

Dear All,

As I write this, I am preparing to be licensed as Team Vicar of Barton, as well as three other parishes within the Lordsbridge Team of churches: Coton, Harlton and Haslingfield. In the midst of moving, unpacking and settling in, it's times like this we can often find ourselves reflecting back as we move on. I cannot help as I reflect, to remember in thankfulness where we have come from, and where we now find ourselves. Both Rich and I have northern roots, although on opposite sides of the Pennines(!), yet we met in London, and are now excited to be joining you here amidst these beautiful villages to the west of Cambridge. We find ourselves in a very different place, now a family of five, with Minty who is two and Benedict 9 months, and our friendly springer spaniel Ziggy. I am thankful for all those who have influenced, encouraged and inspired us, and thank God for his faithfulness when sometimes it's not always been clear where we've been heading!

And so it is, when you receive this we will be in the season of remembrance. As we will think of all those who have lost their lives in war, and for those we have loved and who are no longer with us, we will remember them, and give thanks for their lives and for all that they mean to us. Those memories may not always be easy and so in looking back, I am grateful for the way this month draws to a close in the season of Advent, encouraging us to look ahead in hope – a season that looks forward in anticipation of things to come, great expectations of not only delicious chocolate behind windows, but the coming of a saviour who loves us and promises to be with us through all seasons.

I look forward to meeting you soon,

*With love, Rebecca
Rev'd Rebecca Gilbert
Serving Barton, Coton, Harlton & Haslingfield
in the Lordsbridge Team of Churches*

Church News

Coffee Morning – Thanks

Many thanks to all who supported our Coffee Morning last month. We made £190 for church funds, while the Save the Children Fund benefited from £160 from the sale of their Christmas cards.

Gift Day – Thanks

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our annual Gift Day. Once we have reclaimed Gift Aid, we will be sending a cheque for just over £250 to Farm Africa (our chosen Harvest charity), £957 will go to the general costs of running the Church and its activities, and £1197 will go towards the upkeep of the building itself. We are very grateful to everyone who supports the church, our chosen charities and the upkeep of our historic building in this way.

Churchyard Clean-up Saturday 22nd November – from 9.30am

We would be delighted to see anyone who could spare an hour or two to tidy up the churchyard for the winter season – lots of leaves to sweep up and shrubs to trim. Please bring some along some tools, shears, rakes, secateurs, garden sheets etc. Coffee and biscuits mid-morning!

Church Rotas 2015

It is that time of year again when we draw up the rotas for next year. We very much appreciate all that parishioners do for the church in so many ways and we always welcome new comers to join the rotas. Please contact the following if you can help.

Altar flowers	Janet Ireland	263117
Church Cleaning	Rita Clarkson	263417
Coffee Making	Julia Stibbs	262527
Lesson Readers	Hugh Greenfield	262005

Many thanks to all those who have kept the grass well cut in the churchyard this season, and all who have trimmed hedges and cleared up fallen twigs and branches, our churchyard always looks well cared for!

Anne Coulson

Barton Baptist Church

As we move into the period of shorter days and longer, darker evenings, it's very easy to feel isolated and on our own. So, it's a great time know that there are places we can go to, to meet others, to talk and discuss matters of importance and concern to us. Let me warmly invite you to our tea and chat afternoons on 11th and 25th, from 2.30pm onwards. They are open to everyone, and as well as a slice of cake and cup of tea, we laugh a lot, especially at Jacks jokes and observations,

and enjoy the company of friends and neighbours. Do come along. Our final Bible study is on the 19th as we move into the period of Advent and start a series of 4 joint Christian meetings, starting on Wednesday 26th at the Baptist church. Again, they are open to everyone, and offer a good chance to listen, to discuss and learn from each other. Just turn up.

