

Dear Friends,

November heralds the very often grey, quiet time of the year when in the northern hemisphere at least, the natural world begins to take a well-earned rest. The last of the leaves are falling from the trees, leaving bare branches against the cloudy skies. Squirrels retreat from the chill of the approaching winter. Plants are dying back in the garden, and the damp of autumn hangs in the air.

Yet paradoxically, for the human world it's often a time to accelerate forwards - or that's how it can feel to me! Onwards to the festive season that is approaching in the next calendar month. Adverts tell us how many shopping days are left till the big day, while big online shopping events like Black Friday loom on the horizon.

But if we can resist the commercial pressure that often builds at this time of year, and reconnect with the season that is unfolding outside our windows, it might just give us breathing space to approach things a bit differently. Slowing ourselves to the rhythm of the natural ebb and flow, cultivation and fallow, flowering and dying off of the fields, trees, and landscape around us might just give us an excuse, a reason, to put down our phones and break those 24/7 patterns.

The church calendar also brings with it an opportunity for us to look back and remember, first in the form of All Souls at the beginning of the month, and then on to Remembrance Sunday on 10th November. And as the nights draw in it is perhaps also a time to look forward, to reflect and perhaps even begin to mend those things in our life that need attention.

So before the busyness of Christmas takes over, may we find time to ensure that the most important things in our lives, our relationships with each other and ourselves - and for some of us – with God, are found in a good place, rooted in peace and ready for whatever the season will bring.

Much love, Becca Gilbert.

Serving the parishes of Barton, Coton, Harlton and Haslingfield in the Lordsbridge Team of churches

On **Sunday November 3rd at 6pm** there will be an All Souls Service in the church; a short service to remember all those who have died. There will be a list in the church for anyone to write the names of those they would like to be remembered by name during the service so that a candle can be lit in their memory. Or contact Anne Coulson 262666 who will add names to the list. All are welcome to this special service

Church News

Sunday November 24th: No service at Barton **but**

8.30am BCP Communion at Comberton Church

10.30am West of Cambridge United Service at Comberton Leisure Centre.

Gift Day. Thank you to all who donated so generously to last month's Gift Day; we are very grateful. We do not have a final figure yet as donations are still coming in (it's never too late to drop off an envelope) but to date, with Gift Aid, we will have received around £2000 which is a wonderful help with all the church's expenses.

Advent Course on **Wednesday's**: November 27th and December 4th, 11th and 18th at the Baptist church at 7.30pm. Full details will be available later.

Church Rotas.

It is time to think about church rotas for next year and we are always pleased to welcome new people to help us with the routine jobs to keep our lovely building looking well cared for. Please think about contacting one of those below if you could assist us.

Altar flowers:	Janet Ireland	263117
Church cleaning:	Sue Carpenter	01954 252979
Coffee making:	Julia Stibbs	262527
Lesson reading:	Anne Coulson	262666 or Hugh Greenfield 262005.

We are very grateful to all who keep the churchyard looking so well maintained, those who mow the grass and keep graves tidy, deal with weeding and hedge trimming; visitors often comment on how good it all looks. Thanks to you all.

Saturday November 16th Churchyard Clean Up. Please can you spare an hour or two to help us clean up the churchyard for the winter? There will be leaves to sweep up, shrubs to prune and edges to trim plus other tasks. Please bring some basic tools along. Coffee and biscuits supplied!

Barton Baptist Church News

Have you heard of Ubuntu? I hadn't heard of it until a few days ago when Meghan (Duchess of Sussex) spoke about it during her and Harry's first engagement just outside Cape Town. Meghan told the crowd: "I thank you so much for showing my husband and I the spirit of Ubuntu" So what is Ubuntu? It is a Nguni Bantu term meaning "humanity" and according to Wikipedia it is often translated as "I am only because you are". In simple terms I see it as - everyone on this earth is fully human and we are connected to each other by our humanity and from this universal togetherness is a desire to show the values of kindness, forgiveness and

