

Dear Friends,

Living so close to Cambridge and yet being surrounded by the countryside is a privilege that we can sometimes take for granted. Perhaps this is why myself, Becca and others often write about the natural world when we produce a reflection for this magazine. As I sit writing this, the sun is coming up and blazing through our window. I've got things on my mind though: a church service to plan, household jobs to do, things to put in the loft, which I spent all day in yesterday tidying.

What help is a sunrise in getting those things done? Time to crack on!

The other evening my nephew said, 'Will you lie on the grass with me as I like to watch the stars?' Nothing like a young, fresh and enquiring mind to stop you in your tracks! However, one's world can be busy and imposing enough without needing to be reminded of just how insignificant it and we are by staring the vastness of space in the eye and seeing it stare us down, timelessly.

And yet, my nephew had none of those feelings. He was happy with his place in the cosmos, at ease with its infinite nature and comforted by knowing that.

There are times when the world can catch us off guard, even in the midst of our rushing, extending an invitation to realise again just how extraordinary a place it is. Such times, if we accept them and give time to them, can be thin times; times when we connect with something beyond our own preoccupations. The Christian tradition would call such moments God given, when the world gives us pause to consider it and its creator: To see stars with young eyes.

It may be that the natural world doesn't appeal; perhaps it's music, art, food, and so on, that lift your spirits, suggesting that there is a beauty at work in the universe that wants to be known. Not something that makes all things easy, but that, perhaps, causes us to glimpse that we are not alone. May we acknowledge the thin spaces in our lives and allow ourselves to breathe them in this month.

God bless,

Corin Redsell
Associate Minister, Lordsbridge Team

Church News

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We remember with the gratitude the following people who have recently died.

Cremation	September 19 th	Alan Ricketts
	September 25 th	Joyce Fordham

Cremation and Service of Thanksgiving

	September 20 th	Malcolm Flook
	October 3 rd	Canon Paul Duffett.

Also Lloyd Thomas whose body has been donated to medical research.

Thank you for all the support we received over our harvest weekend. The lovely concert from VoxCantab, our Gift Day and many items for the Food Bank.

Wednesday 15th November Generous Slice Cafe is back; from 8.45am. in the Village Hall. We would love to see you – hot croissants, toast, fresh coffee, tea etc. There is no charge.

Saturday 18th November Churchyard Clean-up. 9.30 – 12 noon.

If you have a free hour or two please come and help us sweep leaves, prune shrubs and generally tidy up the churchyard for the winter. It is helpful if you bring some tools, rakes, secateurs, shears etc. coffee and biscuits mid-morning!

We are very grateful for all those who keep the churchyard tidy over the summer with grass mowing and tidying graves; the churchyard always looks well cared for, and visitors and locals alike often comment on what a lovely place it is.

Church rotas. It is time to start compiling next year's rotas for altar flowers, cleaning, coffee making and lesson readers.

We would welcome new volunteers so if you would like to help please contact the following; the more people we have the better for us all

Altar flowers	Janet Ireland	263117
Church cleaning	Sue Carpenter	01954 252979
Coffee Making	Julia Stibbs	262527
Lesson Readers	Anne Coulson	262666/Hugh Greenfield 262005

Our **Advent Study Group** which is shared with our baptist friends starts on Wednesday 29th November at 7.30pm. in the Baptist church and will continue on 6th, 13th and 20th December. All are welcome

Barton Baptist Church News

As we near the end of another year and we look forward to Christmas and the challenges of 2018, I am very pleased to report that here at Barton Baptist we are at long last proud owners of our very own web site! Please check us out at www.bartonbaptistchurch.org. It is simple and precise but it spells out who we are and what we do and it enables us to move into the digital era. Jesus used parables to teach the crowds who sat before Him. His storytelling opened peoples' eyes and

minds to the truth behind the parable and hopefully our little web site will mark our presence on the big worldwide web. This month we look forward to joining with other Christians at the Ecumenical service at Comberton on the 26th and our annual Advent Bible studies with St Peter's starting on the 29th. Until then we continue with our Bible studies on Ruth and our Prayer meetings on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month.

