

Dear Friends,

We are now in the Easter Season one of the most joyous of all our Christian times of the year, but I'm sure it's not only meant for us 'obvious' Christians in Barton.

Easter is the foundation of the Christian faith: without it and the Resurrection there would be no Christianity, but the message of Easter goes beyond Christianity and touches the hearts of all good people everywhere. It is a message of celebration – of the ultimate triumph of hope and of love conquering hate; of faith reigning supreme over fear. It is the single most hopeful message to all mankind that ultimately right will prevail over wrong.

In a weary world, battered by hate, war, greed, dwindling resources, starvation, hopelessness, violence and evil, the message of Easter shines like a lighthouse above a dark and treacherous shore. It is a message that all who listen will hear – whether they be Christians, Jews, Muslims, Buddhists, atheists or of no faith – for would any good person hope that hate will ultimately triumph over love?

The true Christian is tolerant of other religions and other beliefs. And in that spirit of Christianity we must make the message of Easter more than just a Christian message. We must share this message of rebirth and hope with all our brothers and sisters, of all other religions and beliefs; even non-believers. Those who listen will hear the message of Easter. They will not be deafened by secularism or doctrine or ideology. Easter's message of hope, light and love is universal.

This Easter, let all Christians hope that all good people, everywhere, (in different Villages, in Cambridge, and across our country and the world) listen and hear the message of Easter and the Resurrection as a universal message of life, hope, light, love and faith: a message that will touch every good human heart.

And let us all remember that without hope there can be no love; and without love we are nothing.

Above all, Easter's message is one of hope. It is a message which proclaims the triumph of love over hate and of life over death. This year, more than ever before, we hope that in this world tormented by hate, war, greed and despair and hopelessness, the message of Easter will be heard by all good people all over the world regardless of religion. Hope and love do not belong to one religion, they are universal. And so is the message of Easter, a message and beacon of hope to all.

(I acknowledge the guidance and words of my old Diocesan Bishop, and friends in my old, very multi-cultural and multi faith Parishes of West Yorkshire, in putting this letter together this month. This message of Easter is as important to us in Barton, as it is in Leeds or Islamabad).

Have a wonderful and hopeful Easter Season.

Michael, Team Vicar

Church News

From the registers - weddings

Saturday 7th May Rosamund Criddle and Timothy Buxton

Church Coffee Morning. Saturday 4th June in the Church

We hope you can join us for an informal cup of coffee in the church 10-11.30am and you may be lucky and pick up a second-hand book to read or maybe other bargains! No charge for coffee.

Sunday 26th June – Bring and Share Lunch

This is our special celebration of St. Peter, which we invite the four other parishes in our group to share with us. The service will be at 10.30am and will be followed by a Bring and Share Lunch in the Village Hall. Plates and cutlery will be available, but please bring some food and drink to contribute to the meal.

Barton Baptist Church News

Our Joint Service with the Parish Church on May 1st was a joyful celebration and much appreciated by all who attended. Thanks to all who helped to make it a success.

That weekend also saw the Baptist Union Annual Assembly in Blackpool. Elizabeth went as our representative. The Rev Chris Duffett (Son of Paul and Anita) who lives at Gransden was appointed President elect of the BU at the assembly.

June sees the Annual assembly of Baptists in the Eastern region (Essex, Suffolk, Norfolk and Cambridgeshire). This year it is in Norwich on June 4th. On Sunday 19th many Baptist Churches in the area exchange preachers with ordained clergy going to some of the smaller churches whilst the lay preachers go to the larger ones. We at Barton will be welcoming the Rev Daniel Hatfield who is the minister at Mill Road Baptist Church.

Brian West 264801

Barton Christian Fellowship

Our Meeting this month is on Wednesday June 8th 2.30pm in the Village Hall, when our speaker will be Mandy Gilbert-Smith from Comberton.

Mary West

Parish Jottings

Annual Parish Meeting – Villagers were sounded out about having a textile bank and media container at the A603 lay-by, it was generally felt that such banks might encourage further fly-tipping, so we have told South Cambs accordingly. The other banks will be removed, as South Cambs now provides a recycling service at your home.

