

Dear Friends,

As I type this Easter still lies ahead, not just the over indulgence of Easter eggs for most of us, but first and foremost the great celebration of Resurrection on Easter Sunday.

I wonder if your Lent was a time in the desert, a time for thinking what had been in the past year and what might come in the year ahead. I wonder too if you, like me, resolved to spend more ‘*little Lents*’ through the year, and come to the 40 days and 40 nights next year a little less unprepared.

In April, as you read this, Easter will have happened, and we will be looking at that wonderful meeting of Christ and the disciples on the road to Emmaus. Did you know that over 500 people saw the risen Christ, not just the few that we read about in the Bible. I can remember as a child thinking how shocked people must have been when they discovered just who they had been talking to.

Somebody I know once spoke to a fellow guest at a party, who had been introduced as a ‘painter’, about her house painting – waxed eloquent in fact, even asked when he could do the job, to which he replied he would have to look in his diary! Only later in the evening did she find out that he was a Landscape Artist of some repute! Fortunately both were amused, and remain so. I wonder if it’s a case of hearing or not hearing, and of recognizing the signs.

That road to Emmaus happens every day in our lives if we take time to listen, recognise and reflect. It happens when Christ speaks to us through those we meet in unexpected ways, and at unexpected times, as well as in familiar places. The secret is, do we see Christ within those people? All are part of God’s wonderful creation, children of a very *living* God.

May you enjoy your journeying this year, and may you meet *the risen Christ* in everyone you meet along the road.

God Bless

Rev Judy Polkinhorn
Serving the parishes of Barton,
Coton, Harlton and Haslingfield in the Lordsbridge Team of Churches

Church News

Monday 11th April Annual Church Meeting 8pm in the church. This is an open meeting for all parishioners, a review of the past year and election of the PCC and churchwardens.

Sunday 10th April Barton Open Gardens. Once again we will be serving home made teas during the afternoon of Open Gardens in the village to raise money for church funds. Since re-arranging the pews we have more space at the back of the church so we plan to serve teas in the church, we hope you will join us for home-made cakes and scones and tea as well as viewing the gardens.

If you are able to help or make a cake please contact Anne Coulson.

Saturday 30th April We have the first of our summer coffee mornings in church from 10-11.30am. No charge for coffee so come and chat with friends and neighbours. Second hand books for sale.

Generous Slice Cafe Wednesday 27th April from 8.45am in the Village Hall. Why not join us for breakfast? Tea, fresh coffee, toast, cakes, warm croissants, cakes etc. A very pleasant gathering for all ages, organised by St. Peter's Church and Barton Baptist church; not a fund raising event but just a social occasion!

Two future dates for your diaries.

Friday 3rd June An evening concert in church by the Cantores choir, for church funds. The choir have arranged concerts for us before which have been much enjoyed, so we look forward to a return visit

Friday 22nd July A Murder Mystery Evening in the village hall. This will be a fun evening- detect the murderer and enjoy a delicious supper. Tickets will be on sale nearer the time and will be £15 a head.

The PCC has been given permission to change the seating arrangements at the back of the church. The pews on the north side are now placed to match the configuration on the south side, creating a larger open space across the nave. This will give scope to do more things, both for church services and school activities, and provide more opportunities for informal milling around over teas and coffees at concerts and other village events.

Anne Coulson

Barton Baptist Church

Well, the clocks have changed, the Easter eggs have been given and eaten and hopefully we are steaming ahead into a lovely, warm spring. It's therefore time to get out and about. So, here are some things to get out to. Our afternoon tea and chats are on the 12th and 26th of the month. Come anytime between 2.30pm and 4pm and be guaranteed a warm welcome and tasty afternoon refreshments. The foodbank collection point will also be open at this time. The men's breakfast, held

in the pavilion, is on Saturday 16th, from 8am. We have a full (very full!) breakfast, followed by a speaker. This is open to any man. It would be good to see you.

The very successful Generous Slice café is on Wednesday 27th in the village hall, opening at 8.45am. This has proved very popular with parents dropping their children off at school, but has also attracted many others from the village who fancy having breakfast out. What an offer!

Ken Jones

Parish Jottings

Village website

<http://www.barton-cambs.org.uk/>

is now fully operational again and has lots of useful and up-to-date information.

