

Dear Friends,

As November arrives, the shops and public images around us are of Halloween. In a society which dismisses the reality of evil and (ironically) can be obsessed with health and safety, Halloween has become a safer and more acceptable autumn celebration than letting off fireworks on Bonfire night. No doubt by the time you read this, supermarkets will be offering aisles full of macabre merchandise and themed food. This poses problems for those of us who are trying to follow Jesus by being 'in the world but not of it'. How to respond as Christians and as a Church?

Halloween is, at its heart, a celebration of evil, and we're called to try to spread goodness in the world. 'Fill your minds,' writes St Paul to the Philippians, 'with those things that are good and deserve praise: things that are true, noble, right, pure, lovely and honourable'. Jesus says 'Let your light shine before people, so that they will see the good things you do and praise your Father in heaven.'

To join in celebrating Halloween is to lend support to the widespread idea that the spirit world is harmless. Jesus didn't think so! The witness of the Bible, and the experience of many today, is that the devil is alive and well, and there really are evil forces at work in our world. The language we use about such things may have changed, but the realities have not.

So, if we can't just join in, how do we respond to Halloween each year without being seen as out-of-date paranoid killjoys? Well we can have the fun, in celebrating the LIGHT and LOVE of Christmas in our, 'Light Party' and being ready for that Light, (that conquers all darkness), this Advent and Christmas.

Have a Light-filled and fun November

Very best wishes

Michael, Vicar

Church News

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Thank you to everyone who supported our church coffee morning last month for church funds.

Churchyard Clean-up Saturday November 17th from 9.30am. We would welcome any help with tidying up the churchyard before the winter sets in; there will doubtless be lots of leaves to rake up and shrubs to be pruned! Please bring one or two basic tools with you e.g. a rake, secateurs, shears etc. Large garden sheets are also very useful for collecting the leaves. This is a good social morning as well as a working session – coffee and biscuits mid-morning.

Church Rotas

It will soon be time to think about drawing up the new church rotas, and we would welcome offers from anyone who would like to be included. Please don't wait to be asked, we may not know who would like to help!

The following people would be delighted to hear from you

Altar Flowers	Janet Ireland	263117
Church cleaning	Rita Clarkson	263417
Coffee Making	Julia Stibbs	262527
Lesson readers	Hugh Greenfield	262005

We are very grateful to everyone who helps to keep our parish church in such good order. A special thank you to all who have kept the hedges cut and churchyard grass mown this summer; a number of people have commented on how tidy the churchyard always is and how much they appreciate this.

Barton Baptist Church

Hello

A short while ago I was welcomed into Barton Baptist Church as the assistant minister, to work alongside Brian West. I am married to Lesley and we have two grown up daughters, one living near to us and the other in Southampton. We have two lovely grandchildren. I enjoy sport and am hoping next year to join the bowls club. I also enjoy food and had a lovely meal at the village lunch club a few weeks ago.

I do like meeting people in their homes and think I am a good listener. If you have any issues in your life you would like to talk about please give me a call. We live just down the road in Comberton and I'm often found on my bike – please stop me and say 'hello' back.

Kind regards, Ken Jones (Rev) 262583

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our harvest celebrations. Our

morning service was very well attended and the display of fresh food, tinned food and tools was excellent. The village hall was packed for our tea and “Café Style” service in the evening which again was a great success. The 25th November is the occasion of the Joint Deanery Service which is held annually in the Comberton Leisure Centre. The churches of all denominations in the Bourn deanery area get together to Celebrate our oneness in Christ. Our guest speaker this year is Rev Chris Duffett (son of Anita and Paul) who is the current President of the Baptist Union of Great Britain. Everyone from the villages in the area are very welcome to join us for the service which starts at 10.30am.

We also start our joint Advent Bible studies on Wednesday 28th November. The topic this year is *Better Together?* We meet at 7.30pm in the Baptist Church and all are very welcome to join us. The complete series is as follows:

- Wednesday 28th November Family Relationships
- Wednesday 5th December Relating to Strangers
- Wednesday 12th December Broken Relationships
- Wednesday 19th December Our Relationship with God

Come and join us if you can on all or any of these occasions. Last year we had about 20 people to each meeting.

Food Bank Collection Point

In November the Food bank collection point is open on Tuesdays 13th and 27th 2.30pm to 4pm and Wednesdays 7th and 21st 7.30pm to 8.30pm. It would be nice to make a special effort as we approach Christmas so that those who find themselves unexpectedly unable to provide for their family can have some food at Christmas.