Alison Foster

Parish Jottings

County Councillor Lina Joseph

Her latest full reports can be accessed on the parish website. These are some of the key areas she mentioned:

- Children's Centre Update; budget and business planning;
- Cambridgeshire Community Foundation; Special School being built;
- meeting Head Teacher of Comberton Academy Trust; mental health;
- Health and Wellbeing Board meeting; Cambourne to Cambridge LLF;
- adult social care; public transport.

Greater Cambridge Partnership

There is a lot going on – discussion of park and ride sites, restriction of city parking, public transport options. Please keep your eyes open for any developing news either through the *Cambridge News* or the *Cambridge Independent* or the website. www.greatercambridge.org.uk

Barton Councillors continue to be involved with discussions.

We believe that a consultation about the Cambourne busway will run from early November to mid-January; do please make your views known directly.

Two requests to help those with disabilities or pushing prams:

- Please do not park on pavements and ask your visitors not to do it.
- Similarly, kindly ensure that when you put out your wheelie bins, they do not obstruct the footway.

Surface dressing is likely to take place in Allens Close and Mailes Close within six months.

Dog fouling

This remains a problem in many parts of the village, both on footways and on the Recreation Ground. Please use the Dog Walk along one side of the Rec and clear up afterwards! The Council is proposing to fence off the play area because owners are selfishly allowing their dogs to roam there. It is unhygienic and can cause disease.

High Street Closure 6th – 10th November

Electrical work will be taking place outside no.46, so there will be access only along the High St. Through traffic will go via New Road.

Paper caddy changes from 11th December

South Cambridgeshire District Council is changing the way used paper is collected from residents for recycling. From 11th December, residents won't need to use their caddies to recycle paper anymore. From that date, residents should place their used paper directly into their blue wheelie bins instead. This used paper will still be recycled after being sorted from other materials at our facility near Waterbeach.

Residents can keep their caddy to use for anything they like. Alternatively, they can be recycled by being dropped off at the nearest household waste recycling centre. They should not be placed into wheelie bins.

The decision to withdraw the paper caddy service was taken at South Cambridgeshire District Council's Cabinet meeting in September. The decision will save taxpayers money and simplify the recycling process for residents.

Because of this upcoming change, the District Council will not be delivering any new paper caddies. If they are lost or stolen before 11th December, residents can begin putting paper in their blue bin.

Bin collection dates:

Wednesday 1 November blue and green

Wednesday 8 November black

Wednesday 15 November blue and green

Wednesday 22 November black

Wednesday 29 November blue only *also shown on parish website*

Wednesday 6 December black

Wednesday 13 December blue and green

Stay Well this winter

Winter weather can be seriously bad for our health. Being cold can aggravate existing conditions and raise the risk of increased blood pressure, heart attacks and strokes. However, there are lots of things you can do to stay well this winter.

Get expert advice from your pharmacist

If you start to feel unwell, even if it's a cough or a cold, don't wait until it gets more serious. Seek advice on the best treatment from your local pharmacist.

Make sure you get your free flu jab

Flu is a highly contagious and can cause serious complications for at risk groups. Adults over 65; those with long-term health conditions; children aged two to eight; carers and pregnant women may all be eligible for a free flu vaccination – ask your GP practice today.

Stock up your medicine cabinet

A well-stocked medicine cabinet can help you treat common winter ailments such as coughs, colds, sore throats and sickness bugs at home and will save you going

out if you feel unwell. Ask your pharmacist about essential medicines to keep at home.

Keep warm

Keeping warm, both inside and outdoors, over the winter months can help to prevent colds, flu and more serious health problems such as heart attacks, strokes, pneumonia and depression.

Get the right help

Make sure you're receiving all the help you are entitled to. Learn how to make your home more energy efficient and take advantage of financial schemes to keep up with energy bills. Visit

www.nhs.uk/Livewell/winterhealth/Pages/KeepWarmKeepWell for details.

For further information on staying well this winter visit www.nhs.uk/staywell

Cambs CC encourages volunteering

The County Council values the contribution that volunteers make to its work. There are a range of reasons why you may want to volunteer for the council, for example, it can improve your employment prospects and help you to gain new skills, knowledge and experience. Volunteering can also increase your self-esteem, give you a chance to meet new people and help you to get to know your local community. Volunteering is an opportunity to make a difference to the lives of others and the community you live in.

5 ways you can volunteer with us

In your local library – where you can teach others computer skills, run a story time, join your Library friends group, deliver books to your housebound neighbours or simply help stocking books.