Please contact Bev Edwards or Margaret Penston to make further suggestions.

Annual Parish Meeting Tuesday 26th April 7.15 for 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Do not miss the opportunity to hear the Chairman's Annual report on Parish Council activities over the last year. You will also be able to listen to our District and County Councillors and to representatives of a variety of village groups. Refreshments will be provided. Please come along.

South Cambs Community Awards 2016

You will be delighted to hear that on 10th March Margaret Penston was awarded Parish Councillor of the Year, for her excellent stewardship of the Council as Chairman, and Anne Coulson got second place in the Village Hero Award, for her hard-working efforts with Lunch Club and elsewhere. Both of them won against very stiff opposition from other villages.

Cambs CC Local Highway Improvement Initiative – 2016/17

Another success for Barton: Sarah Thomas and Bev Edwards must have put up a good case because our application successfully secured funding of £9,950; we came in at no. 11 of the 20 successful applicants, and some 47 councils applied. We have to contribute 33% of the total cost, but most of that has been covered by a generous donation from Burwash Manor. We are proposing to install a tactile paving pedestrian crossing with a dropped kerb and bollards on both sides of the road outside the school, and some road narrowing at that point. We also wish to put in two flashing 20mph advisory signs to alert people to the fact that there is a school with children crossing at key times.

Kissing gate behind St Mark's Cemetery

Through the good offices of Francis Burkitt, in on with the landowners and Trumpington Farm Company, a kissing gate has been erected behind St. Mark's Cemetery. This will allow Barton residents to walk the pleasant rectangle from the

Rifle Range towards the motorway and return via the parallel Grantchester bridle path.

Western Orbital consultation

Thank you for your attendance at the open meeting. Over 65 people heard a variety of speakers expressing interesting views. The Parish Council has also sent in a response based on your opinions and continues to be involved in liaison and discussion with the City Deal officers. There will be further more precise proposals, but probably not before November 2016. Ideas will also be put forward about unclogging the city centre. You can always keep up to date on www.gccitydeal.co.uk/the-western-orbital.

Tree at Conkers

After a lot of deliberation, and consultation with various people, Alex Carter has decided to have a flower bed instead of a tree. Several villagers said that they prefer the open view, and people are finding it easier to park their cars. Others are finding it safer to cross the road.

Spring edition of South Cambridgeshire Magazine

As happened with previous editions, South Cambs and its distributor may have failed to deliver copies to Barton. That is being followed up. You can also read the magazine online: www.tinyurl.com/gt9qe52

A Housing Needs Survey for Barton:

Hopefully you have received yours and sent in your reply **by 1st April**.

It can also be completed on <http://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/barton>

(Please note that question 5 of the Survey should read Barton, and not Fulbourn!)

At their February meeting Councillors agreed to commission Cambridgeshire ACRE to carry out a housing needs survey; they chose for it to be funded by a suitable housing association.

Barton has 42 council-owned properties (15 general, 17 sheltered and 10 equity-shared) and 8 applicants on the housing register. 11% of housing is social housing, compared with the norm of 16% in South Cambs (**42 out of 373 dwellings**). All Councillors feel strongly that houses must be retained for those with a strong Barton connection.

It was felt it would be an appropriate time to commission a Housing Needs Survey, so we know how many affordable homes are needed in Barton, and the attitude of villagers towards having extra homes. It may be better to plan to meet the full need, rather than have piecemeal development.

Mark Deas from ACRE addressed the Council. ACRE, SCDC and housing associations working together have experience of building small developments, a

mix of market and affordable homes, on rural exception sites. He explained what a Housing Needs Survey entails. It is delivered to every address in the village, firstly to know if villagers are living in what they feel to be suitable accommodation, and secondly, if not, to establish further details and assess the critical need for affordable accommodation. ACRE produces a report and, if desired, attempts to find a site.

Anglian Water's Pollution Watch Hotline 03457 145 145

Anglian Water is launching its 'Pollution Watch' campaign to encourage us to **Spot, Report** and **Stop** sewage pollution incidents as quickly as possible and so minimise the impact to the environment.

