

Dear Friends,

How are you preparing for Christmas? Well there will be plenty of glitter and glue, fun and food in our household as we prepare for Christmas this year as I'm sure there will be throughout the village, maybe less glitter for you maybe! At Church too we'll be preparing in a number of ways; contemplatively with our Advent study group with our Baptist friends beginning in late November, and then, creatively as we draw together the Crib with the nativity story at our Carol service on the 17th December.

All our other services along with our Baptist friends services are listed in the magazine and it will be wonderful to celebrate Christmas together with you this year if you can join us at any of the services and events we will be holding.

Whilst we will undoubtedly enjoy lots of sparkle over the coming month and into the New Year, I know for many, this time of year will be hard for a variety of different reasons. In fact, there was certainly know sparkle at the first Christmas until the wise men turned up offering their gift of gold which incidentally was a long time after the even! However along with that that gift, the wise men also offered frankincense and myrrh which indicated the kind of live and death Jesus would have. I believe Christmas is a special time to rejoice the coming of Jesus into the world, Emmanuel, God with us, and it's that I hold on to along with whatever the season may bring. I remember at the age of 5 desperately wanting a Mr Frosty Machine, and being devastated that I didn't get it on the day – clearly that memory still lingers strong! Older and hopefully a little less fixated on what's under the tree, I'm aware disappointment is still a very real experience at Christmas for many, not least in this age of austerity when with pressures of creating a perfect Christmas lie all over the place especially through the media.

That's why I'm grateful for the fact, that although I love the party, I hold on to the reason why we're celebrating at all. Once the tinsel is packed away, and the sparkle disappears, I hold onto the fact that this baby born in a manger, born into poverty, grew to identify with us all whoever we are, and whatever we have and became a saviour, offering hope and love, light and life, and for that I am deeply thankful.

With much love this Christmas,

Revd Rebecca Gilbert Lordsbridge Team

Church News

Advent Study Group shared with our Baptist friends continues on Wednesdays December 6th, 13th, and 20th at 7.30pm at the Baptist church. The Course is entitled ‘So what are you waiting for?’ and is written by Revd. Lucy Winkett, Rector of St. James Piccadilly. All are welcome to join us.

Wednesday 24th January Generous Slice Cafe is back again; from 8.45am. in the Village Hall. We would love to see you – hot croissants, toast, fresh coffee, tea etc. There is no charge.

Anne Coulson

Barton Baptist Church News

A few days ago we remembered and gave thanks for the life of Martin Luther. It was 500 years ago that Luther stood up to the Roman Catholic Church and denounced their teaching that freedom from God’s punishment for sin could be purchased with money. He taught that the forgiveness of sins and eternal life was a free gift of God’s grace through the believer’s faith in Christ Jesus. His translation of the Bible into German (instead of Latin) and the invention of the printing press made the word of God accessible to all. God’s gift of eternal life was free to everyone. Here at Barton Baptist our Christian heritage is steeped in Luther’s Protestantism. In a few weeks we will be celebrating the birth of another great man. His name is Jesus and he is the son of God. He was born in a humble stable but worshipped by shepherds and kings. He taught that all people irrespective of their race, social background or gender were equal in God’s eyes. It was His cruel death on the cross which broke the powers of sin, reconciled us to God and through His grace promises us life forever if we follow Him. Here at Barton Baptist we endeavour to share and show that Christ’s love, forgiveness and free gift of eternal life is available to everyone. This month we join with St Peter’s for our Advent Bible studies. We also look forward to our carol service on the 17th of December. Please do join us.

Alison Foster

Parish Jottings

County Councillor Lina Joseph

Her latest full reports can be accessed on the parish website.

Six parishes were represented at a Working in Partnership meeting in Barton on 31 October. Lina wanted to promote Asset-Based Community Development for the sustainable development of communities based on their strengths and potential. Parish Councils had a unique role in allowing villagers to get over barriers, nurture what people can contribute with their talents, becoming citizens or good neighbours, not clients, playing a proactive role, beyond what government and County services can provide. Each representative highlighted volunteer

activities locally. In Barton, for instance, we are very proud of the volunteer efforts of the Lunch Club and so many varied groups.