In your local Children's Centre – where you can help run Stay & Play sessions and baby groups, or you can help with administration or promotion of local activities. Pop into your nearest Children's Centre to find out more.

In your local nature reserve – where you can reconnect with nature and help conserve your local green space and join a Friends Group.

In your local school – where you could become one of 3,500 School Governors across Cambridgeshire who make sure children and young people get the best from their time in school.

In your community – where you could try out anything from volunteering to help maintain our highways or improving our rights of way, to gritting routes to keep them safe for everyone during winter. You can also volunteer with a community organisation such as museums or Care Network.

Next Parish Council meeting: Tuesday 7th November 7.30pm, Village Hall

Patrick De Backer 07771-923710 bartonpcclerk@btinternet.com

Official notices and 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>

Vacancy for Parish Clerk in Barton

Do you want to be more involved in village life? Are you able to work flexible hours at home, currently 9 hours a week, and attend the Council meeting on the first Tuesday of the month?

You can gain valuable administrative experience and an insight into local government. Much of the work involves keeping Councillors aware by Email, drawing up agendas and writing minutes. You also administer financial transactions. Any training needed will be provided.

The post will fall vacant on 31st March 2018, but a negotiated start can be made earlier. You will find details of the Council's activities on www.barton-cambs.org.uk or for further information contact Patrick De Backer, the current Clerk, bartonpcclerk@btinternet.com or 07771 923710.

Village News

Malcolm Flook

Margaret, Sarah and Karen would like to thank all neighbours and friends who sent messages of condolence and /or attended the service of Thanksgiving following the death of Malcolm.

We are truly grateful to be part of such a caring community.

Margaret Flook

Paul Duffett

I and my family would like to thank you all for the kindness and support shown to Paul and us during his stay in hospital. We thank you too for the many cards with words of comfort which we have received following Paul's death.

A special thanks to Reverend Rebecca Gilbert and all at St Peters who helped make the Thanksgiving service so memorable.

With love, Anita, Hanna, Mary and Chris.

With thanks, Hanna Robson

Macmillan

On the morning of Friday 29th September the new Skylark Room at Barton School was filled with a most wonderful array of donated cakes for the Macmillan Coffee morning which was organised by the School and St Peters Church. For the duration of this most enjoyable event, a steady stream of parents, Barton Residents and students ate their fill of the delicious sweet stuff, drank gallons of coffee and tea and generously donated £422 to this most worthy cause. Many thanks to everyone involved.

Lin Heaton

Barton Lunch Club – Friday, 3rd November, 12.30 for 1pm, Village Hall

The Lunch Club on the first Friday of each month is for Barton residents, booking essential. The cost is £3.

The good news is that we will have a team in place to keep the Lunch Club running after Christmas. There will be details in the December magazine of who will be the main contact in the new year, so watch out for that.

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal 2017

Volunteer House to House Collectors required

If you would like to help contribute to the Poppy Appeal and are willing to spend a short time collecting in a pre-arranged route around the Village please contact asap Ian Minto the Poppy Appeal Organiser for 2017 on C 264158 or ianminto@btconnect.com

Full instructions on contact and all preparation completed by Ian Minto.

Key dates are:

28th October-11th November House to house collections period

11th November – Armistice Day/Poppy Day

12th November – Remembrance Sunday

ALSO...if you run a business locally (who doesn't yet participate) and would like to have a static collection box at your premises for visitor contributions please let Ian Minto know.



**Barton School Christmas Fayre,
Saturday 25th November,
10am-12noon**

Kindly sponsored by Wallis & Son, Barton Primary School's Christmas Fayre will showcase stalls selling a variety of gifts from

homemade produce, jewellery, arts and crafts, toys and games.

There will be a Grand Raffle with prizes from many local businesses, a café serving seasonal refreshments, lots of fun games for children to enjoy, and of course Santa will be in his grotto! Please do come along and support us if you can.

Entry: £1 per adult, under 12's free.



Barton Parish Magazine needs a new team

Wendy and I are both struggling to find the time needed to do justice to this valuable community service. Wendy has served three years and I've done 18, so we feel we've done our bit! The December and January double issue will be our last, so please think about becoming part of the new team. Contact us or Becca Gilbert for more information. *Lorraine Mooney lorraineemooney@gmail.com*



BARTON VILLAGE DAY

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OPEN MEETING

Friday, 3rd November 2017

Barton Village Hall - 7.30pm

Do you want a Barton Village Day in 2018?

