

Dear Friends,

I am looking forward to celebrating Easter this year through a range of services and activities that reflect different aspects of the Easter story held at churches in our village and beyond. Remembering the last supper as we gather on Maundy Thursday in Haslingfield, to pausing to pray at churches across the Lordsbridge Team and ending at St Peter's as we carry the cross on Good Friday for our walk of witness, and then on to the joy of Easter Sunday as we celebrate with breakfast first in the village hall at 8.30am - don't miss it!

These services retell the story of Jesus' last days, as he gathered with his disciples to share one last meal, encouraging them never to stop meeting and sharing a meal together, to the agony of Jesus crucified on the cross on what we now call Good Friday. That very act of sacrifice – God himself upon the cross, in the person of Jesus, reconciling us back to himself – only makes sense when Sunday comes of course, as we celebrate Jesus risen, and conquering death. We gather in joy each year to celebrate that love wins, trusting in the hope offered to each one of us through the saving act of the cross.

My children look forward to Easter too. When I asked them why, they replied it's because the Easter bunny arrives with lots of chocolate. As a vicar, I clearly have a lot more work to do!

For me Easter bunnies, chocolate eggs and the long bank holiday isn't ultimately enough for me. How about you? I was not brought up in a Christian family but became a Christian as a 10-year-old. Through doubts and fears, joys and mountain-top experiences I remain following Jesus 32 years later, he who knows what it is to suffer but offers everyone of us through the cross the hope that death does not have the final say - a gift that can be life giving now but one that last into all eternity. And for that I'm deeply thankful. Just as the wonderful hymn *Amazing Grace* says: 'T'was grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace, my fears relieved, how precious did that grace appear, the hour I first believed.

As always you are more than welcome to join us on any Sunday morning at both St Peter's and at Barton Baptist church – and I can guarantee breakfast and chocolate at our Easter service too, but also I believe, so much more...

With much love, and Happy Easter!

Rev Rebecca Gilbert, Vicar to Lordsbridge Team

Church News

Parish Easter Breakfast

Come and join us in the Village Hall from 8.30am on Easter Sunday 1st April for a pre-service breakfast to celebrate Easter Day. We will be providing bacon baps, sausage baps, toast, tea, coffee and juice before the service at 9.30 on Easter morning. There will be no charge, but donations will be welcome, with any surplus over costs going towards St Peter's Easter charity of choice (tbd). If you wish to join us, please sign up on the list at the back of the church, speak to Anne Coulson, Erica Bithell or Sue Carpenter or email pcc@bartonstpeters.org.uk by 29th March and we will add you to the list. We look forward to you joining us!

Sue Carpenter and Erica Bithell

Churchyard Clean Up

Easter Saturday. Churchyard Clean up 9.30am. If you can spare an hour or two please join us to help put the churchyard in good order for the spring and summer; please bring a few basic tools e.g. rake, shears, secateurs etc. Coffee and biscuits mid morning.

Open Gardens

Sunday April 8th Open Gardens in the village. Once again we will be serving teas and homemade cakes in the church for church funds and would welcome help or cakes. Please contact Anne Coulson if you would like to help on 262666.

Annual Parochial Meeting

Monday April 16th Annual Parochial church Meeting. 8.00pm in the church. This meeting is open to all Barton residents

Generous Slice Cafe.

Wednesday April 25th In the village Hall from 8.45am. Please join us for a coffee, tea, toast or croissant - we would love to see you - all ages welcome - no charge.

Concert

Sadly the concert we hoped to hold in the church on April 20th has had to be cancelled. Hopefully we can re-arrange later in the year.

Church rotas.

Altar flowers	Janet Ireland	263117
Church cleaning	Sue Carpenter	01954 252979
Coffee Making	Julia Stibbs	262527
Lesson Readers	Anne Coulson	262666/Hugh Greenfield 262005