Tools with a Mission

As you know we have been collecting tools for *Tools with a Mission* over the summer and these were delivered to Ipswich in early October. Among them were a knitting machine and a sewing machine, a typewriter, numerous hoes, shovels, spades and forks plus an assortment of saws, spanners, drills, hammers and screwdrivers. Thanks to everyone who searched their sheds, spare rooms etc for unwanted items. They are very much appreciated. I act as a collecting point all the year so if you come across any more unwanted items please drop them off at 24 Haslingfield Road.

Brian West 264801

Barton Christian Fellowship

We will meet on Wednesday 14th at 2.30pm in the Village Hall. Our speaker will be Rev Bill Dubocq who will be talking about the Community to which he and Holly belong. All are welcome.

Mary West

Parish Jottings

Slow down!!

We are really thrilled! **The new speed limit signs** have been put up...**in all the places that we asked for and at the correct reduced speeds.**

You will remember that we organised several petitions and that we put our case before both a South Cambs Committee and the County Cabinet.

Let's hope the bill will not be too large; it's certainly great step forward which should make life safer for so many. Thanks to everyone for their support.

Reporting Faults on the Highway

Do by all means report potholes, etc. to a Councillor or the Clerk, but you can also highlight these problems on www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk under *transport* or *online*; you can pinpoint the location on a street map. The fault is then automatically logged.

District Councillor Francis Burkitt told us at the last meeting that a South West Cambridge Countryside Trail brochure is being produced with details of local walks and amenities. This leaflet hopes to reinforce the idea of the Quarter to Six Quadrant as a country area.

The South Cambs Issues and Options Consultation which ended on 28th September had 11,500 responses; there may be further consultation on specific sites; this democratic procedure will be lengthy, probably culminating with an Inspector's decision in 2014. Three possible sites are now being promoted for a community football stadium – Trumpington Meadows, Cambourne and Milton.

New permissive path

Somewhere new for you to wander, by kind permission of Trumpington Farm Company; it makes for a lovely circular walk. Go 200 yards beyond the last houses on the Wimpole Road, turn right at the gate entrance with a map and carry on round to the Comberton Road opposite the Burial Ground.

Haslingfield Road bridge

The University tells us that work on the bridge has progressed well. The parapet walls, which were formerly corrugated iron on a steel framework, have now been formed out of concrete with integral reinforcement. The facing brickwork was commenced in the middle of September and is now complete on the new bridge deck structure. The brickwork repairs to the wing walls will be commenced in due course. The weight restriction will remain at the County Council's discretion.

County Councillor Fiona Whelan sent us a report:

Metal thefts – I recently sent around a leaflet explaining what to do about metal thefts

South Cambs Transport Consultation

Along with other local Councillors I attended the transport consultation meeting recently. Please see the survey accompanying this magazine.

The Guided Busway

The battle continues as the value of the final claim from the contractor BAM Nuttall has increased from £151.5 million to £161.4 million. This is the amount the contractor claims it is owed by the council, a sum the council disputes. The new figures show that the overall cost of the project could reach £229.6 million. This means in the worst case scenario of losing the court case outright, Cambridgeshire taxpayers could be left with a bill of £102.3 million.

CEMEX

From my colleague Sebastian Kindersley, County Councillor for the Gamlingay Division: “Barrington PC and local Councillors have met with representatives of CEMEX who are anxious to engage the community in discussions about the future of the site. Readers may remember a submission to South Cambs for inclusion of the quarry for 3250 houses as part of the Local Plan process – which got short shrift from all involved.

The plant is now decommissioned, with a lot of actual buildings and machinery removed. At the same time CEMEX does now have planning permission from Cambridgeshire County Council to use the railway line to infill the part of the quarry they need to restore (as part of the original permissions) and vibration testing on the railway is now complete.

The “brownfield” element of the site amounts to 10 hectares and it is this that CEMEX are anxious to talk to locals about – encouraging an open debate about the future of the site.

Local Cycle Paths

Clare Rankin in Coton is looking to put together people to work on a Coton to Comberton Cycle path. Given that Barton feeds in to this, would someone from Barton like to be included in the preliminary setting up of a group.

“Through work I became aware of a funding opportunity from Natural England called Paths for Communities

<http://www.naturalengland.org.uk/ourwork/access/rightsofway/p4c.aspx>

I am one of many parents in Coton who are frustrated that our children do not have a safe route to get to or from school by bike.

