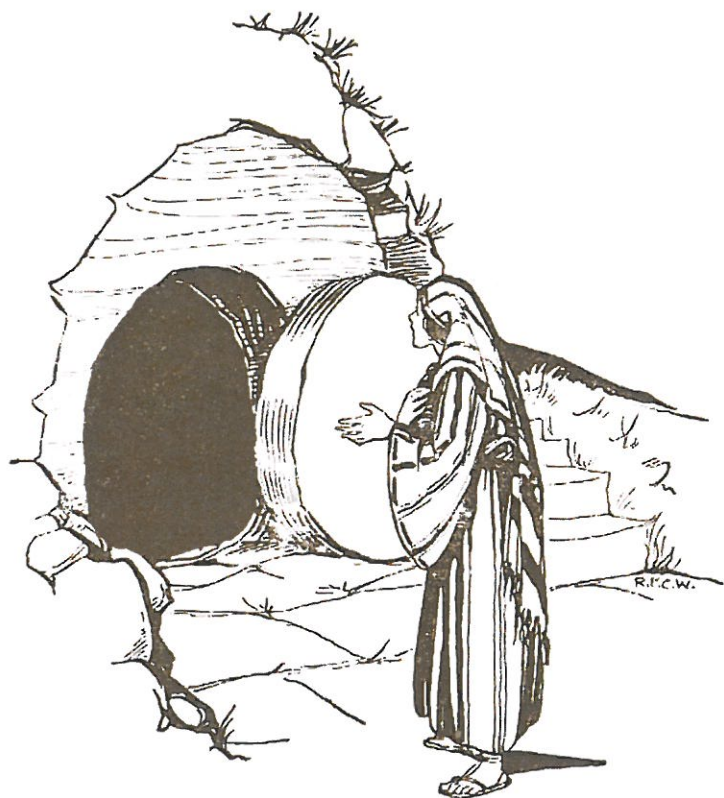




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Dear Readers,

Having recently suffered various weather attacks from “The Beast from the East”, I hope that by the time this reaches you, we shall be experiencing a warmer spell for Easter. Despite the setbacks, many of the spring flowers are already giving us an uplift and in this country, we are fortunate to get this visible reminder of “rebirth” to reinforce the wonderful Easter message.

Some of you may be going away for the Easter break and if so, have a happy and refreshing time; if you are here, we should be happy to welcome you to any of the services and/or events set out on the following pages.

**“WARM EASTER GREETINGS TO YOU
FROM “THE BARTON MILLER TEAM”**

Yours sincerely Joy Willis

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7th April 2018/5th May 2018

Vicar's Letter

Dear Friends

Churchill famously said, "I am fond of pigs. A cat looks down on a man; a dog looks up to a man. But a pig will look you in the eye and see his equal".

I'm not sure how true that is, but I too am very fond of pigs. In my home village of Freckenham we have run for the last few years a small pig co-op, whereby up to 8 families club together to buy a few rare breed piglets, and raise them, sharing costs and feeding duties. It's a great community activity, and we have the satisfaction of knowing that we have produced our own high quality free range pork; the children involved have learnt not only where their food comes from, but various valuable lessons about the responsibility of caring for livestock and of co-operation with others.

This year we have an additional reason for rearing our five Gloucestershire Old Spot piglets: we have acquired a piece of derelict land behind our garden, once farmland but abandoned to brambles, nettles and bindweed for many years. Everyone told me I would need to use industrial-strength weed killer before I could create the wildflower meadow I dreamed of. I hated the idea of that, and I knew from experience that nothing clears a bit of overgrown land quicker than a gang of hungry piglets. They are never happier than when digging up and chomping juicy roots and it's a joy to see them 'rootling' their way around the field. It's easy to see that with their strong shoulders and plough-like snouts they are designed to do exactly this. Often I feel, when I am pottering about feeding, watering or just giving them a lovely scratch behind the ears, that I too am designed exactly for this: I feel perfectly at peace.

How blessed we are when we find out who we are and what we are designed for. Each of us will have activities that bring us peace, whether it is walking, gardening, music, being with our loved ones or any number of other things. It's a very individual thing. However the bible suggests that there is another source of peace that is right for us all: Jesus offers "peace - but not the kind the world gives" - every time I pronounce the blessing I speak of 'the peace that passes all understanding'. St Augustine summed it up by saying "Our hearts are restless until they find their rest in you" We are designed to know and love God. My prayer for each of us is that we will find that special peace: that we will look God in the eye and love him, and know ourselves to be loved.