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.

A consultation about the Cambourne to Cambridge busway runs from now until 22 January; do please make your views known directly. There is also be the opportunity to fill out the survey online www.greatercambridge.gov.uk/c2c. Members of the public will be able to discuss the options with technical officers at the following venues:

Wednesday 29 November	Comberton Village College	3pm – 4pm
Wednesday 29 November	Coton Primary School	6pm – 8pm*
Thursday 30 November	St John’s College School, Cambridge	3pm – 4pm
Sunday 3 December	Cambridge RUFC	10am – 12pm

Paper caddy changes

From 11 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. 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.

Bin collection dates:

Wednesday 29 November	blue only <i>also shown on parish website</i>
Wednesday 6 December	black
Wednesday 13 December	blue and green
Wednesday 20 December	black
Friday 29 December	blue only
Friday 5 January	black
Thursday 11 January	blue and green
Wednesday 17 January	black
Wednesday 24 January	blue only
Wednesday 31 January	black

Taxi Consultation: Licensing Policy and Conditions

SCDC is proposing to introduce a licensing policy and conditions that will apply to all Private Hire and Hackney Carriage drivers, vehicle proprietors and operators holding or wishing to obtain a licence.

The new policy proposes to adopt a stringent standard for new and existing license holders. The key changes being proposed include:

- A more stringent convictions policy for all applicants and existing drivers
- A new Hackney Carriage policy so all vehicles are wheelchair accessible
- Introduction of CCTV in all licensed vehicles
- A new knowledge test for all applicants and existing drivers
- Changes to the frequency of required medical examinations for all drivers
- Introduction of a new Disclosure and Barring process so we are informed quickly if a licensed driver receives a conviction

Our proposed policy puts public safety at its heart and sets one of the highest bars that vehicles and drivers must pass before being granted a licence.

We want to hear your views.

The policy and attached conditions (Appendices A to H) can be viewed in full in either of the following ways:

1. By visiting the South Cambridgeshire District Council website at: <https://www.scamb.gov.uk/consultations> and follow the link to submit your comments
2. By visiting the Council office in normal working hours where a hard copy of the consultation may be viewed

Alternatively, your views can be put in writing to: Resources Team, South Cambridgeshire District Council, Cambourne Business Park, Cambourne, Cambridgeshire, CB23 6EA.

The deadline for receiving views is Friday 5 January 2018 at 23:59hrs.

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.

Next Parish Council meeting: Tuesday 5th December 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>

Village News

Parish Magazine

If any ex-resident of the village would like to receive a copy of the magazine by post, please send their name, address and 10 postage stamps to Mrs Margaret Flook, 3 Roman Hill, Barton, Cambridge, CB23 7AX. Thank You.

Barton Village Day update

'The Future' of Barton Village Day looks assured as a meeting of enthusiastic villagers discussed ideas on how to take it forward. Volunteers have formed a small core Team. However, please come forward now if you could find time to put your expertise to one or two of the tasks that need to be covered. This would be of great help to the Team. The Notes from the meeting are available – please contact bartonvillageday@hotmail.co.uk. It's never too early to get things rolling.

Thank you.

Sue Edwards

Barton Lunch Club – Friday, 1st December and Friday 5th January, 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.

As from January a new team is overseeing the Lunch Club to ensure it continues. Please note that if you wish to cancel a booking or add your name to the list please telephone Helen Newstead 262543, if possible by the Monday prior to the lunch.

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.

Barton Friendship Club

We managed to raise £100 from our Coffee Morning and this has been given to Hover Aid, which is a very good cause. They run a special Hover Craft to take in Doctors and Medical equipment to people that are almost unreachable in the World. Many thanks to all the helpers.

Our last meeting was 'Dogs for Hearing' this was a very interesting talk on these dogs and the people that use them. It shows you how very clever these dogs are and how much people with very poor hearing benefit from them.

Our next meeting which I am sad to say is the last for the Friendship Club is the Christmas Dinner in Barton Village Hall Tuesday 5th December 12-30 for 1pm.