Escapes from the sewage system are commonly caused by the build-up of fats, oils and greases, sanitary waste and wipes; all of which cause blockages and reduce the flow of sewage through the network.

Pollution can kill fish and other aquatic life and also affect the use of water and land for agricultural, business, community purposes.

Please call the **Pollution Hotline** on **03457 145 145** with information about potential sewage pollution to allow a quick response. The hotline is part of a five-year **Pollution Watch** campaign which aims to increase knowledge and understanding of waste water processes and encourage public involvement in improving environmental water quality. Please get in touch with Anglian Water if you would like to help further.

***Official notices and full minutes of meetings can be seen on the notice board by the pond.
Next Parish Council meeting: Tuesday 3rd May, 7.30pm, Village Hall***

Patrick De Backer 07771-923710 bartonpcclerk@btinternet.com

Village News

Thank you

My family and I have been so touched by the love and kindness shown to us by many in the village on learning of the death of my mother, Helen Trevena. Although she lived 100 miles away in Ashby-de-la-Zouch, during 40 years she took part in many events and celebrations in Barton, making friends with those she met. We do thank you most sincerely.

Ruth Bond

Barton Lunch Club – Friday, 1st April, 12.30 for 1pm, Village Hall

The Lunch Club on the first Friday of each month is for Barton residents, booking essential. The cost is £3. To book or cancel (or volunteer to cook) contact Anne Coulson, 262666.

Defibrillator Cabinet Appeal

Thank you to everyone who so kindly donated to our appeal. We have raised the

funds needed to purchase the cabinet and have it installed which is wonderful. We will update you once it has been installed and CPR training has been organised to complement the use of this equipment.

Sarah Thomas

Barton Bowls Club Quiz Night – Saturday 9th April, 6.45pm for 7pm, Village Hall

Up to eight persons per table, £8 per person including a full ploughman's and desserts. Bring your own drink and glasses. Come and join us for a great evening.

For tickets contact:

Ken Gifford 263237 / 07557 049238 / kenpat.gifford@btinternet.com

Martin Carter 07500 898345 / mcarter@ntlworld.com

Hugh&Meta Greenfield 262005

Ken Gifford and Meta Greenfield

NGS Barton Open Gardens – Sunday 10th April 2 – 5pm

The Cottages, Comberton Road is a new garden open this year. A really interesting garden making use of modern technology.

Also open are Farm Cottage (High Street), 114 High Street and Six Houses (Comberton Road).

Wonderful teas in Barton Church
Combined entrance £5 Children free

Meta Greenfield Village organiser

Barton Tennis Club

Barton Tennis Club will hold its AGM on Thursday 21st April at 8pm in the Sports Pavilion. The meeting is open to all members, and anyone interested in playing tennis.

Subscriptions for the coming year will remain unchanged at £40 for family and £25 for individual membership. The lock to the courts will be changed on Sunday 1st May. Existing members should return last year's key with their subscription.

Adult coaching is expected to commence on Tuesday 17th May at 7.30pm. For further details please contact David Ireland, 263991, or Alec Tompson, 262683.

Please come along as we would like to develop the club, and appeal to as wide an age range as possible. Any new ideas and suggestions would be welcome.

David Ireland, Barton Tennis Club Chairman

Fabienne's French Conversation Group

Have you ever been on holiday in France and wished your French was better? Come and join our friendly and informal French conversation group. All ages, genders and levels welcome, from beginner to 'connaissanceur'. Friday 10-11am, Barton. Call Fabienne on 264961 or 07546 932562 to book your FREE taster session.

Barton School

What's been happening at Barton School? Over the last couple of months, at Barton School, we have had many exciting events such as our Pancake Day write up and our 'Wonderful Write', where we have been given a visual stimulus to create a piece of writing independently. As well as all of our events, we've been loving the warm and fresh spring air and have been grabbing every opportunity we can to extend our learning to outside.

Robin Class (our youngest children) have been enjoying their 'forest school experience' and have had the opportunity to create anything out of sticks and logs. Whereas, Years 3 & 4 (Swallow Class) have been practising like mad for their up and coming 'SingFest' concert and Kingfisher Class have been getting messy and making their own rocket for their classroom based on their topic on Space.

