

January Services

St Peter's Church

NB. PLEASE NOTE THESE SERVICES ARE PROVISIONAL DEPENDING ON ANY FUTURE RESTRICTIONS OR REGULATIONS. PLEASE CHECK THE CHURCH NOTICE BOARD FOR INFORMATION.

January 3rd	9.30am	Holy Communion
January 10th	9.30am	Morning Worship
January 17th	9.30am	Holy Communion
January 24th	9.30am	Morning Worship
January 31st	Area service - details to be arranged	

We hope Morning Prayers can restart at 9.15am every Monday (except Bank holidays). The church is currently open for private prayer on Sundays, Mondays and Fridays 9.15am to 3pm. On other days it will remain locked, at least through the winter.

Please check the notice board for any changes.

Barton Baptist Church

Barton Baptists hold their Sunday worship in St Peter's.

January 3rd	10.30am	Morning Worship – John Savage
January 10th	10.30am	Morning Worship – Communion Rev John Ireland
January 17th	10.30am	Morning Worship – Gavin Ferns
January 24th	10.30am	Morning Worship – Gavin Ferns
January 31st	10.30am	Morning Worship – Brian West

Dear Friends,

Like many in the village, I have been working from home for the majority of 2020. My dining room table has doubled as my desk, which is covered with my papers each morning, which are then cleared away each evening. It's a daily ritual that, along with others, marks my day. I imagine that you also have similar routines that structure your day, whatever shape it takes.

I work by my patio doors, so there is usually good light and the natural world to distract me or to widen my horizon when I'm working on a problem. Unless I'm on a call, I will always get up to look if I hear one of the buzzards calling, soaring on a thermal.

In moments of pausing during this period, I have found myself thinking of two amazing women. The first is Corrie Ten Boom: in the Second World War, she and her family, inspired by their Christian faith, provided refuge for many fugitives who were being hunted by the Nazis. In February 1944, the family was betrayed, arrested and sent to concentration camps, where many of them died. Corrie survived. After the war she travelled the world speaking of her experiences and of how the love of God that she felt was as real and as important as ever.

The reason why I have thought of Corrie Ten Boom over this period of upheaval is because of something that she said, which reminds me that I have control over this moment, despite what may be going on around me. She said:

“Worrying is carrying tomorrow’s load with today’s strength – carrying two days at once. It is moving into tomorrow ahead of time. Worry doesn’t empty tomorrow of its sorrow; it empties today of its strength”.

As we approach Christmas and 2021, with all their unknowns, if we are able to hold these words, we may glimpse behind the curtain to see what is real in the moment. Whether this is in the Christmas story that means so much to so many and so much to Corrie Ten Boom, or not, you might want to consider the words of the other amazing woman I've been thinking of – the poet Mary Oliver:

“Instructions for living a life: Pay attention. Be astonished. Tell about it”.

God bless this Christmas and New Year.

Corin Redsell (Associate Minister in the Lordsbridge Team)

Church News

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From the church registers

Funeral and burial Thursday October 22nd. Ivy Herridge

Funeral and burial Thursday November 12th. Diane Floate.

HELP PLEASE We are still looking for a new church treasurer. Would you, or do you know of anyone who might help? This person does not need to be a regular churchgoer, but should be computer literate, have a head for figures and be familiar with the use of financial accounting software. Jim would be able to help a new Treasurer into the job.

Please contact Jim on 264117 for more information about what the job involves or talk to Anne Coulson on 262666

Barton Baptist Church News

As I write, the whole country is, for a second time, plunged into 'Lockdown'. We are all in this strange, dream like existence where shaking hands and giving a hug is banned, where freedom to travel is no longer allowed, where wearing masks is mandatory, where eating and laughing with others is illegal, where constantly washing hands and applying antiseptic gel is constant and mandatory. All our regular routines are postponed and we communicate by screen, phone and email. Our lives have been put on hold and we cannot plan, arrange and organise, we cannot eat out, have our hair cut nor play sport. We are stuck in a time warp where life as we know it is on 'pause'. Each day we are told of those who have contracted the virus and those who have died and those who are separated from their loved ones and those who are depressed and lonely. We find ourselves yearning for the old times when our families, businesses and livelihoods were not threatened by death or closure or redundancy. We find our minds are filled with the good memories of Christmas: fir trees, fairy lights, mince pies, presents and laughter and fun. With such pleasant thoughts running through my mind I looked to the Bible and saw what it had to say about social distancing and Lockdown. In the book of Matthew we read of the leper who, because of his illness, knew all about keeping his distance. He would have been ostracised by society and the fear of contagion meant he was always isolated and rejected and as with the Corona virus he could not mix with others but was alone, sick and frightened. He did not