Reporting potholes – A reminder that Cambridgeshire County Council has a new link for reporting highway defects. Do use it, everything is logged!

<http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/transport/roads/reportingafault.htm>

New Parish Council – It met for the first time 17th May. The new councillors are: Bev Edwards; Mike Radford; Hugh Greenfield; Tim Scott; Mary MacDonald; Nigel Siddall; Robin Page; Karen Wilkins; Margaret Penston.

Elections – Congratulations to Francis Burkitt who continues to be our District Councillor, having the support of 73.5% of voters; turnout was 55%. Please see the village website for Francis' thoughts on democracy and politics at SCDC.

In the Referendum on the Alternative Vote, South Cambs residents voted Yes: 34.66%; No: 65.34%.

Emergency Planning – Do come along to the **Open Forum at 7pm on Tuesday 7th June** when Lawrence Green from South Cambs will speak about safety issues and arrangements for emergencies.

Hedges – A plea to keep hedges trimmed at this time of growth. This helps pedestrians, cyclists and motorists so much. Thank you in advance.

Dog Owners – There have been reports of mess being left again. Please be more considerate to other residents.

Noticeboard and website – Official notices and full minutes of meetings can be seen on the notice board outside Conkers or on <http://www.barton-cambs.org.uk>

Next Council meetings: Tuesday 7th June **7pm** in the Village Hall.

Tuesday 5th July 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

[Patrick De Backer 262577 bartonpcclerk@btinternet.com](mailto:Patrick.DeBacker.262577@btinternet.com)

Village News

Barton Lunch Club – Friday 4th June, 12.30 for 1pm. In the village hall. For cancellations or reservations please contact Anne Coulson 262666.

Thanks

During my recent stay in Addenbrooke's I received many cards and messages of goodwill. These meant a great deal to me and were much appreciated. It is lovely to be back home in Barton and making steady progress.

John Edwards

Many thanks to everyone who sent cards and good wishes after my recent operation. I am feeling much better now and look forward to getting out and about again soon.

Thank you, once again. Chris Brown

Tea at Three

On St George's Day, 23rd April, the Saturday before the Royal Wedding and also Easter weekend, the village hall was transformed into Barton's Ritz, and 33 folk

enjoyed a truly English afternoon tea in style: finely cut sandwiches, scones with clotted cream and strawberry conserve, and a delectable cake selection, not to mention copious pots of a variety of teas. Those who attended were greeted at the door by John, suitably attired in dinner jacket and bowler hat, and were waited on throughout the afternoon by three dutiful young ladies dressed in black with dainty white aprons: Susie, Amy and Laura. The sun shone gloriously, palm court music played in the background, and a memorable time was had by all. It was a wonderful start to the Royal Wedding celebrations.

Thank you to all who took part and supported this occasion in any way. We were able to send £192.50 to Cancer Research UK.

Margaret Winterbourne and Ruth Bond

Sponsorship for Charity Hike [8 or 9 miles]

Anita and Paul Duffett of 11 Roman Hill would appreciate sponsors for a "hike" organised by HELWEL on June 18th in Sussex. HELWEL is a charity which has been raising money for community development projects in Kwazulu Natal, South Africa, since its inception in 1964. Paul is a member of its Council.

WI

The May meeting was the Resolutions Meeting, the topics were Closure of Local Libraries and Proposed Mega Farms. Lynda Martin presented a very good case for keeping local library services, which serve all ages of the community. There are several closures proposed, including Comberton. We all agreed that we should support the Resolution to urge the Government to maintain support for this resource. The speakers on the second Resolution, Nick Everington CEO of Royal Association of British Dairy Farmers, and John Terry from Countryside Restoration Trust, both gave us lots of information, and after a lively debate, the majority of the meeting agreed that we would vote against the Resolution.