tolerance. The message being, if we join together, we can overcome our differences and our problems. Unlike most self-help manuals, Ubuntu is about the bigger picture; of looking beyond ourselves, to others in our communities. It is about learning to put yourself in others' shoes and to see a problem from their perspective. It is about the power of the F-word – forgiveness. As we all know it's hard to forgive and Ubuntu teaches that forgiveness restores dignity. Desmond Tutu once said: "If you want peace, you don't talk to your friends, you talk to your enemies." So, once I had digested all this new information, I found myself thinking of Christ's words in Luke 6: "But I tell you who hear me; Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who ill-treat you.....Do to others as you would have them do to you". I saw also that all the principles and ethos of Ubuntu had been taken straight from the Bible. However, there is one momentous difference between Ubuntu and Christianity. The wonder of Christianity, unlike Ubuntu, is the addition of one person, Jesus Christ. He is the glue which enables us to join together and identify with those living amongst us. He gives us the qualities we need and what is more He will help us because in our own strength we will fail. There are many characteristics of Christ which enable us to reach out to the people we live and work with. However, I will share just three. We have access to divine help and guidance through prayer. We can pray for our friends and enemies. We can pray for reconciliation and unity. We can be charitable and giving. We can show love to others each day through small and simple acts of kindness. Each time we reach out to another in love, we reflect Christ's love. We show forgiveness for those who have wronged us. This can be so difficult. But as we forgive and trust the Lord, our hearts soften and we will be free to become more like our Saviour. This is called Christianity.

Alison Foster

Barton Parish Council Jottings

Reminder: Council meeting on Tuesday 5th November at 7.30

Street Lighting: Withdrawal of services for managing Street Lighting Energy for District and Parish Council street lights.

Earlier this year, Cambridgeshire County Council's Highways and Community Infrastructure Committee approved the withdrawal of services for managing street lighting energy for District and Parish Council street lights from October 2019. (Link to Highways and Community Infrastructure Committee meeting 12th March 2019:

https://cambridgeshire.cmis.uk.com/ccc_live/Meetings/tabid/70/ctl/ViewMeetingPublic/mid/397/Meeting/786/Committee/7/Default.aspx)

Basically, this has meant that CCC will no longer be paying for the energy supply to some of our street lights and this has necessitated a lengthy process to find a new energy supply contractor (alongside 200 other PC's)

by end of October 2019; happily this is close to completion. There are 34 street lights affected by the process but Barton also has a number of lights owned by South Cambs District Council which are not as yet subject to a change in management. Hopefully the contracts will soon be in place and I shall post any updates on noticeboards and website and they will be readable even at night!

Commuter Parking

Further resident information and PC observation suggests this is increasingly becoming an issue in the village regarding the recreation ground, various verges and the slipway alongside Wimpole Road together with King's Grove. The PC is investigating what can be done through contact with various authorities and agencies; if you have any evidence or issues please contact the Clerk: ian.minto@bartonvillage.org
The PC cannot promise it can be stopped and enforcement of any procedures is difficult but it is on our agenda.

Village Pond

Thanks to all who expressed concern about the condition of the pond during the extremely dry spell. I had consultations with John Boocock but fortunately nature intervened just in time. Also huge thanks to John and his team of helpers for clearing the excess vegetation from the pond. I hope residents are making use of the new bench overlooking the pond which was commissioned by the PC as a gesture of thanks for John's wonderful community service.

Recreation Ground Low Gate.

As a reminder: The Low Gate is now operational on a number code and this will be changed every 4 months and the Amenity Groups informed of the change. The first code change will be in January 2020. There are specified opening and locking times. Signage will inform users of the following times:

07:30 - 21:00 April – September 07:30 - 18:00 October – March

Opening and closing of the gates outside of the scheduled hours will be the responsibility of the Amenity Group using the car park.

If anyone finds their vehicle 'locked in' the council **will not** open the gates until the specified times as per the signage, nor accept any responsibility for vehicles. Anyone using the facilities through an Amenity Group should have been made aware of the appropriate entrance/exit procedures.