Ken Jones 262583

Barton Christian Fellowship

Our meeting on Wednesday 12th November will be at 2.30pm in the Village Hall. The speaker will be Jacqueline Atkinson from CBM, a charity which used to help those with eye problems, but has expanded to help those with many other disabilities also. Please come and learn more

Mary West

Parish Jottings

County Councillor Stephen Frost was concerned about the current state of lighting in the village. He would try to put pressure to achieve a quick resolution of the haphazard and unsatisfactory situation. He also highlighted the serious shortage of cash in the County; difficult decisions regarding cuts in the 2015-16 Budget will have to be made by councillors. spfrost@tory.org 01954 211444

Superfast Broadband is now available in most parts of the village; the speed depends on distance from the green cabinets; however, an extra subscription is required. You should check with your own suppliers, for instance PlusNet or BT.

Electrical Waste Kerbside Collection on behalf of Barton Parish Council

WISER Recycling of St Ives will make a collection of household Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) on the morning of **Monday 8th December**.

Any electrical item (including non-working) from hairdryers, videos, microwaves, to televisions and fridge/freezers – basically, anything with a plug, will be collected for reuse, refurbishment or recycling. The Parish Council will receive revenue for the WEEE Waste collected, to be spent on Community Projects.

PLEASE PLACE YOUR ITEMS 'KERBSIDE' BY 10am – IF POSSIBLE, PLEASE AVOID PLACING OUTSIDE THE EVENING BEFORE.

If you are unable to move your larger items outside, please contact us 01480 464 111 – and our Operatives will attend your property to assist. To find out about WISER's community partnerships and licencing, please see wisergroup.co.uk

Successful completion of the Leys Project

The June Magazine reported work done on the field-parking and fencing aspects, at a cost of £16,000. This was mainly funded by AmeyCespa.

The renewed path network complete with 84 solar stud lights along its main stretch has been funded principally by WREN. The full path is 590 metres long and 860 square metres in area. In July, after Village Day, the contractor Moores did a good job. In September, Clearview Traffic provided the lights. These are set at 10m intervals and 250mm from the side-lines to keep clear of overgrowing grass. Spoil from the old path was spread along the dog-walk, which will settle and green over in time. The path contract cost £27,900 and the lighting £4,700. All figures are net of reclaimable VAT.

Generous funding has been received from AmeyCespa £15,400 and WREN £30,800, as well as donations (SCDC, BRIG, BPC et al) £2,400. We thank those contributors. In addition Barton Parish Council had to find 10+%, amounting to £4,900 as Third Party Funding in order to shake loose the two major grants. John Boocock is to be congratulated on his considerable input and capable supervision. We hope villagers and others will enjoy the improved parking and safer walking and cycling.

Curating Cambridge – five weeks of fun & creativity, 20 October – 23 November presented by University of Cambridge Museums and the Festival of Ideas

Please visit www.admin.cam.ac.uk/whatson/ to see the excellent programme of events offered by the University, www.curatingcambridge.org.uk/ for the special Museums celebration and www.festivalofideas.cam.ac.uk/ for this year's stimulating programme of mostly-free exhibitions, cinema screenings, talks, tours and workshops that showcase the work of the University and to enable us to meet and talk to scholars.

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 meeting: Tuesday 4th November 7.30pm in the Village Hall
Patrick De Backer 07771-923710 bartonpcclerk@btinternet.com

Village News

Bryan Parker

I have been overwhelmed by people's kindness, the number of cards, phone calls and the lovely things you have all said about my partner, Bryan, after his very sad death. While he was in hospital, Bryan had asked me to thank everyone who sent him cards and wished him well; he was very touched by your concern.

My heartfelt thanks go to all of you, to those who could come to Bryan's funeral to celebrate his life and for your ongoing thoughtfulness.

Val Watson

Village Hall

The work to insulate the Village Hall has now been completed and we should all feel the benefit of it over the coming few months. This work has been financed by a grant from AmeyCespa, the waste management people, and with help from the Parish Council. Thanks to all the organisations which had to bear the disruption during the process of removing the external wood and installing the insulation and double glazed windows.