Harry Baines

FRIENDS OF ST PETER'S

PRE-CHRISTMAS CANAPES AND MULLED WINE

Sunday, 10th December, 5.30 pm, Village Hall

We are well advanced with plans to improve lighting in the Church, and better heating is coming next. On behalf of the Friends of St Peter's, Ruth Bond and Margaret Winterbourne are hosting a reception in the Village Hall on **Sunday 10 December at 5.30pm**. Everyone is invited to come and share some festive cheer and to brainstorm about events and activities to raise funds that will make the Church a vibrant hub of wide and varied community activity all year round.

If you'd like further information, make a donation, or join the free email circulation list to receive periodic reports on progress, please contact Gordon Johnson <gj206@cam.ac.uk>

Telephone Library

Thank You to everybody for the lovely books you have been giving us to keep refreshing the Telephone box. This seems to be used quite regularly which is very good, we try to put 20 to 25 new books in every four to five weeks. We are always in need of books so if you have any to donate please contact the following.

Harry & Valerie Baines 263512 or Elizabeth Thomson 262683.

Harry Baines

Barton WI

Our November speaker, Amanda Sutherland, called her talk ‘From Costumier to an Accessorising Business’. She was a creative child and her college years gave her a wide variety of skills and stimulated an already active imagination. She spent her vacation periods temping in creative businesses. Her first job was as a buyer in the Royal Opera House costume department and she had a wonderful time sourcing items all over London. Subsequent jobs gave her a huge range of contacts with the media world and she encountered, and worked with, many celebrities. Amanda had always hoped to set up her own business and tested the water by taking her creations to wedding fairs. She and her family now live in Suffolk and she runs her business from there. Her website enables her to sell world wide and her creations include hats, cravats, hair ornaments and brooches, many made from items that most people would regard as rubbish. Her contacts with wedding parties encouraged her to set up workshops where she inspires participants to create beautiful things from unpromising materials. She gives up to sixty talks a year on top of all her other commitments. Both her energy and her ingenuity are remarkable. Our December meeting will be a Christmas party and in January we shall be discussing the resolutions put forward for the national AGM in June.

Ann Killen

Barton Playgroup

We have had many events and festivities to celebrate over the last couple of months at Playgroup, including Diwali which we marked by wearing Indian clothes and eating Indian food, and Halloween by carving lanterns and eating pumpkin soup. For Guy Fawkes Night we made splatter paintings and read firework themed poetry, and for Thanksgiving we played American sports and learnt how to line dance. Throughout December we will learn the story behind Hanukkah and make lantern pictures, and for Christmas we will make cards and decorations and perform a play to the parents on our last day – Tuesday 19th December.



Our Forest School session was exciting as we hunted for minibeasts, painted with conkers and collected leaves before sorting them by colour.

Pre-schoolers were invited up for an Open Day at the Primary School. Please remember to apply online at

<https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/children-and-families/schools-&-learning/apply-for-a-school-place/> if you want your child to attend.

Playgroup re-opens Thursday 4th January.

Bex Saunders

Barton Wildlife Group

In our last meeting we had close encounters with mice and moths, and saw various night images of other wildlife in the copse along the permissive footpath across the Trumpington Farm land to the west of the village.

On December 28th at 2pm, we will be looking for winter signs of wildlife, migratory birds, hares, animal burrows and tracks, out towards the Rifle Range. Please meet at the New Road notice board, by the cut through to Kings Grove. Strong shoes are advisable.

Early next year we will do a door drop with details of get-togethers for the next few months. We hope you can join us. Do get in touch using our email:

bartonwildlife@gmail.com

Mary McDonald

Neighbourhood Watch

Police have recently warned about shed burglaries. There have been several in the area recently, including one in Wimpole Road, Barton. There has been a group of door to door callers offering to clean roofs and to do other work. These unsolicited callers may be suspect and you should be very careful when considering hiring them. Paying one may cause your details to be entered in a 'suckers list' and your property, and others in the area, might be at risk in future.