Our new production kitchen has been installed and everyone (including the teachers) has been enjoying our scrummy new meals. We now have a choice of meals with a meat, veggie and salad option each day and a wide variety of extras such as couscous, freshly-made bread and lettuce available from the salad bar.

Thank you for reading what Barton School has been up to lately.

written by Abby Miller, Year 6

Barton Playgroup

During March we continued our play with music - Peter and the Wolf and the Carnival of the Animals - to learn about musical instruments, animals and our emotions. We celebrated World Book Day by dressing up as princesses and heroes (raising money for Crackerjack; a charity that supports severely disabled children), and parents joined us in reading our favourite books. This month we've also had the opportunity to join in some play time at Barton School, mixing with Reception and Year 1 children - a lot of fun was had!



If you are interested in reserving a space for your child at Playgroup, please see our website www.Bartonplaygroup.wordpress.com or call 07762 487650 term-time mornings.

Elise Fielder

Barton WI

At our Annual General Meeting we thanked our retiring President for her marvellous work for the past four years, along with the hard working Secretary who also retired. Our speaker Pat Duckworth's talk on 'How to Improve Sleep' was extremely useful, she explained the benefits of a good night's sleep for our wellbeing. Giving us some tips on how to establish a good sleep pattern. The session ended with her talking us through a relaxing routine.

Our speaker for April is Trevor Gunton *I Know an Island*

Kathryn Wake

Barton Drama Group

Our Spring production is *The Odd Couple* by Neil Simon. Performances are from Wednesday 20th – Saturday 23rd April at 7.45 pm, plus a matinee on Saturday 23rd at 2.30 pm.

Again, some new faces as well as established members appear in this classic comedy, opening as friends gather for cards at Oscar's rather messy apartment. Arriving late is Felix, just separated from his wife. The highly entertaining story unfolds as the fastidious Felix and the slovenly Oscar decide to share the apartment, certainly an 'odd couple'.

Tickets are available from Norma Eaton, 263561. Prices are £8 (£6 concessions) which includes refreshments. www.bartondramagroup.co.uk

Val Watson

Neighbourhood Watch

Crime rates are still low in Barton at present, but thefts may be on the increase. There were 15 burglaries in 2015, compared with 12 in 2014 and 4 in 2013. This is an uncomfortably high number, and we all need to ensure that we protect our property as best we can. Encouragingly, the burglary figures have been lower since July 2015; let's hope this trend continues.

Although speed limits have been reduced in Barton, there are still motorists who are ignoring them and this is causing a lot of concern in the community. As you know, we now have a Speedwatch scheme in the village. This will be mounting checks on speeding soon, with the aim of reducing the number of offenders. Results from other villages show that Speedwatch schemes are effective. Thanks to the 20 volunteers who will be working in this group.

Please report any suspicious activity to the police on the 101 number, or 999 if you suspect a crime is in progress.

Keep safe, Bev Edwards

Barton Friendship Club

At our last meeting on 1st March, we had a very informative talk by the Cambridge City Foodbank. Our next meeting is on 5th April at 2.30pm which is our AGM followed by a Quiz. Membership fees are due and are £12 for the year. We meet on the first Tuesday of each month in the Village Hall. All welcome! Members £2; Visitors £3.

Richard Parker

Barton WWWI

In March we had a really fun evening learning the basics of sign language which concluded in signing and Adele song! A useful skill set for life. In April we look forward to welcoming award winning author Sarah Harrison who will entertain us

with comedic verse. Please join us on Wednesday 20th at The White Horse Inn guests welcome at £5 a head.

For further information contact Sarah Massie on wednesdaywomenwi@live.com or 07791 668134.

Sarah Massie

Barton Gardeners

The Plant Sale and Bacon Butties morning is on Saturday, 7th May – Everyone welcome. Please would you pot on any unwanted seedlings or surplus plants for the Plant Sale. All should be labelled and, if possible, delivered to a BG Committee member. Alternatively, by 9.15am on the day to the Village Hall. Many thanks.



The BG Show Schedule will be delivered in May. The Classes will be very similar to previous years with the addition of the following Classes:-

Vegetables – 3 Different Vegetables; Flowers – Tree or Shrub Blooms; Cacti and Succulents – multiple varieties in one container (max. size 30cm); Photography – ‘Patterns in Nature’

We look forward to seeing all your entries on Saturday, 9th July.