A new Team is needed to organise this
enjoyable community event

Please come along to share your ideas, join in
the discussions and make this day happen!

Wine and other refreshments available



Contact: bartonvillageday@hotmail.co.uk

Barton Guides needs new Leaders from January 2018.

The two current Leaders are retiring after 12 – 13 years commitment. The unit is being run by a team which includes a third year student at Cambridge University, who helps when she is available, and another Leader, whose first baby was born in July this year. Girlguiding provides training and mentoring for all Leaders, and a section-specific program for the girls.

There are currently about 20 girls in the unit, from 10 to 14 years old, and two Young Leaders, aged from 14 to 16. No previous guiding experience is necessary, the training is free, and there is plenty of support available. A sense of humour and fun is useful.

The girls' parents are extremely supportive, and help to run camps and other events.

The current unit is thriving and attends camps and other activities in conjunction with other guide units in our district.

In July 2017, 21 Guides camped in Belfast, and an activity camp in Brentwood, Essex, is planned for July 2018.

For further information please contact Valerie Ridgman (vridgman@msn.com) or the District Commissioner, Nadine Santus (toftdistrictguides@hotmail.co.uk)

Come and join us for an evening, if you would like to see what happens on a weekly basis and discuss the longer term planning.

PlayGroup

Last half-term saw us welcome new children to playgroup, so we focused on learning all about each other. Each child took home the 'All About Me' box and was encouraged to share it with everybody. This helps us to plan future activities around the children's interests. We've spent time talking about emotions and thinking about things that make us feel these emotions and have managed to spend plenty of time outside enjoying the fresh air.

Barton WI

The Harvest Supper we hosted recently was a most enjoyable occasion and gave our funds a substantial boost. Our September speaker, Dr Sue Bailey, a Barton resident, gave us a brief overview of her own career in food science and technology before showing us how these two fields have developed since their formal beginnings in the late nineteenth century. Food science gave women an entry into the scientific world – it was regarded as entirely respectable, as it was home-related! The Second World War and its immediate aftermath proved to be a powerful catalyst. Scarcity of some products spurred inventiveness and, when rationing ended in the 50s, the desire of the nation for novelty widened the scope for development in both fields. Over the coming decades new household equipment increased the possibility of more variety in home catering. Dr Bailey

reminded us about Fanny Craddock, the first in a long line of celebrity media chefs. She herself, as well as her teaching and media work, has local projects. She will be presenting a second Fanny Craddock session at the Museum of Cambridge next year. Our November speaker, Wendy Marshgreen, will talk about 'The Art of Accessorising'. Visitors are welcome, as always.

Ann Killen

Neighbourhood Watch

The police force is having an exceptionally busy year, especially over the summer. Much more of their time than usual is being devoted to non-crime activities such as missing people and mental-health issues (80% of their time, up from 60%). The Cambs force is about 100 officers short at present, and budgets are under pressure. Despite all this, a dedicated work force, effective management and new technology have resulted in falling crime levels. Cambridgeshire is one of the safest places in the UK in which to live, and our local force is working to make us even safer.

We shall never be crime-free, so please ensure that your property is as secure as possible, especially now that the nights are getting longer. Burglary and vehicle crime are still with us in Barton at present, so please remain vigilant.

Keep safe, Bev Edwards

Barton Gardeners

We had a record turnout at our AGM where we revealed the exciting and interesting programme for the coming year.

Join now! Barton Gardeners is happy to announce that it is maintaining its membership fees at £10 for Full Membership; where the whole household can benefit from all its subsidised events and discounts from local suppliers, and £5 for Single Membership.



Mince Pie Morning on Saturday, 2nd December – we welcome you to this social and festive event. There will be a variety of stalls and seasonal refreshments.

Everyone is welcome. If you would like a stall, please get in touch asap.

Many Thanks, BG Committee 264765 or bartongardeners@hotmail.co.uk

Barton Friendship Club

Our last meeting on the 3rd October was cancelled.

Our next meeting is on the 7th November at 2.30pm in Barton Village Hall. Our Speaker is from 'Dogs for Hearing'.