Police recommend that doors of sheds should be secured with two substantial padlocks, hasps and staples at an equal spacing, fixed with coach bolts. Use backing plates to re-enforce the wooden area around the locks. Outside security lighting and burglar alarm will also help to keep your property safe.

Contact your local Community Safety Unit for more information and security advice via 101.

Keep safe, Bev Edwards

Barton Gardeners

Christmas Mince Pie & Coffee Morning

Saturday, 2nd December – 10am to 12 Noon – Barton Village Hall



Come and enjoy a festive get-together and browse the exciting assortment of stalls, plus a Great Raffle heaving with prizes.

Everyone is welcome to join us. Free entry.

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

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 of the month at 7pm. Our next meeting will be on 15th November where we will learning

all about the art of patchwork. Our December meeting will be held at the Barton Pavilion on the 13th December at 7pm. We will be hearing from a chef about Christmas cooking. In October we welcomed our guest speaker, crime fiction author and Richard and Judy's Book Club winner, Christabel Kent. She is also a best seller in the Sunday Times Top Ten. Christabel now lives in Barton but lived many years in Italy. Christabel gave a very interesting and informative talk and kindly donated several books for our raffle.

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

Louise Gough

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.

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>

Next Rhymetime session: 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

Next Stop for the Learning Bus?! CCC is looking for a good home

In November 2002 the Trustees of the former New Street School – originally a 'ragged' school for poor Victorian children – consulted headteachers in Cambridge about how the resources released by its sale might best be used.

As a result a learning bus was purchased as a free resource for Cambridge schools which welcomed more than 6,000 city children every year to learn about topics including conservation and the natural world.

Now that this funding has come to an end the Trustees of the charity would like to identify an individual or an organisation that can make use of the bus to fulfil the charity's purpose – *'the advancement of education in particular by providing opportunities for learning for young people and their families in Cambridge'*.

For more information and to register your interest in taking on the Learning Bus contact helen.manley@cambridgeshire.gov.uk or see

<https://www.cambslearntogether.co.uk/services-to-schools/learning-bus/>

Expressions of interest must be made by 5 December 2017.

Cambridge Past, Present and Future (Cambridge PPF) – December Events

Events at Wandlebury Country Park including Christmas Wreath Weaving for adults, a Christmas Crafts session for children, and an Outdoor Craft and Storytelling morning run by Vital Spark Theatre. The Nordic walking and Healthy walking groups also continue on Wednesdays and Thursdays respectively. Over at the Leper Chapel, the ‘in situ’ experimental theatre company will be performing ‘Tales of Mystery and Imagination’ and ‘Ghost Stories’. The Christmas Carol Service will take place on Sunday 17th at 6.30pm and there is also Midnight Communion on Christmas Eve at 11.30pm.

Finally, Coton Countryside Reserve is having a Volunteer Work Party Day on Wednesday 13th December from 10am to carry out essential tasks to help care for the reserve and its wildlife. www.cambridgeppf.org/whats-on, email

bookings@cambridgeppf.org or call 243830 ext 207

Comberton Sports & Arts – Fitness Class Timetable

<i>Monday</i>	Body Blast 6 -7-pm Hannah	Studio Cycling 7.05 -7.50pm Hannah	Pilates 8 – 9pm Tara	
<i>Tuesday</i>	Yogalates 6 – 9pm Sandra	Boxercise 6.30–7.30pm Nikki	TTB 7.05-8pm Hannah	Studio Cycling 8.05-8.50pm Judit
<i>Wednesday</i>	Fitness Pilates 6-7pm Hannah		Circuits 7.05-8pm Hannah	
<i>Thursday</i>	Ultimate Tone 6-7pm	Studio Cycling 6.30-7.15pm Aymen	HIIT 7.20-7.50pm Aymen	Step 7.50- 8.35pm Aymen
<i>Saturday</i>	Studio Cycling 8.30-9.15am Tara		Early Burn 9.20-10.20am Tara	
<i>Sunday</i>	Step 9-10am Aymen		Yogalates 10-11am Sandra	

All studio classes are FREE for members; £5/£4 for non-members

Please book in advance at the CSA Reception or call 264444

Members can book **8 days** in advance; Non-Members **7 days** in advance