have an NHS to look after him. Likewise we see the tax collector, Matthew, who had also learnt to keep his distance. He was reviled by the Jews because of his greed and collaboration with the Roman occupiers. He too was banned to the edge of society and because his sinfulness was seen as contagious his workplace was a one-man booth; he was spiritually unclean; he was rejected, despised and unpopular. But then Jesus comes into the lives of these two men and he breaks their 'Lockdown', removes their taboo and their exclusion is ended. He stretches out his hand, touches the leper and heals the man. He goes to Matthew's house and has dinner with him. Jesus physically, mentally and socially identifies with these two rejects and they come out of their 'Lockdown' clean and forgiven. At Christmas we are reminded that Jesus was born in a stable where his parents were in 'Lockdown'. They had travelled from the security of their home in Nazareth and found refuge in an outside stable where they took shelter from a King who sought to kill their new-born son called Jesus. We celebrate his birth because this was the fulfilment of Old Testament prophecy and God's promise that He would send His son to earth to rescue mankind and unite us with God. This Jesus would die the most cruel of deaths so that our sins could be eradicated, removed and our social exclusion from God ended forever in one fell swoop. We now have access to the most-high God and the promise of life forever.

Alison Foster

Barton Parish Council Jottings December 2020 - January 2021

Hello residents,

Local Highways Initiative The LHI bid has been submitted to the relevant authority and has the full support of our local County Councillor Lina Nieto. Speeding continues to be an issue within the parish and we would urge residents to be particularly cautious while out on the roads. Barton Parish Council expressed our concerns to the local authorities and pressed for action to be taken. Letters have been written to companies, including the School Bus carriers, and we are liaising with other local PC's.

High Street A temporary 20mph speed limit on High Street, Barton (including Ivy Field, Great Close, Mailes Close and College Farm Court) was installed by CCC Highways in August; primarily as part of a CCC COVID initiative to facilitate safe and socially distanced walking / cycling with passing places being installed along route. The PC it was also felt it to be a useful experiment with regards to our LHI bid and would provide lessons to be learned. The scheme did not require any cost from Barton PC. The [link to the site for full details is 2020C19-012 High Street Barton Sealed78KB-pdf](#) We have nothing to report yet on our LHI bid for traffic calming measures except to say that Cambridge County Council Highways are still working on all those submitted.

East West Railway (EWR) Barton Parish Council thanks all residents who have contacted and participated in various meetings, discussion and correspondence, and continues to engage with all parties involved in the EWR project. Meetings and discussions have involved EWR, Cambridge Approaches, The Mayor's Office, Anthony Browne MP and other local PC's. Subsequent correspondence has outlined the concerns expressed regarding the potential affect upon our village. Currently EWR are compiling their proposal to Government and their route alignment selection(s). We shall have to wait until early 2021 to see route options proposed by EWR. Only then when the next non statutory public consultation begins will we know if any run through Barton Parish. The PC will keep updating information on the PC website <https://bartonvillage.org/>

Email from Lina Nieto (County Councillor) regarding EWR received on 11th November: "Do send me any questions you might have and I can put them forward. Thank you." Lina.Nieto@Cambridgeshire.gov.uk Facebook & Twitter: @CllrLinaNieto

Barton Greenways The budget for the next phase has been approved at the latest Greater Cambridge Partnership Board meeting (GCP). This is good news for Barton and work of approx. £10m in value is included. The next stage is appointment of contractors to detail designs of the cycle path through the village and on into Cambridge. This is the phase of the project that will require input from the Parish Council and further information will be posted when available

Planning Applications For information to all residents: SCDC and CCC have combined their operation and no longer send paper details of planning applications to Parish Clerks. PC's consider all applications and respond to SCDC. **Please note:** the PC's comments carry only the same weight with the Planners as any other individual consultee or resident. There is a deadline for comments to be sent to SCDC. If you have any queries please either ring Parish Clerk Ian Minto 07742256557 or email clerk@bartonvillage.org

Full detail of each application is available on SCDC planning portal on their website:

<https://www.scams.gov.uk/planning/view-or-comment-on-a-planning-application/> and <https://bartonvillage.org/your-council/planning/>

There are currently five applications w/c 23/11/20 and I shall regularly post an updated chart on the parish website noticeboard.

