

Dear All,

In the Christian calendar, this is the time of Lent, of looking forward to Easter. After the preparation of Lent, we travel through the darkness of Good Friday to the creativity and hope of Easter Day. These themes of death and life, of sorrow and restoration are part of all human life. For Christians at the centre of this narrative is Jesus, who lived and died in Palestine, and then wonderfully, miraculously lived again as the power of God burst into the world.

How might we mark this time? Here are some suggestions.

Make a Passion Cross: draw a cross shape on card and divide it into six spaces, decorating five of the spaces with scenes from the last week of Jesus' life. On Easter Sunday, add a picture of the stone rolled away from the tomb from which Jesus rose.

Make an Easter garden. Use a few stones to recreate the tomb with one to roll away on Easter Sunday. Add flowers in tiny pots.

Watch a film about Jesus' life. 'The Miracle Maker' is a good one.

Polish someone's shoes for them, reflecting on how Jesus washed his disciples' feet just before he died as a sign of how we are to love one another.

On Good Friday, make hot cross buns to share, go to a church service of reflective readings or join local Christians from the village going on a walk of the cross, leaving Great Eversden at 1pm and arriving in Barton at 4pm for refreshments.

On Easter Sunday, go outdoors and watch the sunrise, have an Easter egg hunt, give your neighbours a bunch of flowers, share some simnel cake or chocolate crispie nests, fly a kite as a symbol of life and resurrection.

(Some ideas from *Love Life, Live Lent*: Church House Publishing)

May you have a blessed Easter, however you spend it.

*Revd Corin Redsell
Priest-in-charge, St Peter's Church & Curate
Lordsbridge team of churches*

Church News

Sunday April 6th Barton Open Gardens. We will once again be serving teas in the Village Hall at this event to raise money for St. Peter's Church and would welcome offers of help and home made cakes. Please contact Anne Coulson 262666

Saturday April 19th from 9.30am Churchyard Clean-up for the summer season. If you could spare an hour or so to help us keep the churchyard neat and tidy we would love to see you. Please bring some basic tools, shears, secateurs, rakes edging tools etc. Coffee and biscuits mid morning!

Joint Lent Course continues on Wednesdays 7.30pm at the Baptist church.

Barton Baptist Church

We continue to meet on Wednesday evenings at 7.30pm on April 2nd and 9th for our joint Lenten meetings. These meetings are open to everyone, and include coffee and discussion on some of the characters involved in the last week of Jesus' life. Do come along.

Tea and chats are on the 8th and 22nd at 2.30pm when we meet together for a very informal time. We discuss the weather, TV, the state of the world and whatever is on people's minds. We also laugh a lot! If you have not been before, do come, you will be most welcome.

The food bank is open during these times on Tuesday afternoons and Wednesday evenings. Thank you for your ongoing support for this worthwhile venture.

Easter is the most important time in the Christian calendar and it's good to meet with St Peters for the Lenten meetings, and we will join with them on Good Friday for the time of reflection and the walk of faith. A very happy Easter to you all.

Ken Jones

Barton Christian Fellowship

Our meeting this month is on Wednesday 9th April at 2.30pm in the Village Hall, when the speaker will be Ruth Bond. All are welcome.

Mary West

Parish Jottings

Annual Parish Meeting – Tuesday 22nd April, 7.30pm, 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.

County Councillor Stephen Frost told us that the County precept for 2014-15 was

being increased by 1.99%; nevertheless £38 million in savings have to be made, most probably in back office services and adult social care. Spending on education is ring fenced, but the government traditionally allocates a low grant to Cambridgeshire which is of course growing in population. He also offered to liaise with officers about sewage problems at the bottom of the High Street and drainage issues in New Road.

District Councillor Francis Burkitt shares some housing statistics

The District Council has 5,301 council houses.

2,570 (48%) are bungalows, 2,478 (47%) are houses, 253 (5%) are flats.

In terms of bedrooms, 1,023 (19%) are 1-bed, 2,244 (42%) are 2-bed, 1,934 (36%) are 3-bed, 65 (1%) are 4-bed, and 4 are 6-bed.

Within those numbers, 199 are sheltered bungalows looked after by wardens.

Our waiting list currently has 1,579 cases on it, representing 3,236 people.

Cutting back hedges

That time of year again! They may even have grown a lot already. Do remember that it is every householder's responsibility to keep hedges well pruned and away from the footway. It would be so nice not to have to come and ask this year. Most of you do the job so well.