Sue Edwards

Wedding Open Day at Burwash Manor, Saturday 9th April, 10am-4pm

Are you looking for a beautiful, countryside wedding venue where you can spend a relaxed, happy day with family and friends? A venue which allows you the time, freedom and flexibility to create your own special and memorable day? Look no further! The Secret Garden’s 1600 sq.ft permanent marquee will be dressed in all its finery, and our team together with 16 of their favourite wedding specialists will be on hand to offer ideas and inspiration for your special day. Free entry and refreshments.

Plant Fair at Burwash Manor, Sunday 24th April, 11am-4pm

Come and visit our annual plant fair where specialist nurseries will be selling sought after plants – from unusual cottage plants, perennials and roses, to shrubs and ferns – and what’s best is that they are all grown in the UK and very sensibly priced! Stalls are staffed by the growers themselves who will give advice on how, where and why you should plant their varieties. Everyone welcome from the seriously green-fingered to the complete novice. Free admission and parking. For further information call 07709 909849.

Comberton Library

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

Cambridgeshire Libraries work with a variety of Healthcare agencies to promote health initiatives. You may have noticed our collection of Dementia related

‘Books on Prescription’ that sit near the Requests shelf. Via the online library service Health Promotion Access Catalogue it is possible to download a new Dementia Emergency App, available on both Android and Apple devices. Ideal for home-carers and health workers, it provides support and guidance for those dealing with a dementia related emergency. Please look at hpac.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/HPAC/ for more details.

Upcoming Rhymetime sessions: 11th and 25th April, 9th and 23rd May (10.30-11am). We look forward to welcoming Barbara, our new Rhymetime volunteer this month. Please note that although these sessions are aimed at very young children we welcome older siblings and pre-schoolers who enjoy singing too! And please look up in the library! We have offered our wall space to a local Watercolour class, who meet at Comberton Village College, and they will be exhibiting their work for the enjoyment of the community. There are classes run at the college for both beginners and experienced painters. If you feel inspired we display brochures and leaflets from a variety of educational providers advertising a huge range of courses.

Hilary Spargo, Comberton Library

Comberton Sports and Arts – Events in April

Fri	Custard Comedy – Headliner: Jonny Awsum, Mark Palmer, Suzy Bennett. MC Robyn Perkins	http://www.custardcomedy.co.uk/comberton.html
Sat 16 th	Mosaic Dance School – Show of the Year	http://www.mosaicdance.com/
Sat 23 rd	Sylvia Armit Dance School – Show case	http://www.sylviaarmitschoolofdance.co.uk/
Mon 25 th	WI – Annual Council Meeting	http://www.cfwi.co.uk/
30 th Apr/1 May	Stagecoach Seniors Show	http://www.stagecoach.co.uk/cambridge

For more information about any of our shows please contact Richard Brown, Arts Development Manager, Comberton Village College – 01223 264444 / rbrown@combertonvc.org

Cambridge Past, Present and Future (Cambridge PPF) – April Events
Iron Age Wandlebury, Tuesday 5th April, 11.00am-1.00pm

Aimed at ages 6+, children must be accompanied. Pre-booking essential. £8 per child (£6 members), adults free. Meet at Wandlebury Stable Rooms.

Fairy Fun, Wednesday 6th April, 11.00am-1.00pm

Ages 3-6 years, children must be accompanied. Pre-booking essential. £8 per child (£6 members), adults free. Meet at Wandlebury Stable Rooms.

Survival! Wednesday 6th April, 2.00pm-4.00pm

Ages 6-8 years, children must be accompanied. Pre-booking essential. £8 per child

(£6 members), adults free. Meet at Wandlebury Stable Rooms.

Unaccompanied Fun - A day in the woods, Friday 8th April, 10.00am-4.00pm

For unaccompanied children aged 8-12 years. Pre-booking essential. £40 per child (£35 members). Meet at Wandlebury Stable Rooms.

Bat Appreciation Evening, Sunday 17th April, 7.30pm-9.00pm

Adults only. Pre-booking essential: £4 (£3 members). Meet at Wandlebury Stable Rooms.