Barton Baptist Church News

A few weeks ago it was announced that the evangelist Billy Graham had died. Many have paid tribute to the one who has preached Christ to 200 million people

in person and countless more beyond. I personally am very indebted to Billy as my father was converted at one of his evangelistic rallies in London during the 1950s. In time my father brought his parents and brother and sister to faith. He and his wife (my mother) also brought up their 3 children in a Christ-centred home. During March and the run up to Easter (Lent) we have been thinking and reflecting on Christ, his death and resurrection. For Christians the Easter story is the crux of our faith. Christ died so we can be constantly forgiven. Christ rose from the grave. He is alive and promises us eternal life in Heaven. I love this quote from Billy Graham “One day you will read or hear that Billy Graham is dead. Don’t you believe a word of it. I shall be more alive than I am now. I will just have changed my address. I will have gone into the presence of God” I don’t know about you but I find that when life is busy, or problems abound, or sickness raises its ugly head it is difficult to remind oneself that our time on this earth is so fleeting and momentary compared to the expectation of life forever. The words of Paul come to mind “Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus” This month we continue our Bible studies on the book of Thessalonians and on the second and fourth Wednesday on the month we have a prayer meeting. You are very welcome to join us. *Alison Foster*

Parish Jottings

Greater Cambridge Partnership

There is a lot going on - discussion of park and ride sites, restriction of city parking, public transport options. Please keep your eyes open for any developing news either through the Cambridge News or the Cambridge Independent or the website. www.greatercambridge.org.uk Barton Councillors continue to be involved with consultations.

Bin collection dates: *also shown on parish website*

Wednesday	28 March	black
Friday	6 April	blue and green
Thursday	12 April	black
Wednesday	18 April	blue and green
Wednesday	25 April	black
Wednesday	2 May	blue and green

Upcoming elections, both Barton itself and the District:

Our Parish Council will be up for election this year on 3rd May, as both parish and district council elections will now occur every four years simultaneously.

Nominations need to be in for checking well before **the deadline of 6 April**. Why not join in the democratic process and **become a candidate?** If you want to be

more involved in the village, do please contact any current councillor or the Clerk for further information. **Your village needs YOU!**

District Councillor Sue Ellington, the Health and Wellbeing portfolio holder, addressed the last meeting. She was keen to promote initiatives to reduce social isolation in the 103 villages of the District. She wants to target loneliness with the help of the WI, Care Network, Age Concern, ACRE, etc. and promote the idea of old-fashioned neighbourliness. There will be help from the SCDC Community Development Team and a Parish Tool Kit to help foster local groups, be they the elderly, young mums or teenagers. Villages must say what they want.

Annual Parish Meeting Tuesday 24th April 7.00 for 7.30pm, Village Hall.

A slightly different format this year: we will introduce the Barton Character Appraisal, an examination of the landscape and housing in Barton, a useful reference tool which has been produced by Barton residents. The Chairman will give his Annual report on Parish Council activities over the last year. District and County Councillors normally attend also and answer questions. Refreshments will be provided. Please come along. We will go back to reports from different village groups next year.

Two village heroes

South Cambridgeshire District Council's annual Community Awards have again highlighted the superstars of our communities. Two Barton people were nominated and received certificates at the Awards Ceremony on 8th March. Richard Newstead was commended for his unstinting work of litter-picking in the Village Hero category and Cathy Martin was praised for her considerable efforts as Chair of Governors at the school in the Outstanding Local Service category. We are proud of both of them.

Changes to the Collection of Extra Recycling

South Cambs tells us: The way we collect extra recycling has changed. Our new recycling vehicles mean our collection operatives will not be able to manually handle recycling in the same way as before, when boxes and loose cardboard were emptied directly into the back of the trucks. We need better consistency of how extra recycling is presented, as operatives will empty the blue bin, put the extra recycling in it and empty it again. It needs to be easy to handle and easy to fit inside the bin. Residents are now being advised to:

- Break down cardboard to a size that would fit in the bin if there was space. **We will collect one bundle left next to the bin.** Polystyrene should go into the black bin.
- **Place other recycling in one transparent sack.** Black sacks and more than one sack will not be collected. Transparent sacks are available online and in supermarkets.

- Put any glass bottles and jars inside the bin, not the sack, for safety reasons
- Order a free extra blue bin if they always need to put out extra recycling.

This advice is being widely communicated to residents via the South Cambs Magazine that is currently being distributed and via a recycling leaflet that will be delivered with the council tax bills. We have also updated the website:

<https://www.scams.gov.uk/changes-to-the-way-we-collect-extra-recycling>

If you have any queries please contact Rebecca Weymouth-Wood, Waste Policy Change and Innovation Manager. rebecca.weymouth-wood@scams.gov.uk

Shire Homes guaranteed rent payments

Shire Homes have launched a new scheme that offers homeowners a hassle free way to rent out properties. This includes no fees and guaranteed rental payments - even if the home is empty. We would like to hear from you if you own a property in the district that you would consider renting out through us in the future.