The April meeting is "Experiences as a World War 2 Evacuee". The WI are also trying to take part in "The Big Lunch" on Sunday 5th June. This was started by The Eden Project as a way of getting together with neighbours. We are hoping that the New Pavilion will be finished, so the proposal is that we have a bring-and-share lunch on the Recreation Ground for the whole village. Look out for details on the notice boards.

Sue Clemo

Barton Friendship Club

Our Coffee Morning and Bring & Buy in Aid of The Meningitis Trust on April 16th raised £114. Thanks to all who helped us to reach this sum.

On 7th June we have a Games afternoon, this starts at 2.30pm. Then on 21st June we are going to Toft Golf course for a Cream Tea. The cost is £7.50. Please make sure that Richard Parker knows you are going and also give

him the money. We leave Barton at 3pm.

Brian West

Easter Wellie Wanging

Thank you to all who took part in and supported our traditional Easter Monday event. We enjoyed perfect weather and raised £109.60 on the day for Marie Curie Cancer Support.

Thanks to the Wanging Masters, Dick Haynes, who has been running the competition since 1974, and Paul Barker, for his splendid organisation on the day; this year's champions were: Ladies: Rilla Molnar (59'3"); Junior Boy: Louis Young (49'1"); Junior Girl: Molly Stonebridge (36"); Men: Colin Hulett (102'11"). Congratulations to all!

Please see the village website, www.barton-cams.org.uk for photos.

David Saby, Landlord, The Hoops

Neighbourhood Watch

The police have reported that it is fortunately very quiet in Barton at the moment. I hope this continues

Home Office crime statistics show that between December and March we have had 15 reported offences (nearly 4 per month). These comprise 3 burglaries, 4 cases of anti-social behaviour and 8 other crimes). Coton has had 8 crimes in the same 4-month period and Toft 7- I will ask the police why Barton has a higher crime rate than these other villages of similar size.

If you hear of any crimes in Barton, please let me know so that I can warn people. There has been a warning from the police recently about a council tax rebate telephone scam where residents are asked for bank details so they can be credited with the money. So many people are too trusting!

Keep safe,

Bev Edwards

Barton Gardeners

This year's **Plant Sale & Bacon Butties** morning was a resounding success, not least because nearly all the plants were sold. In addition, a rather large number of delicious Bacon Butties were consumed. We are delighted to report an increase in profit over last year, boosting BG's funds for staging the Village Day Show by over £400. **THANK YOU** to everyone who helped, donated and attended this lively event.

Tickets are still available for the **BG Summer Outing to Belton House and Gardens on Saturday, 18th June**. Please call Sue Clemo on 264765 as soon as possible: members @ £25pp and non-members @ £27pp. NT members can deduct the entrance fee of £9.

The Village Day Show details appear elsewhere in the Magazine. We are always

grateful for the help we receive in setting and clearing up on the day. If you would like to join in, please get in touch with me or one of the Committee.

Tickets for the evening BBQ are now on sale, please contact Janet Ireland on 263991. There will be a change to the Bar facilities this year. You will be able to buy bottles of wine and the usual good quality beer but guests may bring their own drinks if they prefer. Please also bring your own glassware.

Sue Edwards 262479

Barton Glebe Woodland Burial Ground.

Open afternoon – Wednesday 22nd June 2011, 1pm till 6pm. Light refreshments. Displays, demonstration of willow weaving, CRUSE Bereavement Care representatives. Admire the trees and wildflowers and meet the team. More info 303874 or www.arborytrust.org.uk

BRIG

By June, the new Sports & Social pavilion will be completed and be in use. **BRIG AGM is on Monday 13th June 7.30 for 8pm.** Please join us for wine, coffee and nibbles, to see the new facilities and to hear how things are progressing. This is open to all.

Mary MacDonald

Recruiting for the Haslingfield Colts – 4th June

Haslingfield Colts, your local boys football team, is holding an open morning for any youngster who wants to play the beautiful game next season. We're inviting any young player (who's under 12 years old on September 1st this year, and of course their parents) along to an open morning at Haslingfield Recreation Ground (off New Road in the village) anytime between 10.30am and noon on Saturday June 4th to have a kick about.