Such a route would also provide an alternative for children who miss the bus and would be an attractive route for residents wanting to get some exercise whilst heading to any of the shops or pub in Comberton or any Comberton residents heading for Coton (to visit the Plough or Countryside Reserve for

example) or wanting to take a more scenic route into the city. It would also provide a cycle route into town for users of the campsite on Long Rd.

I would like to set up a community group to take this forward in writing to Natural England to register an expression of interest and will need your support either in principle or as members of the group.”

If you have any issues that I can help with please don't hesitate to **contact** me: By phone: 01954 212725 (h) and 07947 865490 (m) or by email fewhelan@gmail.com

South Cambs District Council Helps Local Businesses to Start, Survive and Thrive Through the Recession

Based upon the success of previous business support initiatives, the District Council recognised that resident businesses continue to face real challenges and hardship as a consequence of the economic downturn and that, since the closure of Business Link last year, there continues to be a vacuum in business support in the area – especially for SMEs (small and medium-sized enterprises).

Delivered by Exemplas on behalf of the Council, the South Cambridgeshire Business Support Fund offers free business advice and guidance to eligible SMEs and grants of up to £1,000 may also be available for further support.

In addition there are a range of quality workshops, also available to those thinking of starting a business, including topics such as *Managing Money and How to Make a Profit, Finding and Keeping Customers, Planning a Website* and *Planning for Growth* supplemented by further post-workshop support designed to embed learning.

Cllr. Nick Wright, Portfolio Holder for Economic Development, said; *“The launch of this business support fund was really well received as it is stepping in to fill the gap left by others. Supporting businesses is a key objective for the Council and this new drive is building on the successes we have already had. Places at the workshops are already proving popular, so make sure that you sign up to benefit from these practical sessions”*.

The Business Support Fund is available to anyone that has been running a business within a South Cambridgeshire postcode for at least 12 months and can demonstrate difficulties as a consequence of the recession. The workshops are available to all SME businesses and individuals thinking of starting one.

The free service will run until March 2013. For further information call 0844 346 0755 or email southcambsbusinesssupport@exemplas.com

Notice board and website

Official notices and full minutes of meetings can be seen on the notice board

outside Conkers or on our website. <http://www.barton-cambs.org.uk>

Next Council meetings: Tuesday 6th November 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Tuesday 4th December

Patrick De Backer 262577 bartonpcclerk@btinternet.com

Village News

Barton Lunch Club. Friday 2nd November 12.30 for 1pm.

For reservations and cancellations please contact Anne Coulson 262666.

Cambridge Poppy Appeal

Every year there is a Poppy Appeal stand by the Grand Arcade entrance to John Lewis. If anyone wishes to help with this collection they should make themselves known to those collecting at the stand. Some help at the stand and others take a collection box and tray of poppies and collect elsewhere. The amount of time spent helping and what you do is entirely up to you. Collecting is not done on Sundays. All offers of help will be gratefully received.

Thank you, Pat Magill 262610 and Roger Clemo 264765

The Royal British Legion Remembrance Day Service – Toft 10.30am on

Sunday 11th November: The Remembrance Day Service with Royal British Legion participation will be held in **Toft** this year. At 10.30am wreaths will be laid at the War Memorial outside the Methodist Church in High Street. The Parade will then march on to St Andrew's Parish Church in Church Street, where the service will begin at 11am.

Barton Friendship Club

On 2nd October, a very interesting talk and slides, was given about the History of Gamlingay Woods by Mr P Walker and was appreciated by all.

With regards to our meeting on the 6th November, we have arranged for Mr A. Smart from Diabetes UK to speak to us, and on the 20th November there will be a Games afternoon of Hoy.

Members £1.50, non-members £2 (includes tea/coffee/biscuits and raffle prizes). **New Members are most welcome.**

Roma Patman-Wallis

Barton Gardeners

Our next event is the **BG members'** invitation to the **Scotsdales Christmas Event** where their purchases attract a discount. Please contact me for further information.

The festive **Mince Pie Coffee Morning** will be on **Saturday, 8th December**, where you can enjoy a seasonal get-together and browse the varied gift stalls, which include Macmillan Charity Christmas cards. Everyone is

welcome to come and join us.