Bin Collection Calendar

Weds 6th November Black
Weds 20th November Black

Weds 13th Green and Blue
Weds 27th Green and Blue

Next Council Meeting: Tuesday 7th January 2020 7.30pm Village Hall

Future Meeting: Tuesday 3rd March 2020 7.30pm Village Hall

Official notices, agendas and minutes of meetings can be seen on the notice board by the pond or on the Website: <http://www.barton-cambs.org.uk>
Ian Minto Barton Parish Clerk

Barton Lunch Club. Friday November 1st 12.30 for 1pm. in the village hall. The Lunch Club, on the first Friday of each month, is for Barton residents; booking is essential. The cost of the meal is £3.50. If you wish to cancel a booking or add your name to the list, please telephone: Helen Newstead: 262543 by the Monday prior to the lunch.

Friends of St Peter's Christmas Tree Festival 6th – 8th December is in our parish church. There is still time for your tree to be included in this glittering and festive collection. Open to groups and individuals, businesses and roads, the most popular tree will be awarded the St Peter's Duck trophy.

Trees can be in any medium, natural, artificial, own construction with decorations and lights (N.B. battery powered only). Dimensions of trees range from 3.5ft – 6ft (1.0668m – 1.828m). Trees are to be staged in their own stands/pots.

Setting up/decorating of trees to take place on:

**Sunday 1st December from 2.00 pm Thursday 5th December from 6.00 pm
Friday 6th December from 10.00am**

Friday 6th December, 6.00 – 9.00 pm: A special preview for subscribing Friends of St Peter's when mulled wine to be served. New Friends are always welcome; annual subscription of £12.00. The church will be open for viewing on **Saturday 10.00am – 5.00pm and Sunday 11.00am – 4.30pm.** Refreshment will be available throughout the weekend.

For more details and to reserve your tree's place, contact:

Ruth Bond: 01223 262985 ruth.bond52@gmail.com

Margaret Winterbourne: 01223 262353 mwinterbourne@btinternet.com

Jane Siddall will be running the **Lode Half Marathon 3rd November** and would be very grateful for sponsorship in aid of Friends of St. Peter's Church. Any money raised for this charity is initially for a new heating system, and thereafter to support plans for wider all year round community use.

If you would like to sponsor Jane, a sponsorship form is in church or please contact either Ruth Bond 01223 262985 ruth.bond52@gmail.com or Margaret Winterbourne 01223 262353 mwinterbourne@btinternet.com

Barton Drama Group presents:

Oscar Wilde's: **A Woman of No Importance**

Wed 20 to Sat 23 Nov at 7.45pm in The Village Hall, Barton

Tickets £9 (£7 concessions) Tel: Norma Eaton (01223) 263561 Online booking from 6 Nov 2019: www.booking-bdg.co.uk

"A Woman of No Importance" is Oscar Wilde's witty critique of the values and morals of late Victorian society, simultaneously endorsing the beginnings of feminism. Jam packed with epigrams, (such as 'nothing succeeds like excess!'), the play exposes the hypocrisy of the age while combining comedy with melodrama in a sparkling image of the elegantly dressed upper classes in 1893.

Join us for a thought-provoking and insightful drama with strongly drawn characters and lots of laughter!

Wednesday Women's WI

The speaker at our last meeting was Sophie Ellis of the Department of Criminology, Cambridge University, who spoke of the many elements that can cause humans to become violent and some possible ways in which this can be altered or prevented. Violence is a product of a combination of factors: biological, psychological, emotional and social; and aggression is an adaptive response. But, as a general rule, good examples set good behaviour. The prison system is not good for all offenders. This was such a wide subject- from a speaker who truly engaged her audience.

In **November** the speaker will be the popular local "Bake Off" runner up, Ian Cumming, who will tell us something of his life in photography- before baking took over. We shall also be treated to - CAKE ! Do come and try a slice.

Visitors for the evening most welcome, from 7.45pm. Cost £5.00

More details: ruth.bond52@gmail.com 01223 262985

Barton Women's Institute.

Our speaker, Nicole Madden, called her talk "Long term weight loss is easier than you think". Using diagrams and props she showed us how the human body deals with the food it takes in and listed the food elements essential for good health. The recommended daily 'five to nine' plant-based portions should give preference to vegetables over fruit. By cutting out snacks between meals and limiting our carbohydrate intake we should be able to lose weight slowly but steadily. Special treats can be accommodated by making intake adjustments elsewhere. Biscuit consumption at the end of this meeting was conspicuously low! Our **November** speaker, Ruth Molder, is to talk about "These Wonderful Lives; forgotten Women in History".