SCDC Zero Carbon Communities Grant Scheme As an eligible local group Barton PC has applied for a grant to help pay for projects to tackle climate change through cycling, community buildings and tree planting and other 'nature-based solutions' (with the intention of enhancing the 'nature based solutions' and plant distribution across the village). The decision on this grant is likely in early

December. One area under consideration for an upgrade should the bid be successful is the area between Cambridge Road and the A603 from Roman Hill entrance to the Grantchester path. The PC has been contacted already regarding this area; please let the clerk know your views via: clerk@bartonvillage.org

Neighbourhood Watch A number of properties on Cambridge Road were burgled during the night of Wednesday 11 November 2020. Thefts and attempted thefts were from garden sheds. Access appeared to be from garden to garden. Please make sure your sheds are locked and well protected from entry. Ideally have them alarmed and if feasible with CCTV overlooking vulnerable areas. Regularly check that attempts have not been made to break in to your sheds and outbuildings and phone the police if there are signs. Please be vigilant and report any suspicious behaviour.

Parish Councillors and specific community volunteering (See November Parish magazine for details) The PC is hoping that residents with the appropriate skills and interest might volunteer to assist the hard-working Councillors in these important community roles as a volunteer without having to be a Councillor. Please contact either: PC Chair: sarah.pitchford@bartonvillage.org 07816495590 or Parish Clerk: clerk@bartonvillage.org 07742256557

Community Spirit and thoughtfulness With COVID case numbers increasing again, can neighbours continue to keep an eye out for each other in case anyone needs support. If there are any concerns please contact the PC Chair Sarah Pitchford 07826 495590 or sarah.pitchford@bartonvillage.org

The following has been received from the Communities Dept at SCDC: **“Launch of countywide Test and Contact Tracing service week beginning 23/11/20”**. CCC and SCDC will be working closely with NHS Test and Trace to contact people who have tested positive for Covid-19, giving help, advice and support for those who need to self-isolate, in a further bid to crack down on the pandemic. Staff have undergone special training in contact tracing and they will be following up on people who have tested positive for Covid-19 but have not responded to a call or email from the national service to ask them for details of their close contacts. Information will be provided by the team about the support available including the £500 payments for people who have been asked to self-isolate, where this has led to a loss of income.

How the system works:

If the national NHS Test and Trace service is unable to make contact after 24 hours with anyone who tests positive, they will refer the details to the new, local Cambridgeshire contact tracing team.

The local team will receive this information daily, seven days a week.

The Cambridgeshire team will contact people, initially by phone/text/email, and this will show up as a local number or come from an official council email address. The person will be asked to contact a local number.

If they can't be contacted by phone/text/email after another 24 hours, a council member of staff will go to the person's address to speak to them personally. They will provide advice and support and help (to shop for food, get medication or undertake essential household chores etc), get details of 'contacts' and then update the national system with this information

The national process and service will then take over and contact the close contacts. The loop currently ends there, in Cambridgeshire.

Further details available at: <https://www.scambs.gov.uk/coronavirus/contact-tracing/>

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 5th January 2021 at 7:30 pm via zoom technology. Should this change notification will appear on PC website noticeboard: <https://bartonvillage.org>

Future PC Meeting Tuesday 2nd March 2021 7:30 pm Venue tbc

Ian Minto (Parish Clerk) clerk@bartonvillage.org

Bin Collections

Wednesday	02/12/20	Black		
Wednesday	09/12/20		Blue	Green*
Wednesday	16/12/20	Black		
Wednesday	23/12/20		Blue	
SATURDAY	02/01/21	Black		
FRIDAY	08/01/21		Blue	Green*
THURSDAY	14/01/21	Black		
Wednesday	20/01/21		Blue	
Wednesday	27/01/21	Black		
Wednesday	03/02/21		Blue	Green*

***Green bin collections are monthly during December to February.** If you use your Green bin for food waste plan to minimise waste and do NOT use so-called compostable waste bags to wrap any food put in this bin.

Batteries: these should never be put in any bin (they can explode and cause injury or fire) - take to collection points in supermarkets or leave out on top of blue bin in a clear plastic bag.

Wednesday Women WI

The opportunity is still there to join the WI for the next four months at the reduced rate of £10.75 up to April 2021, when the new annual subscription will be due.

With membership, this WI's book group is also offered. We've read so many genres in the last two years; from modern court room dramas to comic Victorian diaries and with something for everyone's taste in between. (Visitors are always welcome -£5.00 per meeting).