We are looking for good quality properties, in a lettable condition within South Cambridgeshire. Whatever size property you have we are interested in hearing from you. Benefits for the homeowners include: regular property inspections, no management fees, day-to-day maintenance, guaranteed rental payments even when empty, full management service, including inventories. For details contact Louise Moulding on Shire.Homes@scams.gov.uk 01954 713046.

And goodbye

These are my last parish jottings, so I would like to thank villagers for their support over the last ten years. Barton is a great place to live with an energetic community spirit. We are lucky to have found a new Clerk from within the village and I wish my successor well. He is Ian Minto who has lots of relevant experience.

Next Parish Council meeting: Tuesday 3rd April 2018 7.30pm, Village Hall

Patrick De Backer 07771-923710

Ian Minto 07742-256557 bartonpcclerk@btinternet.com

Official notices and agendas and minutes of meetings can be seen on the notice board by the pond or on the Website <http://www.barton-cambs.org.uk>

Village News

Home Alone Supper Night and Coffee Morning

There will be a Supper in the Pavilion on Friday May 4th at 7pm for 7.30pm for all those who live alone & would like to join like minded people to enjoy a meal together. The cost will be £10 plus bring a bottle of your choice. Please let Barbara know on 262692 if you would like to join in, by Friday April 27th.

Our regular “Home Alone” coffee morning is at Burwash café, Saturday 21st April at 10am.

Barbara Tomes, Home Alone Group

PlayGroup



The Spring term at Playgroup continues with plenty of celebrations for the children to enjoy. For World Book Day, everybody dressed up as their favourite book character and brought along their best-loved stories. We managed to raise in excess of £50 for the Crackerjacks Children's Trust.

For Chinese New Year, the children researched China, learnt about pandas, and even ate Chinese food with chopsticks.

Cards and gifts were made for Mothering Sunday, and Easter was celebrated with stories and craft activities. When the weather allows, we are enjoying playing outdoors and spotting the first signs of Spring. *Bex Saunders*

Barton WI

At our March meeting Peter Pilbeam spoke to us about his journeys to almost inaccessible places in search of Snow Leopards. The leopards, a rare and fairly small member of the big cat family, are supremely well adapted to both high altitude and extreme cold. They eat only meat and a shortage of suitable wild prey sometimes brings them into conflict with their very few herdsmen neighbours. The teams looking for them camp in high and inhospitable places and spend their days searching the ground for pug prints, scat deposits and scanning the rugged mountainsides for signs of movement. The leopards' grey fur, splodged with black spots, means that they are very well camouflaged in rocky terrain but movement gives them away. Conservation agencies are teaching local inhabitants how to keep their animals safe from leopard predation at night and are promoting the idea that the leopards' presence could bring more prosperity to the area. In April Colin Kirkland will talk to us about "Wildlife in the Garden". *Ann Killen*

Barton Gardeners

Our gardens will now be bursting into life with spring flowers in abundance and the green shoots of summer perennials appearing. It is lovely to see our old favourites returning. Let's hope our more tender plants have survived the cold weather. I particularly hope the penstemons and salvias have survived as they give such a long and much appreciated summer of colour. I'm sure that all will become clear very soon.

Announcing a change to our published programme:

On **Thursday, 12th April Lamorna Thomas** will be coming to speak to us on '**What Plant, Where and Why**'. She will be using perennial plants to demonstrate different border plans and these will be on sale at the end of the evening. The talk will take place in Barton Village Hall at 7.45pm. Refreshments served from 7.15pm. Everyone Welcome. Members free. Visitors £3.

Plant Sale and Coffee Morning will be taking place on **Saturday, 12th May**. Everyone welcome. We would be most grateful if you would put aside any surplus plants you may have for the Plant Sale. Please label them and if possible deliver them to a BG Committee member. Alternatively, please deliver to the Village Hall by 9.15am on the day. Many thanks.