Sue Edwards 262479

BRIG Autumn Coffee Morning
Sat 3rd November 10am till 12 noon
Entry £1 to include coffee and biscuits
Come and buy Jams, Marmalade, Chutneys
Mincemeat, Books and the
BRIG 2013 Calendar and cards.
Meta Greenfield

Barton CE (VA) Primary School
A Dickensian Christmas Fayre
Saturday 1 December 10 – 12 noon
*Father Christmas * Christmas Bazaar*
Children's Games Arcade
Refreshments in the Victorian Tea Rooms
Carols around the tree and special guest,
'Charles Dickens'
reading excerpts from 'A Christmas Carol'

Sue Carpenter and Milly d'Escrivan, Co Head Teachers

Neighbourhood Watch

I attended the Cambridgeshire Neighbourhood Watch AGM on your behalf recently, at the police HQ in Hinchingsbrooke. There was good news on crime rates, which are falling despite the problems caused by government spending cuts. The Cambridgeshire police budget has been cut from £130m to £100m a year and the force has had to restructure as a result, with many staff cuts. There have been 8% fewer crimes, and 10% fewer violent crimes, in the county since April 2011. The police wish to cut the crime rate further, and are grateful to the public for reporting crime and suspicious activity and acting as their 'eyes and ears'.

I was asked to publicise the Bobby scheme. This is a local charity, supported by Cambridgeshire Constabulary, that provides a free service to victims of burglary, aged 65 or over, by providing home security such as locks, bolts,

peepholes, door chains and alarms etc. This service is also available to anyone over the age of 85. They do not aim to turn a home into a fortress but they will provide practical help, reassurance and peace of mind. They can be contacted on 07866 602100.

Recorded crime in Barton remains relatively low, but there have been a number of burglaries here recently, especially to sheds and commercial premises, so please be vigilant.

Keep safe, Bev Edwards

Barton Playgroup

This autumn term will see lots of celebrations with us looking at Guy Fawkes' Day, Divali and Thanksgiving. This year we have also decided to raise money for Children in Need with lots of fun activities taking place in the week of Friday, 16th November. Be ready with your sponsor money!



For more information about Barton Playgroup or if you would like to see the fun things the children get up to, please have a look on our website www.bartonplaygroup.co.uk

Wendy Guest

Village Day 2013 – Open Meeting to call for volunteers and committee members – Thursday 6th December at the Village Hall

There will be an open meeting, for all villagers, clubs & societies, to call for volunteers and form an organising committee. At their recent AGM, the Barton Gardeners voted unanimously to hold their summer show on 13th July on the Rec, as in the old days, and in the hope (expectation) that a village day would coalesce around it.

So far, there is strong support for an event similar to this year's Jubilee celebrations, incorporating the Barton Gardeners Horticultural Show with a traditional summer fête, with stalls, attractions and entertainment, and leading on to hot food, bar, ceilidh/dance band in the evening.

We hope to really make the most of the space and facilities available on the Rec – the Pavilion, playground, tennis courts and bowls green, as well as the vast football pitch area. Already, we've had kind offers to display vintage cars and Harley Davidsons!

Do come along, even if only to make suggestions or air your opinions.

Matt Lindon & Lorraine Mooney (both at bartonvillageday@hotmail.co.uk)

Calling Keen Crafters!

Following on from Barton's Big Knit and the monthly 'knit and natters', several folk expressed an interest in continuing with some sort of craft group. We have therefore formed a 'CAKE AND MAKE' group which will meet monthly in the Pavilion on the 4th Wednesday of the month. People can

bring any craft they are currently working on, or can be inspired to start something new! There will be a small charge to cover the cost of the Pavilion hire, probably £1 per month. Tea and cake/biscuits will be provided on a rota basis by those attending. It is hoped it will be an informal, enjoyable group where skills can be shared and learnt. It may be that demonstrations can be arranged in the future. We will therefore next get together on Wednesday, 28th November at 3p.m. There will be no meeting up in December but we shall start again on 23rd January. If you have any queries, please ring Meta (262005) or Margaret (262353).

Barton Drama Group's Autumn Production

This will be staged from Wednesday 28th November to Saturday 1st December in Barton Village Hall at 8pm. Norma Eaton is the director and the play is called *Over My Dead Body*, a comedy by Derek Benfield. Tickets cost £8 (£6 concessions) and include refreshments. They are available from Norma Eaton 263561.

