



The Messenger

Holy Innocent's Church Gt. Barton
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May – and Spring is entering its final month, and which, is when my garden looks at its best. It's also the time when we look to warmer weather.

For those who are not familiar, Holy Innocents and our sister church St Peter's at Thurston are ECO churches. We both get our electricity from renewable sources and look for many ways to protect the habitat within our churchyards. We at Holy

Innocents have eight feeders going at the moment to supplement the bird's diet- as well as some of the estate pheasants. We would also appreciate some help with financing the birds feed and feeders, if you are able to help. This year the churchyard has had a wonderful display of daffodils followed by an abundance of cowslips.

Before next spring we would also like to create a wildflower meadow in part of our churchyard, to add to our churchyard biodiversity. Increasing numbers of bees, bug and beetles, also encouraging butterflies and more birds. For this we will need help and advice, in preparing the ground and choosing the seed mix. If you are able to help with this, we would appreciate your input and would like to hear from you.

Churchyards, in themselves are one of the last untouched wildernesses; where trees and plants are left to naturalised and wildlife left undisturbed. But we do endeavour to keep ours looking in reasonable order, because it has a wonderful sense of beauty, tranquillity and peace about it, and we need to get the balance right, between wild and managed.

Song of Solomon 2:12 Flowers appear on earth; the season of singing has come, and the cooing of dove is heard in our land. I too, hope to hear the purr of the turtledove once again. A bird in rapid decline and on the Red list of conservation concern. In addition, I'm sure we are longing to hear the congregation sing in our churches once again.

As churchwarden, I spend a lot of time in both our church and churchyard, the latter; a place where I have listened to many stories, as people come to tend a loved one's grave. The first lockdown seems a long-time ago now, but I recall one particular day where every seat in the churchyard was taken up by people picnicking and some even sitting on a rug on the grass. This was a go to place to find space, peace and to reflect, when everywhere else was out of bounds. It's a place for the wanderer, the researcher and the photographer, and now the picnickers.

You may have noticed that the church windows have been cleaned, to freshen the place up and the brasses have had an industrial clean to make them gleam. This was felt to be particularly important, as we have our first wedding of the year this month, and it is good to have everything looking cared for. We are also looking forward to assisting the couple and Rev. Sarah Geileskey who will officiate at the

ceremony. Our best wishes go out to all couples planning to marry this year, some of whom have already cancelled more than once, because of the pandemic. So, some of them may have had a stressful year with their preparations and deserve a good send-off.

MAY! you be blessed.

In the Fathers love,

Tim

PASSING THOUGHTS FOR THE MONTH OF MAY

**I offered friendship; it was all I had,
It was not enough – how sad**

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.

PETER'S POSER

Our question comes to us by courtesy of Peter Jones who asks how many rivers there are in Suffolk. Answers to Kathy Drakes please.

Peter helps by saying you may include Google in your research work but that will not guarantee you come up with the correct number

So far no one has come up with the correct answer, so the deadline has been extended to the end of May. The answer will appear in the June Messenger.

we are now welcoming back our congregation into our Churches.

Sunday 2nd May: Holy Communion at Holy Innocents, Great Barton at 10.30am

Sunday 9th May: Holy Communion at St Peter's, Thurston at 10.30am

Sunday 16th May: Holy Communion at Holy Innocents, Great Barton at 10.30am

Sunday 23rd May: Holy Communion at St Peter's, Thurston at 10.30am

Sunday 30th May: Holy Communion at Holy Innocents, Great Barton 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.

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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/>



***You can now donate to Holy Innocents Church Great Barton
Online Giving***

Please scan the QR code with your smart phone to donate.

Thank you.



Christian Aid Week 10- 16 May 2021

Holy Innocents will be supporting Christian Aid Week again this year. Unfortunately, we are unable to distribute envelopes or hold our concert as in previous years but if you would like to donate your contribution can be given to: -
Angela Pearce, 18 Barton Hamlet, IP31 2PP.
Jane Dalton, 5 Oakhampton House, East Baton Road, IP31 2RF.
Tim Frost, 2 Diomed Drive.