BG Committee 264765 or bartongardeners@hotmail.co.uk

Barton WWWI

The Wednesday Women are a fun, friendly, informal and active Women's Institute. We meet at The White Horse, Barton on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7pm. Our next meeting will be on 18th April and we will be learning about mindfulness for wellbeing. In February, our speaker was Anne Beamish of Independent Cambridge. This was started 6 years ago when Anne worked in publishing and lived in Mill Road, Cambridge. She became involved in Mill Road's Winter Fair which brings together many local independent traders. Anne became aware of the many problems traders faced such as competing with on-line retailers and ever increasing rents. Anne realised that it would be useful to compile a book and database of independent traders, not just in the City of Cambridge but in the outskirts as well. Anne answered questions asked by members and handed out a book and magazine to each of us.

For more details please visit our Facebook page: Wednesday Women WI
Email wednesdaywomenwi@live.com or phone Sara on 07810 663870

Louise Gough

Barton Lunch Club.

The Lunch Club is on the first Friday of each month for Barton residents, booking is essential. Our next lunch is Friday April 6th 12.30 for 1pm in the village hall. The cost is £3.00. Please note that if you wish to cancel a booking or add your name to the list please telephone Helen Newstead 262543, if possible by the Monday prior to the lunch.

Anne Coulson

Barton Village Hall

Due to increased running costs, the lettings rate for the Village Hall for Barton clubs and societies will increase from £15 to £16 per session. This will take effect from 1st June 2018.

Sue Clemo

Barton Bowls Club

Barton Bowls club Quiz night-- Sat 21st April 2018 in Barton Village Hall 6.45 for 7pm. Up to 8 people per team includes full ploughman's and desserts. Bring your own drinks and glasses. Come and join us for a great evening For tickets Contact: Ken Gifford: 263237/07557049238/ kenpat.gifford@btinternet.com
Hugh and Meta Greenfield 262005/ thegreenfields114@gmail.com
Martin Carter: 07500898345/mcarter@ntlworld.com

TRY A NEW SPORT: LAWN BOWLS

3 free coaching sessions for all ages (11yrs and over) Equipment provided, please wear trainers: **April 12th, 19th & 26th** Barton Bowls club Barton Recreation Ground To sign up contact: **Meta Greenfield 262005**
M Seymour 07557 638480

Craftforce

Calling all crafters! Craftforce meets on the 4th Wednesday of the month in the pavilion at 3pm for about two hours. Anyone is welcome to join us whether you would like to learn a new skill or simply find time to do your own thing – any craft at all - and have a pleasant social afternoon, chatting over tea and cake too! From time to time we have a tutor to teach a new art and occasionally a Saturday workshop. The Craftforce subscription is £20 pa (10 sessions) or £3.50 per session for those who would rather pay as you go. If anyone is interested who has not been to Craftforce, do get in touch with me. Workshops are costed separately. The next session will be on **Wednesday, 25th April**, do join us!

Margaret Winterbourne mwinterbourne@btinternet.com / 01223 262353

Barton Guides

Barton Guides needs new Leaders from January 2018. The two current Leaders are retiring after 12 -13 years commitment. The unit is being run by a team which includes a third year student at Cambridge University, who helps when she is available and another Leader, whose first baby was born in July this year. Girlguiding provides training and mentoring for all Leaders and a section-specific program for the girls. There are currently about 20 girls in the unit, from 10-14 years old and two Young Leaders, aged from 14-16. No previous guiding experience is necessary, the training is free and there is plenty of support available. A sense of humour and fun is useful. The girls' parents are extremely supportive and help to run camps and other events. The current unit is thriving and attends camps and other activities in conjunction with other guide units in our district. For further details please contact Valerie Ridgman vrldgman@msn.com or the District Commissioner, Nadine Santus toftdistrictguides@hotmail.co.uk Come and join us for an evening if you would like to see what happens on a weekly basis and discuss the longer term planning.

Valerie Ridgman

Comberton Library

Monday:10am-1pm, **Wednesday:**10am-1pm,2pm-5pm **Friday:**2pm-5pm **Saturday:**10am-1pm

More library detail and news at: <http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/library>

Upcoming Rhymetime sessions: 23rd April , 14th May (10.30 -11.00 am).

Cambridge Gliding Club Open Day, Sunday 8th April, 10am - 5pm.

Gransden Lodge Airfield, to find out about the sport of gliding. All welcome.

More information: <http://www.camgliding.uk/> Free admission, refreshments, aircraft displays, trial flights and talks about gliding.

Andrew Watson