WI – Coffee Morning, Saturday 17th November, 10am to 12 noon

Come and join us in the Village Hall and find out about Denman College, a delightful Georgian house in the Oxfordshire countryside which is the home of WI learning. It runs hundreds of different craft, cookery and lifestyle courses every year and there is something to suit every taste, from jewellery making, astronomy, computing, photography to historic houses and yoga as well. Courses are open to members and non-members alike and the dining and en-suite bedrooms are second to none. Both day and residential courses are run and there is also B&B accommodation available. The house is in extensive grounds and a perfect place to relax, learn and make new friends. Do come and find out more. £1 entry includes coffee and biscuits. There will also be a raffle.

The meeting on Tuesday 13th November is a talk about the American Cemetery given by Arthur Brookes.

Julia Stibbs

Comberton Village College

The college is having another Bags2School collection on 20th November. This is your chance to have a clear out of any unwanted clothes bags, belts, shoes, bed linen and curtains.

These items can either be dropped off in a bin bag from 15th November onwards between 8.45 and 4.45 at the college reception or at Comberton Sports and Arts in the evenings and weekends. The collection is being organised by the Friends of CVC Trust Fund in aid of the Minibus appeal.

For further details please email cvctf.secretary@gmail.com

Some stalls are still available at the **Comberton Christmas Bazaar**, which

takes place on 1st December (11–2pm). Booking forms are available on the Comberton website www.combertonvc.org or at the college reception. And even if you don't want to run a stall, why not come along and get into the Christmas spirit at this community event. For more information please contact Judy Czylok by e-mailing her to publicity@comberton.cambs.sch.uk

A new arts festival for South Cambridgeshire called EMERGE will take place throughout February and March 2013. If any local drama, music, dance or other arts groups would like to be included in EMERGE publicity they can contact Richard Brown rbrown@comberton.cambs.sch.uk for more details. A fuller list of events is detailed below and more information can be found on our websites, www.combertonvc.org or www.combertonleisure.com

9 th Nov	Custard Comedy	Line up TBC – check the website for details. www.combertonleisure.com
12-17 Nov	We Will Rock You	This year's school production promises to be a big hit featuring your favourite Queen songs.
24 Nov	Singer Songwriters at Comberton	More details soon, please see the website nearer the time. www.combertonleisure.com
25 Nov	Combined Churches Service	The annual gathering of local church congregations.
30 Nov	Tatcho Drom	Featuring traditional gypsy music from around Europe

Do your bit to bring better broadband for all: It only takes a minute to go online at www.connectingcambridgeshire.co.uk or fill in a Freepost reply form in the leaflet at your local library or council offices. We need as many people as possible to register before December 2012, when a supplier will be selected and planning for the big broadband rollout begins. Call 0345 045 5200 to find out more.



Tea at Three – 3pm, Sunday 9th December, Village Hall

How about Tea at the Ritz before Christmas?!

To book a place (£11 per head) please contact one of us:

Margaret Winterbourne (262353),

Ruth Bond (262985),

Alison Brock (264985),

Marjorie Pratt (262592).

Profits to Cancer

NSPCC Events in November

Cambridge Dining Club Luncheon

Monday 5th 12 noon for 12.30 prompt, La Mimosa, Thompsons Lane
Guest Speaker: Lucy Lewis, the First Woman Bomb Disposal Officer

Festive Autumn Fair

Wednesday 21st 11am – 4pm at

Anstey Hall, Maris Lane, Trumpington CB2 9LN

This exciting pre-Christmas shopping experience is being held at Anstey Hall, thanks to the generous support of the De Bryne family and our principal event sponsor, Bidwells.

This Festive Autumn Fair will be raising funds for the charity, Funds raised will go towards helping vulnerable children and young people in our region.

With over 40 gift stalls, a food hall and delicious home-made refreshments, the NSPCC Autumn Fair promises to be a wonderful shopping experience for those attending. There will be Luxury Hamper and Star Prize Draws, a stall selling delicious home-made cakes and preserves, Christmas cards and many, many other wonderful stalls selling gifts, clothing and accessories.

£5 Entry includes a Goodie Bag!

There are Charity fun events being held in November by Home-Start

Tuesday 6th Fashion Show, Esse Retail & Therapy, 30 Station Road, Melbourn SG8 6DA
7.30pm, Tickets £10 to include a drink

Saturday 10th Sixties Night Cambridge
Motel Shepreth SG8 6RA

8pm to Midnight, Tickets £15 to include finger buffet and live music

All tickets and information available from Tracy on 01763 262262 or admin@hsrsc.co.uk

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