Thanks also to those who helped with the spring clean following the work.

Brian West, Chairman Village Hall Committee

Barton Lunch Club – Friday, 7th November 12.30 for 1pm, Village Hall

Barton Lunch Club has been going for over 20 years and is open to any Barton residents. We provide a two-course lunch with tea and coffee and the cost is £3. Advance booking is essential as we do need to know numbers. For more information, reservations/cancellations/offers of help etc. please contact Anne Coulson. 262666.

Barton School

After having been a full half-term at Barton, I can honestly say it has been a great start and everyone has worked incredibly hard to embrace any changes that a new Headteacher inevitably makes.

Our school is such a central part of the community here and it was a pleasure to wander over to St Peters' for our Harvest Festival. We were welcomed warmly, despite the fact the organ pipes were strewn over the floor of the church. Nothing was too much trouble! We enjoyed giving thanks to God for all that He has provided and it was a reminder for us all to be grateful for the things that we enjoy on a daily and automatic basis.

Children have a wonderful way of expressing themselves and the teachers are always finding exciting ways of helping them learn. One classic comment the other day made me chuckle. I had just visited a classroom full of potions: the class were looking at different solids and liquids and how they mix or don't mix. As I was walking out, I asked one of our boys, "Were you having fun?" and he replied, "No, the lesson's finished now!" That's what learning should be like!

This week we are preparing a family event to remember 1914. We will be visiting the church to look at the soldier's tombstone and also the inscriptions under the stained glass window in the church. Our evening is full of activities connected with toys and animals used in the era followed by baked potatoes and hot chocolate.

We have a vacancy for a midday supervisor every Monday, Thursday and Friday from 12.15pm – 1.15pm. If you are interested then please contact Mrs Adderley at the school office: office@ barton.cambs.sch.uk or 262474.

Looking ahead, this is a reminder that the Christmas Fayre at Barton takes place on Saturday 29th November 10am – 12 noon. Everyone is most welcome to come and start Christmas celebrations and preparations with us.

Claire Coulson, Headteacher

Neighbourhood Watch

As the nights get longer, we need to ensure that our properties are adequately protected. Particular problems at this time of year are house burglary, shed burglary and oil theft.

Thankfully, the police have recently had several successes in bringing criminals to justice. This has temporarily resulted in a drop in the burglary rate, but we need to remain on our guard. All the evidence and intelligence still suggests that the majority of the people committing burglary offences in South Cambridge are travelling into the area from other counties to commit these offences, which makes it difficult for the police to identify the criminals.

At a recent meeting, our local Chief Constable related the following story: "a householder was cheated out of a large sum of money by a caller pretending to be from the council looking for a rat. He said that he needed to take away any cash to be fumigated." Please don't be taken in by people that you don't know, however plausible their stories may seem.

Having said all that, the police are working very hard to ensure that our village, and others like it, remain low-crime areas. Please assist by reporting all crimes or attempted crimes, either on the 101 number or 999 if a crime is in progress.

Keep safe, Bev Edwards

Barton Gardeners

"**What a vibrant club**" – these are the words of our newest member – Thank You, we do try to interest, stimulate and entertain our members! A new Committee was elected at the **AGM** and it is looking forward to the new gardening year.



The festive **Mince Pie and Coffee Morning** will be on **Saturday, 6th December**, where you can enjoy a seasonal get-together, browse the various gift stalls (*if you'd like to have a stall, please contact me*) and take part in an Excellent Raffle. Everyone is welcome to come and join us.

Sue Edwards 262479

Barton Drama Group

A reminder that *Curtain Up* runs from Wednesday 26th to Saturday 29th November. The play has comedy, interesting characters plus a few surprises. Come and enjoy an evening in our 'little theatre' atmosphere.

Performances are at 7.45 pm in the Village Hall. Tickets £8 (£6 concessions) include refreshments and are available from Norma Eaton, 263561.