All meetings are currently held via Zoom and December's treat will be Indian festive cookery; a demonstration from Naina Babbar showing with what and how to fill your kitchen with the aroma of spices and all things nice and delicious.

In January the meeting will take us behind the scenes of a TV Quiz Show: nerves from contestants and hosts alike, perhaps! To join us contact President Sue Curryer on: securryer@gmail.com

Ruth Bond

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Although we are not holding our usual monthly meetings in the village hall we do manage to keep in touch in lots of ways. One of the pleasures of belonging to a national organisation is the amount of information available to us. Each month we get an update from the Cambridge Federation with news from other WI's and details of online events. There is also the 'Denman at Home' scheme with lots of courses and classes to join with all manner of interests; the one hour sessions on offer cost just £5.00 - one could try cookery, crafts, historical talks, exercise and many more topics. Some of us have also been knitting for charity - hats and other items for the homeless.

Anne Coulson

Barton Church of England Primary School

It is hard to believe that we are nearing the end of our first term back to school. Since taking up my position as Interim Headteacher at Barton School I have been made very welcome and now feel very much part of the community. I am delighted to inform you that following my interview I have been appointed to the substantive role as Headteacher. I am very much looking forward to the challenges and successes in leading the school forward in the coming days.

It was wonderful to welcome all our children back to school in September. For some of our children, they hadn't been in school for several months and despite experiencing a mix of emotions, excitement and twinges of anxiety, we have all come together and settled into a new 'normal.'

It has been very encouraging to see all the children back in class, enjoying and being challenged with their learning. From Key Stage assemblies, to welcoming our volunteers, to music lessons and Spanish classes and parent consultations we have had a very busy time. A special 'well done' is due to our Reception children

who have settled really well, showing us how fantastic they are. To our Year 6 children in Owl Class, this is a very special year for them as they journey towards their transition from Primary to Secondary School: work hard, make good choices and give it your best!

If you have a child due to start school in September 2021 please do contact us to arrange an appointment to talk to me either by telephone or over Zoom. On our school website you will find a selection of photographs and a short video, sharing information about the school. You will be able to see and meet the current Reception class teaching staff and see the classroom and our outdoor learning facilities; a small village school facilitating big opportunities for our children. You will be most welcome to join in our School Community in establishing a successful partnership between school and your family.

Best wishes, *Julie Martin* (Headteacher) office@barton.cambs.sch.uk 262474

Barton Playgroup

The children have continued their work on the 'All About Me' topic, learning about their emotions and talking about their families as they get to know one another. To keep playgroup safer, children have been playing outside whenever they can and they have been thoroughly enjoying this - exploring the mud kitchen, wendy house and listening to stories whilst sat on our tree stump ring. We have created some exciting art work this term with firework pictures and imaginative collages.

Playgroup currently has spaces on some days; if you're interested in finding out more please have a look at the website www.bartonplaygroup.co.uk and send a message using the contact form. Sadly, the parent and toddler group cannot run on Monday's until further notice.

Katie Slusar-Fletcher

St Peter's Duck Challenge 2020

It's that time again when your artistic talent, in picture, words or both is rediscovered, called upon, explored or honed.

The St Peter's Duck was won in 2019 with a Christmas Tree of engineering imagination and skill.

The duck can be won by you in 2020 with a design which depicts this village of Barton – at any time: Past, present, future, during a season or showing an event.

The title: 'My Village - Barton'. There are two categories; children up to 14 years, and adults.

Entries to be submitted by December 24th 2020 to Ruth Bond at 47-49 Wimpole Road ruth.bond52@gmail.com 01223 262985

It is anticipated that the winning entries will adorn the cover of this magazine in February 2021 (or a tea towel or a bag or ...) Go For It!

Make Barton Bright for Christmas

Here's an idea! We won't be able to have our usual Carol singing, Carol Service, Christmas Parties, Christmas lunch in the Village Hall, coffee mornings etc this year, but we can **Brighten up Barton for Christmas**. If as many residents as possible can decorate their front windows from early December, we can all enjoy the displays as we take our walks around the Village. Christmas will be different this year, so let's make Barton Bright with as much Christmas Cheer as possible.

Barbara Tomes, Lin Heaton & Margaret Penston.

Barton Parish Institute – notice of Annual General Meeting

Barton Parish Institute is the formal name of the Village Hall. It is a Registered Charity (No. 300361) and is managed by a Management Committee which meets three or four times a year. The Committee comprises representatives nominated by the various organisations that use the Village Hall together with other members elected at the Annual General Meeting or co-opted during the year.