Please state that it is for Christian Aid and indicate if you wish your donation to be Gift Aided.

Thank you
Kathy Drakes



The History Holy Innocents Church.

I would like to explore some of the unknown history of the church or anecdotes people might have, to share with readers in the Messenger. If you, or someone you know has information or a story, please share it with me please. Tim Frost

The referendum for Gt Barton's Neighbourhood Plan takes place on Thursday 6th May. Voting is in the village hall.

More details on the plan are available here:

<http://www.greatbarton.suffolk.cloud/neighbourhoodplan/>

From a Gardeners Note-Book May 2021

It is, once again, time to prepare for our planters' pots, tubs, and baskets, whatever they may be. As you will have seen from previous articles, I do like to know a little of the history and origins of matters concerning our gardens. Pots and tubs are no exception. Historically interior landscapes, and pots and tubs date

from Roman Times. Their houses were invariably built around an open quadrangle or atrium, furnished with pots and urns of choice plants for decorative or culinary uses. I am greatly in favour of improving our working, home and leisure surroundings with the aid of plants. A recent survey conducted by the Dutch Flower Council, states how plants reduce stress, sadly we may no longer take flowers when we visit people in hospital.

With your planting be adventurous, but also be practical. If you will be away in August for three weeks, is it wise to have too many items that you will be asking a neighbour or family member to water? Remember there is no water left in compost after three days. It was a sad day when Marlows closed, missed by many of us, I would recommend Hill Crest nurseries at Stanton, many DIY stores sell plants try B&Q for example and many more., you may well have your own favourites. If possible, mix up the planting; do not only use bedding plants, select one or two perennials, for example, salvia, nepeta(cat mint) ivy, phormiums, miniature conifers, and so on. Everything and anything can be used as a container, an old bucket, kettle, wooden apple crate, whatever. It must have drainage, be watered and fed. Do not over-plant on day one, items will soon grow and fill a basket for example. Do not leave hanging baskets out over night until 1st June. All though it means work taking them in at night, standing them in an old bucket to hold them upright. Perlite a little sharp sand and gravel can be introduced into the compost to help drainage. Do not throw all last year's compost away, exchange about a third from the top of the pot and top up with fresh medium. Good Luck.

If we like to manage our gardens by the book, pruning goes on throughout the year, only in November and December do we have a rest from this job. A rule of thumb is to prune shrubs after flowering shaping and removing straggly shoots, can also be done at this time.

Lastly, trim lawn edges regularly after mowing using either a pair of long handled shears or a mechanical edging tool. It is lovely to see a sharp finish to borders.

Happy gardening, Mary

Your recipe for May

(Joan Mothersole's special Cheese Straws, prepared by John Clarke)

4oz plain flour sieved with ¼ tsp dry mustard, ¼ tsp salt and shake of Cayene pepper

Rub in 2½oz cubed butter until like breadcrumbs

Add 2½oz grated strong cheese and mix well

Whisk an egg yolk with 3 tablespoons water

Mix with flour egg until nice dough, flour board well and roll out

Cut into straws, put on to buttered tins and brush with whisked egg white

Put a small piece of cheese on each straw

Bake in fan oven at 180c for 12 to 15 minutes

Cool on-site rack and enjoy or take to church

A big thank you to John for sharing his secret with us!

Thurston Library Opening Hours

Browsing has now been reintroduced in Thurston Library

Monday:	Closed
Tuesday:	14.00 – 17.00
Wednesday:	10.00 – 14.00
Thursday:	14.00 – 17.00
Friday:	10.00 – 14.00
Saturday:	10.00 – 13.00
Sunday:	Closed

Please see our website for changes to our opening hours and services available.

<https://thurstonlibraryfriends.suffolk.cloud>



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

The following Business Adverts are in the on-line version Supporting The Messenger.

David Martin: Vehicle Engineers. 01359 230538 [admin@davidmartinmotorengineer.co.uk](mailto:admin@ davidmartinmotorengineer.co.uk)

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Rothwells Carpet Cleaning. 01638 428060 info@rothwells.biz

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The Sausage Shop. 01359 235237 kate.hitchcock@hotmail.co.uk

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