A sculpture in wood at Conkers Pond

The Council is investigating designs and practicalities for an owl sculpture. If you have not yet submitted your views, please do so, or even better come along to the Annual Parish Meeting, as we would like to hear a consensus of village opinion on this issue.

The Leys Project

The Field Parking part of the Leys Project should be substantially completed by the time you read this. We have been grateful for good weather and a very cooperative workforce: Pip Rooke and assistant Matt Perkiss.

Turf and topsoil were stripped off a 2,000m² area. Then 600 tons of crushed rubble, brought in from Haslingfield, was spread and compacted before adding 100 tons of gravel in a thin layer. At the right time, grass seed and a little soil will be scattered to encourage grass re-growth, and thus a green surface to the hardened ground below.

Foxcote Fencing is renewing the post and rail fence at both ends of the Leys.

Renewal of the tarmac path is the next job to tackle. The 1.8m (6ft) wide bit from High Street to Pavilion will be done first. Several different contractors may be involved in this aspect of the work.

We thank residents and visitors for their patience as work proceeds and ask for



people to continue to be careful.

John Boocock

Bourn Brook

A recent meeting at Bourn Golf and Leisure was very well attended and highlighted a number of concerns relating to the Bourn Brook. One of the key outcomes of the meeting will be the re-activation of the Bourn Flood Action Group. Its first task may be to set up some monitoring of flows from the Cambourne lakes. Several local resident groups expressed interest in getting involved with practical work on the brook, or helping publicise practical work. www.wildlifebcn.org/news/2014/02/17/bourn-free

Accessing adult social care services

Social Care is personal and practical support to help people live their lives by supporting them to maintain their independence and dignity and ensuring they have choice and control over the support they receive. Many people don't think about social care until they or someone they know need support, and then find they are unsure about where to find information or how to access the services they need.

Adult social care customer services are the initial point of contact for all social care enquiries. The trained staff knows about the services available and can offer advice on who else may be able to help. Call them on 0345 045 5202. You can also find out more about adult social care in Cambridgeshire on the website Your Life, Your Choice www.yourlifeyourchoice.org.uk

If you think you may need help with mental health issues you should contact your GP in the first instance.

Older people's healthcare and adult community services

A public consultation on proposals to improve older people's healthcare and adult community services is underway. Residents have until late June to give their views on initial proposals put forward by a shortlist of NHS and independent organisations bidding for an NHS-contract for Integrated Older People's Pathway and Adult Community Services.

The consultation document will be sent out and more than 25 public meetings across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough are being arranged.

The consultation document is at www.cambridgeshireandpeterboroughccg.nhs.uk.

Residents without internet access, or requiring a printed copy of the document, should call the CCG's engagement team on 01223 725304.

Whether you are an older person or approaching older age yourself, someone with a long term condition, their carer or relative, or whether you're a fellow GP or other health professional, we want you to let us know what you think.

Whoever is awarded the NHS-contract to deliver Integrated Older People's Pathway and Adult Community Services across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough, care will remain NHS-funded, provided under an NHS contract and free at the point of delivery.

Public meetings to be held as part of the consultation are as follows:

22 April 7pm-8pm The Meadows Community Centre, Cambridge, CB4 3XJ

12 May 1pm-2pm The Meadows Community Centre, Cambridge, CB4 3XJ

15 May 1pm-2.30pm, Disability Cambridgeshire, Papworth Everard, CB23 3UY

7 June 10am-12pm Central Library, 7 Lion Yard, Cambridge, CB2 3QD

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 1st April 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Patrick De Backer 07771 923710 bartonpcclerk@btinternet.com

Village News

Barton Lunch Club Friday 4th April 12.30 for 1pm in the village hall. For offers of help/reservations/cancellations/etc please contact Anne Coulson. C-262666.

Tea at Three – Thanks

On Saturday, 8th February, 41 people enjoyed Tea at Barton's Ritz, when the theme this time was 'If music be the food of love, play on...'. Indeed, we had two live music spots by Darren on piano, and once again the waitresses served tea in style.

We were pleased to be able to give £155 to ACT Addenbrooke's Charitable Trust for Prostate Cancer. Our thanks to all who supported this occasion in any way.

The next English Afternoon Tea at Three will be held on Saturday, 28th June.

Alison, Ruth, Marjorie, Margaret

Singles supper

The next Singles Supper will be on Saturday 17th May at The White Horse at 7pm. Please let me know if you wish to come by the end of April.