To find out more, come along on June 4th or call Neil Poole on C-870484 or Keith Murray on 0787-6683192 or keith@murraysouthwell.plus.com We conform to all FA regulations and are CRB checked.

Wednesday Women WI

Our inaugural meeting on 18th May was a wine tasting at the White Horse, ably and enjoyably hosted by Tim Deer, the landlord. Apart from having fun on the night, none of us will dread being asked to taste the wine in a restaurant again!

We next meet on 15th June at 6.30, on the forecourt of the White Horse, to be instructed in essential car maintenance by a mechanic from Wallis & Son. After that we'll all be confident about tyre pressure, oil levels and much more.

Kathinka Horn and Bex Saunders

Music Hall to Musicals

There are still a few seats left for the show in the Village Hall, Barton, on Friday and Saturday 3rd and 4th June. The *Jaybees* and *Comberton Cantabile* will be

providing the entertainment and there will be a splendid Ploughman's Supper; fruit juice will be provided but bring your own wine if you wish.

Tickets at £12.50 per head obtainable from Judith Bowen (C-262186)

All profits will be donated to the NSPCC

CamShare – Online car sharing in Cambridge

- save money by splitting your fuel costs
- meet people in your community
- help your environment, because car sharing means less traffic, less pollution and a healthier community

Cambridgeshire has a free online car sharing service, camshare.co.uk. Simply register your journey, contact those people who share the same journey as you, then arrange to car share as little or as often as you like. For more information call Cathryn Rutange on C-715692 or camshare@cambridgeshire.gov.uk.

CamShare is provided by Cambridgeshire County Council and the Travel for Work Partnership.

Visit www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/transport to discover your travel options.

Burwash Manor – Farm Walks Open Farm Sunday June 12th, 11am – 4pm

Join us for a day of fun on the farm!

It's national Open Farm Sunday, and we're part of it. Open Farm Sunday involves farmers opening their doors (and fields, and barns...) to the public, for free, to show what goes on and why.

At Burwash Manor, there's a chance to meet the farmer and his animals, tractor and trailer rides, farm walks, a barbeque, beer tent, a visit from the RSPB and heaps of children's activities including pond-dipping and farm quizzes!

Not to mention our demonstrations of sheep shearing, spinning, willow weaving, ferreting and farm machinery (weather permitting we will be making silage).

AccessArt at Burwash Manor – Art and Craft Workshops throughout June

There are several sessions on drawing and developing sketchbook skills, and workshops from local milliner, Abigail Crampton, and Lizanne van Essen, who will be creating pop-up books.

See notices around the village or www.accessart.ork.uk/events or 262134 for details and booking. Prices vary.

Emmaus Cambridge Celebrates 20 years in Landbeach!

The first event will be an Open Day on **Saturday 18th June**. There will be tours, music, poster displays showing our history, stalls and, of course, our shop will be open as normal. The second event will be a One-Day Half-Price Solidarity Sale with a truly international flavour on **Saturday 16th**

July when Emmaus communities from the UK and Europe will be joining us to say a huge thank you for supporting us over the last 20 years. More information will be available on our posters, on C-863657, on our website www.emmauscambidge.org or at the shop so please come and join us at the Community on Green End, Landbeach, Cambridge CB25 9FD from 9am to 5pm.



Barton Village Day 2011
Saturday 9th July
2pm Barton School Grounds

**Crafts & Stalls, Side Shows,
JezO's Magic Show, Refreshments,
plus live music from the Combertones
and many other attractions**

**Admission - Adults - £1.50p
11-18 years - 50p
Primary School Children - Free**

Family Evening
BBQ, Bar & Live Music

**In the marquee from 7:30pm
Featuring Tim&Tom on the guitar
(back by popular demand)**

**Salads, bread and coffee provided
bring your meat or fish
to self cook on the giant BBQs**

**Admission to BBQ by Ticket only
Adults £6 Under 11's £3
Contact Janet Ireland (01223)263991**