Ann Killen

Barton Playgroup

We have spent the first half term focused on our "All About Me" topic, allowing us to get to know the children and for them to share their interests and personalities with the group. As part of this, the children take turns to bring in a shoe box full of their favourite toys, books and photographs to share with their friends. We ran a successful stall at the Barton Gardeners Autumn Show in September, raising funds for Playgroup with our Teddy Tombola and Hook-a-Duck games! The children enjoyed a trip over to Barton School for the MacMillan Coffee Morning where they all enjoyed a cake and a drink and a chance to experience the school environment. We are also delighted to report that our August leavers are settling in well in their three new schools.



Our Toddler Group for families with children from birth to school age continues on Monday afternoons in term time, 1.30-3pm. The cost is £2 per child and 50p for additional siblings, with refreshments provided. There is no need to book, please just come and join us!

Caroline Parsons

MacMillan Coffee Morning

A big thank you to everyone who supported the MacMillan coffee morning, which this year was kindly hosted by Barton School. The grand total of £364 was donated.

Barbara Tomes

Barton Wildlife Group Report

To coincide with the UK's annual Moth Night, Barton Wildlife Group held its own 'moth breakfast' on September 28th at 21 Kings Grove. Local experts Louise Bacon and Vince Lea came shortly before sundown on the evening of 27th and found a sheltered spot in the garden to set up the moth trap. The humane trap consists of a bright light fixed above a wooden box, specially designed to act a bit like a lobster pot, so that the moths can get in but are unable to escape. The trap is lined with egg boxes in which the moths can take refuge. Conditions were favourable that night: the rain had finally stopped, there was a gentle breeze, and by morning there was a covering of light cloud. Moth Night is scheduled for when there is no moon, so there was nothing to compete with the bright lamp, which lit up the whole garden. At 6.30 the next morning, before sunrise, nine of us assembled to inspect our catch. We were not disappointed; there were at least 13 varieties of moth as well as other insects.

The moths were carefully gathered from every corner of the trap, placed in specimen jars for closer inspection and identified using a moth guide, when necessary. Moths are not as glamorous as their cousins the butterflies, but they have a subtle beauty of their own, and intriguing, often aptly descriptive, names,

such as Lunar Underwing (of which we found 32), Setaceous Hebrew Character (10), Square Spot Rustic (2), Pale Mottled Willow (1), Flame Shoulder (1) and Beaded Chestnut (5). A surprise find was a Red Admiral Butterfly. Migrant butterflies such as these make their way to warmer climes at the end of summer, and this one, apparently flying at night, must have been temporarily deflected from its course by the light. There was a chilly breeze blowing that morning, and once our survey was complete and all our captives had been released, we warmed up with tea, toast and croissants.

Annabel Keeler

Comberton Library.

Opening Hours: Monday: 10am – 1pm Wednesday: 10am – 1pm, 2pm -5pm

Friday: 2pm – 5pm Saturday: 10am – 1pm

More details can be found on the Library Service website at:

<http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/library>

We have copies of the current ‘What’s On in Cambridgeshire Libraries’ available in Comberton Library, so do pick up a copy when you are next in the library. The booklet details the various activities happening in our libraries until the end of December. There are a variety of different events for all ages. At Comberton we will be holding a family **Christmas Storytime and Craft session on Saturday 7th December from 10.30 am – 12 noon**, so do put the date in your diary. There will be a small charge for each participating child.

There is one more event in the current season of The Library Presents at Cambourne Library on **Wednesday 20th November, at 7.30 pm (doors open at 7.00 pm)** when the library will be hosting a **Mahajanaka Dance Drama**, blending ancient and modern styles and eastern and western dance, music and animation. It promises to be an enthralling evening. Tickets cost £7 standard and £4/£5 for concessions, and are available online at www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/arts or from Cambourne Library. The production is suitable for ages 10+.

Our upcoming Rhymetime sessions are on **11th & 25th November** and **9th December**, from 10.30 – 11.00 am.

Rosemary Pryke

Next issue is a double one for December/January. Contributions by 10th of November, please. Diary entries for both months.