Barbara Tomes 262692

Barton Bowls Club Jumble Sale – 2.30pm, Saturday 5th April, Village Hall

The Bowls Club would welcome offers of jumble, after 31st March at 114 High Street or 7 King's Grove or at the Village Hall on the day.

Ruth Ennis

Neighbourhood Watch

My optimism in last month's magazine about reducing crime levels was,

unfortunately, short-lived. Since then we have had a number of burglaries in Barton and nearby villages. Police say that we are suffering from 'imported crime' in Cambridgeshire, with criminals coming into the area from elsewhere in the UK.

Barton had 4 burglaries in 2011, 16 in 2012 and 4 in 2013. Some of these were shed and commercial premises burglaries and the overall average is quite low. Clearly we need to be on our guard to protect our property. A burglar alarm can be a useful deterrent if you are concerned.

Police are warning about a new scam. Some fraudsters have found a way to deliberately change the Caller ID, a practice known as 'spoofing'. So it may look as if your bank is calling you when it actually someone else. If the victim becomes suspicious the fraudsters ask you to look at the Caller ID, to prove they are legitimate. If anyone asks for your personal details you should assume that you are being scammed, and hang up.

It was brought to my attention recently that a group of 'chuggers' (charity fundraisers) representing the RSPCA were operating in the village. They were, in fact, legitimate but I have informed the charity that this sort of behaviour is unsettling. They have apologised and contacted their agent.

Please don't allow any callers into your house unless you can be sure of their identity, especially if there are two of them.

Keep safe, Bev Edwards

Barton Playgroup

The highlight of March was celebrating World Book Day on the 6th. Everyone came to Playgroup dressed as their favourite book character and brought their favourite stories to share. This ties in well with our current topic of 'The Tiger Who Came to Tea'. We've been learning about tigers in the wild and playing tea parties at Clever Cat's Cafe.



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

Barton Gardeners

The distribution of the BG Spring Newsletter throughout the village has been very successful. Welcome all our new members, many of whom came and enjoyed our first event of the year on cacti and succulents. Many of us were surprised and delighted by Clark Brunt's presentation.



As I write this, we have just had the most beautiful spring day and the hum of lawn mowers has been heard! Let's hope that when you read this, we have continued to experience bright days.

Whilst in your garden, please could 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. If you would like them collected, please call me on 262479.

The **Plant Sale and Bacon Butties** morning is on **Saturday, 10th May** – **Everyone welcome.**

Sue Edwards

Barton Bowls Club

Barton Bowls Club welcomes new players for the forthcoming season. We will be holding Club Nights on Thursdays 17th and 24th April commencing at 6pm (weather permitting).



We are a small friendly club and welcome both experienced bowlers and those new to the game. If you've never played, why not come along and give it a try.

Martin Carter, Secretary

Open Gardens – Sunday 6th April, 2-5pm, £4 Children free

Four gardens will be open to visitors on this afternoon: 114 High Street, Farm Cottage, Kings Tithe, and the Six Houses. Come and see very different gardens, support many charities, and enjoy a scrumptious tea in the Village Hall.

Perennial Gardeners' Royal Benevolent Society.

This year the Society is celebrating 175 years of helping horticulturalists. The charity was started by Queen Victoria and Charles Dickens in 1839. To fundraise, the charity is asking for donations of £175 as it is hoping to raise £175,000. If you wish to give, you can either send a cheque to Perennial, 115-117 Kingston Road, Leatherhead, Surrey, KT22 7SU or create a sponsorship page via Just Giving (www.justgiving.com/perennial) Don't forget to gift-aid your donation if you can.

Richard Parker

CRAFTFORCE

On a sunny afternoon in February, as the sun streamed into the pavilion, Craftforce participants hugely enjoyed a covered box making session under the guidance of Lynda Neech. Tea, cake and chat were enjoyed too and, with a little homework on our boxes, we shall continue working on them for another afternoon or two. Anyone is welcome to join us whether you want learn a new skill, or do your own thing! Just turn up at 3 o'clock on the fourth Wednesday of the month.

Margaret Winterbourne

Barton WI

After our Annual Meeting Carrie Herbert presented her charity 'The Red Balloon Learning Centres'. These learning centres offer a programme of recovery for children who have left school because of severe trauma from bullying. (16,000 in the UK). They offer both education and therapy, and they have a 95% success rate in returning students to mainstream education.

The topic for our April meeting is 'Grand Arcade Archaeology' to be presented by A. Dickens.

