473917903849/>



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Online Giving
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Thank you.*

From a gardener's notebook. July 2021

July was named after Julius Caesar. His calendar found favour in Europe for sixteen centuries. Traditionally, in our area, we think of haymaking at this time of the year, even with modern farming methods. Until a few decades ago this process took a great deal of time; and involved men, women and children, because the hay was absolutely vital to their stock and livelihood. You may know of a wonderful book, “Ask the fellows who cut the hay” written by George Ewart Evans --— do read it if you have time.

This month we start propagation in earnest. As with our seeds, clean and sterilize all the pots you use. Ideally a pan, and not a pot, is required. If you buy ‘Pot Mums’ from the supermarket with your groceries this is the sort of container they will be planted in. A pan has a flat wide bottom and is about 3” — 4” deep. You will need stones or shingle for the bottom of the pans. This allows free drainage and encourages the roots. Next February or March, when you pot on your successes, you will not believe the ‘spaghetti’ root systems that will have grown at the base of each cutting. Next, 50/50 sharp sand and coarsely sieved compost, nice and firm in the pan. Take cuttings of anything and everything, if you have the room. Take your cuttings in the cool of the day. Put them in a box or bag as you go round the garden. They need to be about 5” long. Put 5 in each pan: one in each corner and one in the centre. Clean off the foliage so that none goes below the soil. Firm them in well: like children they must feel secure to make good growth. Keep them outside in a cool and shaded spot until frosts and cool nights start: then take them to the greenhouse or a cold frame. You will not be disappointed. Propagation is a vast subject, and over the coming months I will tell you of the different plants and trees that are started at other times.

Extra jobs for July- deadhead roses- and feed for the second time of the year. Have a good tidy up in your borders — fill gaps with annuals (Cosmos, Nicotiana, Asters).

Next month’s article will be in different vein.

October will be “Ladies only”; ideas and suggestions for Christmas floristry and decoration.

May I say a big ‘Thank you’ to everyone for the lovely feedback, since starting these notes in February.

A “True Gardener” has a feeling for plants.

Happy propagating

Mary



Churches Together

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Churches Together is an affiliation of Christian Churches of all denominations, in town and village churches in and around Bury St. Edmunds.

Our next big event is planned to be a Summer Celebration in the Abbey Gardens on the afternoon of Sunday 8th August.

1.30 pm – 4.15 pm.

All the churches, as well as individuals, are invited to bring a picnic to have on the grass near the 'Dovecote' (to the left of the play area as you approach through the gardens from the Abbeygate).

There will be a stage, and some churches will have a music slot to sing and play including some worship songs, and there is still some space in the programme. This will be an opportunity to hear various styles of worship, and a children's show. This will be from 1.30 pm until 3.30 pm.

At 3.30 pm we shall have a joint 'Songs of Praise' service with a choice of hymns/songs from different churches, to finish by 4.15 pm.

All churches are welcome to bring gazebos (in case of heat or showers), your own church banner or sign.

Of course, everyone can use the café to get tea/ice creams, and the public toilets are nearby.

We have much "more in common than divides us" and this is an opportunity to have a united Summer Celebration, to share God's love for all.

Churches Together in Bury St. Edmunds and District involves churches across our town and up to a 12-mile radius. We are 50 individual churches altogether, of most Christian denominations (listed on our web-site).

Heather Corbell. corbell.hm@gmail.com

Chair, Churches Together in Bury St. Edmunds and District.

Web-site – [Churches Together: in St. Edmundsbury and District](#)

Thurston's Big Weekend: 25th and 26th September

Further to the announcement in last month's newsletter, here is some background information and a progress report!

In view of the lifting of many Covid-19 restrictions and the success of the vaccine roll-out, The Friends of Thurston Library are now working with the Parish Council to provide some community events. It is hoped that these will help to welcome newcomers to the village and also be enjoyed by existing residents.

First on our list is to have a Big Weekend at the end of September, when we can hold various events around the village. We will concentrate on outdoor activities to make sure that everyone is as safe as possible.

The plan is for the weekend to be fun for all ages, and help to raise our spirits, after such a difficult time being isolated from family, friends, and neighbours.

Since June, we have been in touch with several organisations and are pleased to have received so much support!

Here are the details so far:

On Saturday 25th September the Friends of the Library will run a Treasure trail around the village that is suitable for families.

On Sunday 26th September, Thurston Preschool and the Friends of Thurston Primary Academy will organise a Sale Trail. There will be an opportunity for you to register your interest nearer the time.

New Green Centre, the Cavendish Hall, St Peter's Church and Thurston W.I. are all keen to get involved.

If your organisation, club or business is interested in being part of this event, or if you simply want more information, please get in touch with Anne O'Connell (anneocon369@gmail.com) or ask at the library. We look forward to working with many more village organisations to make this a very memorable weekend!

Thurston Library

New Opening Times

Monday: Closed.

Tuesday: 14.00 – 18.00

Wednesday: 10.00 – 13.00

Thursday: 14.00 – 18.00

Friday: 10.00 – 13.00

Saturday: 10.00 – 15.00

Sunday: 10.00 – 15.00

Summer Reading Challenge

Wild World Heroes is the theme this year; we are currently looking for volunteers to help run this.

Please call Ellie on 01359 235048 for more details if you interested.

Watch out for more information on taking part on our Social Media pages and on posters in the library.

Baby Bounce for 0 - 4 year olds

Baby Bounce in the library garden - 2.15pm - 2.45pm on Tuesdays. Bring your baby along for some songs and nursery rhymes in the sunshine.

Spaces are limited so please book your slot by calling the Library on the number below during opening hours. Please bring along your own refreshments and a cushion if required - we will supply the blankets!

And online, let your babies bounce along to much loved nursery rhymes with our weekly Baby Bounce snippet with Ellie.

You can find Baby Bounce on our Instagram page: [Thurstoncommunitylibrary](#) and our Facebook page: [Thurston Library and Friends of Thurston Library](#).

Thurston's Thursday Treats and Bakes in July

Look out for Chocolate Apple Pies, Blueberry Fool, Chocolate and Blackcurrant Muffins and more!

Saturday Story

Yes, every Saturday is story time with Ellie on our Instagram and Facebook pages.

Hairy McLary from Donaldson's Dairy by Lynley Dodd published by Puffin ... and other favourites.



Get Involved with The Messenger

Would you like to contribute to Your Messenger? We would love to hear from you, share your favourite recipe, a funny story, your favourite holiday memory. If you would like to share something you feel will be of interest to your neighbours or anyone living in Gt Barton, please contact:

Tim Frost: 01284 787442 or email: timfr0st@yahoo.co.uk

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FixaLeak. 01842 763165 peter@fixaleak.co.uk

Guildhall Studio. 07880 797124 jmartinzz@gmail.com www.guidhallstudio.com

John Ranson. 01284 788248 07770932799 jwranonbuilding@gmail.com

Metcalfe, Copeman, Pettefar LLP. 01842 756100 Dawn.collier@mcp-law.co.uk

Rothwells Carpet Cleaning. 01638 428060 info@rothwells.biz

Strands Hair Salon. 01359 230300 sjanef23@gmail.com

TBS Hire 01284 788122 info@tbs-hire.co.uk

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Home Care – Paula Drewry 079800 17043 pauladrewry@hotmail.com

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