Climate Change and Chalk Landscape Talk, Wednesday 20th April, 7.30pm

Free event but places are limited, so booking advised by 14th April. Talk followed by refreshments. Meet at Wandlebury Stable Rooms.

May Day Morris Dancing, Sunday 1st May, 5.30am-6.30am

This is a free event but booking must be made in advance for refreshments, available for £2.50. Meet on the picnic field to greet the summer sun!

For more information visit www.cambridgeppf.org/whats-on, bookings@cambridgeppf.org, 223 243830 ext 207

Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service – April Bulletin

Would you like to help your community stay safe and learn more about fire safety? We're looking for volunteers in your area to join our successful Community Champion scheme. Community Champions encourage local residents to carry out fire safety checks in their own homes, visit community groups and educate about fire safety and escape plans. We will train you, give you a uniform and provide you with a wide range of activities to choose from, all of which will help to keep our communities safe from the risk of fire. Local charity Groundwork coordinates the Community Champion scheme on behalf of CFRS. Anyone interested in becoming a Community Champion should call Katie Dean on 01480 587140 / 07736 132870 or email katie.dean@groundwork.org.uk

And don't forget to test your smoke alarm – and that of elderly relatives – by pressing the 'test' button on the device. To find out if you are eligible for a free home fire safety check, call 0800 917 99 94

For more information, visit www.cambsfire.gov.uk Find us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram or call 01480 444500.

Bags of Help for community projects from Groundwork

Do you know of a local community green space project that would benefit from up to £12,000? If so, there are Bags of Help at hand!

The money raised from the 5p bag charge in Tesco stores is being used to pay for a large number of local projects to improve green spaces in communities across the UK. Grants of £8,000, £10,000 and £12,000 are on offer through the scheme.

Community charity Groundwork is administering the funding and you can find all the details on our dedicated website: www.groundwork.org.uk/tesco

In total the Bags of Help programme will support around 2,500 projects each year across the UK – about 40 of those are in Cambridgeshire. There will be two funding rounds per year over the next three years, meaning that around £700,000 will be given out in grants.

The next round of applications opens online on April 18th. Don't miss your chance to benefit! All information about the scheme is on the website (details above) but you can also contact your local Bags of Help Enabler for further information about applying on Katie.dean@groundwork.org.uk or 07736 132870.

Home Start – Cambridge Wind Band presents ‘Stars and Stripes’, Saturday 30th April, 7.30pm, West Road Concert Hall

An evening of American music featuring Bernstein, Stevie Wonder, John Williams and much, much more. Tickets £15/£10 available from ADC Box Office by calling 01223 300085 or email boxoffice@adctheatre.com

We would like to thank the Cambridge Wind Band who will be raising funds through this concert for Home-Start Royston & South Cambridgeshire.

Spinal Injuries Association – Great British Fish & Chip Supper 20th May

Make the Batter Matter! Help rebuild lives of those paralysed by spinal cord injury. SIA will provide a fundraising pack containing hints and tips, recipes, invitations and donation envelopes. Ask friends or a community group to supper or have a work lunch and ask people to donate £5. For more information or request a fundraising pack call Elizabeth Wright on 0845 071 4350 or email fundraising@siafishandchips.co.uk or visit www.siafishandchips.co.uk

The Royal National Institute of Blind People (RNIB) – Volunteer to raise funds

Right now RNIB can only reach one in three of the people who need help most. You will receive all the support you need to ensure your volunteering experience is enjoyable and rewarding while helping us to raise vital funds. To get involved or to find out more please call us on 0345 345 0054, www.rnib.org.uk/fundraisingvolunteers or communityfundraising@rnib.org.uk If you, or someone you know, has a sight problem, RNIB can help. Call the RNIB Helpline on 0303 123 9999 or visit www.rnib.org.uk

Church Cleaning		Coffee	
2 nd	Meta & Hugh Greenfield	3 rd	Margaret & John Winterbourne
16 th	Paul & Anita Duffett	10 th	Ann Killen; Joy Churcher
30 th	Margaret & Peter Smith	17 th	Edith Flint; Margaret Flook
Flowers		Readers	
17 th	Richard Parker		