Holly Dubocq

Barton Friendship Club

Roma would like to say thank you to you all for the help, cards and visits she has received whilst being incapacitated, and hopes that she will be able to be out and about again soon.

Our Meeting of 18th February which was a games afternoon of Bingo went well. But the meeting of the 4th March had to be changed to games at short notice due to the Speaker being unable to attend.

Our Meetings in April are: 1st Jenny Donkin will give us a Travel Talk and. 15th is our **AGM** followed by a Quiz, (we hope all members can attend).

Members £2, non-members £2.50 (includes tea/coffee/biscuits). **New Members are most welcome.**

Afternoon Tea for a Great Cause!

On Saturday 12th April I will be holding an Afternoon Tea fundraising event between 2pm and 4pm in Barton Primary School Hall. Afternoon tea will be £7.50 per person, and there will also be a raffle, and various stalls.



I will be raising money to go to Morocco in September as part of a team of 20 students from Northumbria University with the charity Childreach International. Whilst there we will be living in a small Berber community in the Atlas Mountains and building an education centre for the local children which will allow them to go on to access a secondary education.

Book early to avoid disappointment or for further information contact me:

sophie.martin@ymail.com or 0777029700

or my Mum, Cathy Martin, 13 Comberton Road, C-262317

Thanks, Sophie Martin

Advance Notice:

On Saturday 17th May 2014 we are holding a Coffee Morning, in the Village Hall 10.30am to 12 noon with a Bring & Buy Sale with Tombola (all who take part will win a prize). This is in aid of Cancer Research and The Papworth

Mesothelioma Trust. Entrance fee is £1, which includes Tea / Coffee and Biscuits.

Donations of items for the sale and cash will be gratefully received. Please Contact Val 263512 or Richard 263585. Thank You.

Brian Ross

Women Wednesday WI

Committee member Laura Packman hosted a jewellery making workshop in March's meeting – learning the art of Macramé was a fun way to spend the evening!

April's meeting is our AGM! The members will vote in the new committee for 2014/15 and who will represent the group as president for the next year. We are also lucky to be joined by Wood Green Animal Shelter who will be telling us all about the good work they do as an animal charity.

Email wednesdaywomenwi@live.com for more information or just turn up on the evening (guests £4). We meet on the third Wednesday of the month at 6.30pm prompt in The White Horse Pub, Barton.

Elise Fielder

Barton Guides – Quiz Night, Saturday 3rd May

To help fundraise for Amy Bland to go to Nepal on a service project with the Guides.



At Meridian Primary School, Comberton 7.15 for 7.30pm

Teams of up to 8 people – £6 per person

Bring your own drinks and snacks

Book tables with Amy Bland before Tuesday 29th April
amy.bland@btinternet.com or C-263040

Barton Energy Group Meeting – Thursday 3rd April, 7.30pm

You are invited to a presentation which could save you money on your energy bills.

A local company will be demonstrating several types of **new low-energy light bulbs**. Bulbs of different sizes, construction, power and colour will be on show. They all come on instantly, are bright and last for many years. Come and see which would be best for you – some people can read better by white light and others prefer a warmer colour.

Research has shown that the majority of homes in Barton could save money on electricity bills by using these bulbs. On average, the cost will be recouped in about 18 months, but some have as little as a 6 month payback period. These bulbs can be bought at a discount and may be superior to those you will see in

the shops.

A representative from South Cambs District Council will tell us about the new Government grant that they have just been awarded. This will provide significant help with costs of both external and internal solid wall insulation for privately owned homes in Cambridgeshire, including those being rented out.

Also hear about the new Government schemes to provide free cavity wall insulation, and free or discounted loft insulation for houses that have less than the recommended minimum of 270mm (10 inches). Cavity wall and loft insulation could each save up to £250 a year on your energy bills.

We look forward to seeing you.

Bev Edwards

Comberton Rambling Group – April walks

13th **Old Warden, Bedford.** Details from Tony & Barbara C-264282 and 07966078932

27th **Reach.** 4.5 Miles. Meet at The Dykes End Pub, 8 Fair Green, CB25 0JD Jacqui 07776100756 & Liz 07807282787

Please see our full Walks Programme : www.combertonramblers.org.uk or contact the Secretary - Stella - email stella.ramblers@hotmail.com

Burwash Secret Garden Wedding Marquee – Open Day, Saturday 5th April

Pop along between 10am and 5pm – free entry and refreshments. The marquee and garden will be looking beautiful and 16 wedding specialists will be on hand to answer queries. The Open Day continues on Sunday 6th April, 11am to 5pm. All welcome.