Members £2 Visitors £3 this includes Tea/Coffee Biscuits and Raffle
All Welcome.

Harry Baines.

Barton WWWI

The Wednesday Women are a fun, friendly, informal and active Women's

Institute. We meet at The White Horse, Barton on the third Wednesday on the month at 7pm. Our next meeting will be on 15th November where we will be learning all about the art of patchwork. September's meeting was a great success as we enjoyed an evening of magic and mayhem from the fantastic JezO. We will never forget the spectacle of Margaret being sawn in half whilst wearing a fetching white boilersuit. Thankfully, she survived to tell the tale.

For more information, please visit our Facebook page Wednesday Women WI Email wednesdaywomenwi@live.com. Phone Margaret on 262353

New Year's Eve Party

If you are on your own and would like to join other singles for a New Year's Eve Party in the Pavilion you would be very welcome. There will be a delicious meal, music and games! The cost will be £15 plus bring a bottle of your choice.

Mulled wine and nibbles will be served on arrival at 8.30pm.

Please let Barbara know on 262692 or email barbaratomes@aol.com if you would like to join the Party by 4th December.

This amateur production of "Three Sisters (Letts)" is presented
by special arrangement with SAMUEL FRENCH, LTD.



Three Sisters

By Anton Chekhov
adapted by Tracy Letts

Tuesday 21st to Saturday 25th November 2017
at 7:45pm in the Village Hall, Barton, Cambs. CB23 7BD

Suddenly orphaned and stifled by their provincial backwater the lively and passionate Provorov sisters pine for a return to sophisticated Moscow and happy childhood memories, but we are on the cusp of seismic social change, with a hint of revolution in the air, and there is no escape as their frustrations erupt in a volcano of emotion

Tickets: £9.00 (£7.00 concessions)
Available by phone from:
Norma Eaton (01223) 263561.
Online booking:
www.booking-bdg.co.uk

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Comberton Library

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>

As you may be aware, due to budget pressures, magazines are no longer available to borrow in our libraries. However, our online library services have a whole range of eMagazines and eNewspapers available for free download. You will need to be a library member, but membership is also free. Just ask library staff if you need any help. If you would like to become a library member, call into the library with official proof of your name and address, and we will be pleased to issue you with a library card; or register online if you prefer.

We are delighted to be able to publicise *Alice in the Cuckoo's Nest* by Librarian Theatre, to be performed at Cambourne Library on **Wednesday 6th December**. This production is inspired by Lewis Carroll's classic novel *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*. It is not a children's show, but children aged 8+, accompanied by an adult, will be welcome. There will be two performances at **2.30 and 7.30 pm**. Tickets, costing £7.50 or £4 for concessions, to include refreshments, can be reserved with the library staff at Comberton Library, purchased directly from Cambourne Library, or bought online at www.librariantheatre.com. Librarian Theatre is a fantastic small theatre company, supporting public libraries, and their previous productions have been quite amazing.

Forthcoming Rhymetime sessions: 13th and 27th November and 11th December (10.30 – 11am). Please note that although these sessions are aimed at very young children we welcome older siblings and pre-schoolers who enjoy singing too!

Rosemary Pryke, Comberton Library

The Royal British Legion Green Aiders can offer ex-service personnel a visit to clear their garden this autumn. The Green Aiders is a free, one-off garden clearance service run by community charity Groundwork Cambridgeshire & Peterborough, and there is still funding available to vulnerable or disabled ex-Service personnel or their spouses, partners, widows/widowers, children or dependants aged 65 plus.

Through a one-off visit, dedicated volunteers led by Groundwork staff make gardens more manageable, safer and more pleasant to spend time in. At the same time, clearing overgrown gardens makes it harder for criminals or fraudsters to identify occupants as potential targets.

Head of Social Policy & Grant Giving at the Legion, Steven Baynes, said: "We're pleased to have awarded over £43,000 to Groundwork. The grant demonstrates the Legion's continued commitment to working with other organisations to provide the best support possible to our beneficiaries. It will also enable Groundwork to use its expertise to make a real difference to those veterans struggling with the upkeep of their gardens."

If you or someone you know could benefit from a Green Aiders visit, contact Groundwork Cambridgeshire & Peterborough on 01480 587141