The next **Annual General Meeting**, which is open to all residents of Barton, will take place on **Thursday 4th February 2021 at 7.45pm** in the Village Hall (subject to COVID19 restrictions at the time – an updated notice will appear in the February 2021 magazine).

The meeting will receive reports from the Chairman and Treasurer, confirm the representatives nominated to the Management Committee by the various organisations and elect additional members. *I would be grateful if the Secretaries of those organisations currently represented would confirm the name of their Management Committee representative for 2021 to me by **Thursday 21st January 2021** holben9@gmail.com.

Robert Hay – Secretary of the Barton Village Hall Management Committee

Comberton Library

www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/library Tel: 0345 045 5225

Monday: 10.00 am – 2.00 pm Wednesday: 2.00 – 6.00 pm

At the time of writing, we are operating under the current lockdown regulations, which allow us to provide essential library services. This means that you can return books and collect items, which will have been issued already to your library card. Specific titles can be reserved online from home in the normal way. Whilst we continue to offer a limited service, there are no reservation fees or overdue charges. We are still running a 'Select and Collect Request Service' which enables you to request a selection of books based on your preferences. Staff will choose books based on the information provided and the stock available in the library. Please use the online form, available via www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/library to make your requests. If you do not have internet access, you can call Customer

Services on **0345 045 5225** and the staff there will ensure that your request is forwarded to the library. We will contact you to let you know when your items are available to collect. You can also still book a public computer for essential use, allowing you one 45 minute session on the days we are open.

The Reading Agency is promoting the **Winter Reading Challenge for children** again this year. The Challenge runs from 1st December until 15th January and children are encouraged to read three books during this period. They will receive rewards and incentives as they progress through the Challenge. For further details and to sign up your children, please visit:

<https://readingagency.org.uk/children/news/join-the-winter-mini-challenge-and-become-a-reading-hero.html>

Library Live, www.library.live is a new digital service offered by Cambridgeshire Libraries in partnership with Civic*. The service is designed to provide a virtual experience of the physical library, ‘Ask a Librarian’ a question, search local events and activities, participate in ‘The Library Presents’ which is now virtual, and explore local collections. (*Civic is a not-for-profit organization specialising in community-building and place-making and is working on a project called the Future Libraries Initiative.) Please do keep an eye on the Library Service pages of the County Council website for any changes to the service we are able to offer. The library will be closed over the Christmas and New Year period.

Rosemary Pryke.

Magazine by post

If any ex-resident of the village would like to receive a copy of the magazine by post, please send 10 stamped self-addressed (A5) envelopes to:
Mrs Margaret Flook, 3 Roman Hill, Barton. Cambridge CB23 7AX

Next issue: February 2021, entries by 10th January, please.

2020

It was Spring; the sky was blue.

If only we knew:

It came and like a snake

it wound...

around...

without a sound..

Through country, county, town and street

it trampled with its deadly feet;

caught unaware both young and old.

This global virus took its hold.

The days grew quiet for us aside,

while round the world some millions died.
The NHS worked day and night;
key workers, too, to fight the fight.
Numbers soared in ICUs
and daily updates filled the News.
Lockdown came throughout UK:
a very heavy price to pay
by those whose business wouldn't thrive,
whose livelihoods would not survive.
Shops were closed, theatres, pubs,
schools, clubs, all social hubs.
The Summer's days brought warmth sublime –
long sunny hours, eternal time
to hear no traffic, just the birds,
or blissful silence – peace – no words.
New ways were found to 'meet' on-line,
to sing, to dance, and virtually dine.
Neighbours offered help and care;
love and hope were in the air.
A little 'plane flew way up high
and drew two hearts in a cloudless sky.
On Thursday nights the nation 'clapped
for carers' – grateful thanks so apt.
Our planet yet might just be saved:
pollution's less; the path is paved
to save the world and all its worth,
environment and life on earth.
Lockdown eased and one could meet
outside; no hugs; apart six feet.
Shops reopened, schools and pubs,
with strict guidelines for social hubs.
It's Winter – cases rise again,
despite the masks and even when
we followed rules of 'Track and Trace'
and wavered not from 'Hands-Face-Space'.
The second Lockdown's here; we may
be free, or not, by Christmas Day.
Meanwhile, we can but hope and pray
a Covid vaccine's on its way.

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