Sue Radford

The Great Food Debate Returns to Barton Village Hall

Three debates in which discussion resumes with experts on food production, protection, delivery and waste.

15th April, 7.30pm: Genetically Modified Foods

Prof Ottoline Leyser: Professor of Plant Development Cambridge University

Dr Andrea Graham Chief Land Management Adviser NFU

20th May, 7.30pm: Climate Issues

Sir Graham Wynn: member UK Climate Change Adaptation Sub-Committee, Special Adviser to the Prince of Wales

Tony Juniper: Independent sustainability and environment adviser.

17th June, 7.30pm Food Waste

A representative of WRAP : Waste and Resources Action Programme

Jenny Dawson founder of 'Rubies in the Rubble'

To reserve your seat contact: ruth.bond52@gmail.com £3 payable at the event
(To include a glass of wine) NB: **Seats must be reserved**

Cambridge Gliding Centre Open Day, Sunday 13th April, 10am – 4pm.

Come and visit Gransden Lodge Airfield to find out about the sport of gliding. All welcome. Trial flights with our qualified instructors available on a first-come, first-fly basis. Free admission. Refreshments. The airfield entrance is on the B1046 between Little Gransden & Longstowe, opposite Gransden Lodge Farm. More information online: <http://www.glide.co.uk/>

The Combertones Concert – An evening of classic jazz, Saturday 10th May

Comberton Village Hall, 8pm.

Teas on sale or bring your own drinks & glasses.

Tickets £7 from Liz Bland C-263040

combertones@btinternet.com or pay on the door

Proceeds of the evening donated to Comberton Scouts international trip to Belgium in summer 2014



Comberton Village College/Comberton Sports & Arts – April Events

Wednesday 2nd 7.30pm **Vienna Ballet** £19/£13/£49 Family (2+2)

Saturday 11th 7.45pm **Custard Comedy** £12/£10

Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service – April Bulletin

Business owners can take advantage of free workshops to help their company get to grips with fire safety and legislation from our free workshops which take place on the second Tuesday of every month at Parkside Place Community Fire and Rescue Station, The general workshop aims to give a brief explanation of the Fire Safety Order and the requirements of a fire risk assessment. It lasts about four hours and is free of charge.

To attend a workshop, or for more information, call CFRS Fire Protection team on (01733) 353206 to reserve a place.

Make sure fire safety still stays at the forefront of your mind in April – and don't forget to test your smoke alarm.

Diary – April

- Tuesday 1st 2.30pm. Friendship Club meeting. Speaker: Jenny Donkin. Village Hall.
7.30pm. Parish Council meeting. Village Hall.
- Wednesday 2nd 7.30pm. Fourth Lent Bible Study. Baptist Church.
7.30-8.30pm. Food Bank Collection Point open. Baptist Church.
- Thursday 3rd 7.30pm. BEG information evening. Village Hall.
- Friday 4th 12.30 for 1pm. Lunch Club. Village Hall.
- Saturday 5th 2.30pm. Bowls Club jumble sale. Village Hall.
- Sunday 6th 2-5pm. Open Gardens Day. Teas in the Village Hall.
- Tuesday 8th 2.30-4pm. Food Bank Collection Point open. Baptist Church.
2.30-4pm. Tea and chat for the retired. Baptist Church.
7.30pm. WI meeting. Village Hall.
- Wednesday 9th 10 to 11.30am. BRIG coffee morning. The Pavilion.
2.30pm. Barton Christian Fellowship. Village Hall.
7.30pm. Fifth Lent Bible Study. Baptist Church.
7.30-8.30pm. Food Bank Collection Point open. Baptist Church.
- Saturday 12th 8am. Men's breakfast. The Pavilion.
2-4pm. Sophie Martin's fund-raising tea. Barton School.
- Tuesday 15th 2.30pm. Friendship Club AGM & Quiz. Village Hall.
7.30pm. Genetically Modified Crops. Village Hall.
- Wednesday 16th 6.30pm. WWI's meeting. White Horse.
- Thursday 17th Library in the village.
- Saturday 19th 9.30am onwards. Churchyard clean-up.
10am. Singles coffee morning. Burwash Manor.
- Tuesday 22nd 2.30-4pm. Tea & chat for the retired. Baptist Church.
2.30-4pm. Food Bank Collection Point open. Baptist Church.
7.30pm. Annual Parish Meeting. Village Hall.
- Wednesday 23rd 3pm. Craftforce meeting. The Pavilion.