Barton Playgroup

After half-term we will be celebrating the Autumn festivals of Bonfire Night, Diwali, Hanukkah and Thanksgiving, as well as looking at the features of the season. We have already been on a walk around the village to collect conkers, blackberries and apples, and the children enjoyed making and eating a delicious blackberry and apple crumble!



We will also be raising money for Children in Need on Friday 14th November with lots of fun activities around this year's theme of "Superheroes", so don't be surprised if you see a Spiderman or Batman running around the village!

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

WWWI

On November 19th we will be getting crafty, and festive! Amy Winterbourne will be talking to us about the history of wreaths on our doors at Christmas and we will learn how to make a Rag Wreath.

Materials will be provided but extra fabric will be very welcome!

Email wednesdaywomenwi@live.com for more information or just turn up!

We meet on the third Wednesday of the month at 6.30pm in The White Horse.

Claire Wright

Comberton Library

Mon: 10am-1pm Wed: 10am-1pm, 2pm-5pm Fri: 2pm-5pm Sat: 10am-1pm

More details at www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/libraries

Libraries are for everyone in our community, even those who cannot get to one!

Locally we have several members who are avid readers but are unable to make the trip to a library, so they use the **Library at Home** service (formerly the Doorstep Service). It's for people who **cannot leave their homes** because of mobility, health problems, or because they have full time (unpaid) caring duties and is intended for those who have no-one to visit the library on their behalf. A community volunteer can call at your home with a small selection of books chosen for you and will then return them for you at a later date. A co-ordinator can discuss your needs and try to find a suitable Libraries volunteer visitor to deliver the service to your home.

If you think you'd benefit from this service, or if you wish to volunteer, contact the co-ordinator by leaving your phone number and a short message via your.library@cambridgeshire.gov.uk or calling 0345 045 5225.

Look out for a new visiting collection of books on 'Chocolate', arriving this month in plenty of time for Christmas!

Have you heard about **Sourcer Mobile**? It is a free library application for mobile devices that lets you check your account anywhere and at any time. On our website have a look under 'Online library services' and follow the link to 'eBooks, eAudio, eMagazines, eNewspapers' for more details.

Comberton Reading Group – 1st Wednesday, 10.30 – 11.30 in the Library

If you are interested in joining a fun and lively chat about a wide variety of titles ask at the library for details.

For discussion on 3rd Dec: *Narrow Dog to Carcassonne* by Terry Darlington.

Hilary Spargo, Comberton Library

Barton Friendship Club

On Tuesday 7th October we had a games afternoon with Hoy, this was enjoyed by all who attended, but unfortunately we had a low attendance due to members having other commitments.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 4th November at 2.30pm in the Village Hall, speaker is Pam Harper talking about 'Hearing Dogs for the Deaf', and she will be accompanied by her dog.

All are most welcome.

Members £2 non-members £2.50 (includes tea/coffee/biscuits).

Brian Ross

Barton WI

At the October meeting we all made Baubles. We were led by Barbara Redman who provided materials and excellent instruction. Using polystyrene balls, ribbon, pins and Christmas fabric, each of us worked at our own pace, and produced a beautiful creation which we were able to take home with us. It was a fun and creative meeting.

The November meeting will present *Brush with the Vicar* led by John Sansom.

Holly Dubocq

Good Causes from Further Afield – Please support if you can!

East Anglian Air Ambulance survives entirely on donations and volunteer support; please see eaaa.org.uk if you can give time or money!

HomeStart – Family support group is holding a Fashion Show on Tuesday 11th November at Esse Retail & Therapy, Melbourn. 7.30 for 8pm. £12 incl. wine. Information and tickets from 01763 262262 or admin@hrscc.org.uk

Arthur Rank Hospice Charity – Ely Festive 5K Run – Sunday 23rd November

Ely Market Place, 11am, Adults £11; Children u-16 £7.50

Register C-723115 or arhc.org.uk