Love, Sandie x



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Churchwardens: Dave Traher, 25 Church Lane Close, Barton Mills. Tel 718328; Alan Butcher, 3 Church Lane, Barton Mills. Tel 713534

Verger: Davina Peachey, 24 Church Lane Close, Barton Mills. Tel 716265

St Mary's Parochial Church Council Members

Secretary: Diana Knight, The Manor, Barton Mills, IP28 6BL. Tel 711274. To whom all correspondence should be addressed.

Treasurer: Steve Hills.

Deanery Synod Representatives:

Nora Shipley and Rodney Knight.

Elders: Colin Brotherton; Glynn East and Dave Traher.

Other PCC Members : David Powell; Sandra Woollard; Heather East; Glynn East; Davina Peachey; Frances Lewis and Steve Hills.

Mothers Union

Next meeting: Monday 16th April 2018

2.15pm

Beck Row Church Room



There is also a **Prayer Chain** for anyone needing prayers for themselves or others. Please ring **Colin Brotherton 713440.**

COFFEE MORNINGS

Every Thursday 10.00 - noon in the Church Rooms.

ALL VERY WELCOME



BARTON MILLS CHURCH SERVICES in APRIL

Good Friday 30th March 2pm 'An hour before the Cross', Barton Mills church.

Sunday 1st April EASTER SUNDAY:

9.30am: Holy Communion with Revd Sandie Barton
and followed by an **Easter Egg Hunt** for children

Sunday 8th April

8am: Informal Early Holy Communion with Rev'd Gill Anderson
9.30am: Messy church - activities for children and adults!
Please bring your children and enjoy a very
practical and friendly time in the church
5pm : Healing Service

Sunday 15th April 9.30am: Holy Communion with Revd Sandie Barton

Sunday 22nd April 9.30am: Praise and Worship Service, led by Rev'd Sandie Barton
and Glynn East.

Sunday 29th April 10am Joint Group Service at West Row with Revd Sandie Barton.

To contact our Parish Priest Revd Sandie Barton, please phone her on 01638 720770
or e mail her at revsandiebarton@gmail.com

CHURCH ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) will be held on Thursday evening,
26th April, at 7.30pm, in the church, with refreshments served before the meeting.
All church members are invited to attend – to hear the reports on activities during the past
year, the plans for the coming year, and to vote on members of the Parochial Church Council
(PCC) and our representatives in church groups.

QUIET GARDEN: A HEALING SPACE

Saturday 14th April, 2 to 4pm, at Riverside, 59 The Street. Rev'd Dr Russ Parker will come to
launch this new resource and will speak on Christian Healing.

FELLOWSHIP MEALS

Meals are held at 6pm in the church room, usually on the fourth Friday of each month. The
next meal will be on Friday 27th April.

More information from Debbie Hills (phone 01842 861149).

CARE OF THE CHURCHYARD

Our churchyard is kept in good order by Work Teams doing their Community Service. We are very grateful to them and recognise that they are doing valuable work for our community. The churchyard is a peaceful place and everyone is welcome to come in.

LENT LUNCHESES

The simple lunches of soup, bread, cheese and fruit, have been held each week in Lent, from 12noon to 2pm, at various venues around the Mildenhall area. At the lunch in Barton Mills on 21st February £103.50 was raised for Christian Aid.

HEATING BOILER FOR THE CHURCH

The new boiler, which, we hope, will keep the church comfortably warm, has now been ordered, and should be installed when all the necessary permissions have been received. This is an expensive, but very necessary outlay for the church, so any contributions towards this cost will be gratefully received. Please contact the Churchwarden, Dave Traher (e mail dtraher@icloud.com phone 01638 718328) if you would like to help. Thank you.

SAVE THE DATE!

SONGS of PRAISE,

**with RICHARD CLARKE at the organ
in BARTON MILLS CHURCH
at 5pm on SUNDAY 17th JUNE 2018**

Although Richard has now moved away from Barton Mills and is no longer our resident organist, he is coming for a special 'farewell visit' on 17th June, when he will play a selection of favourite hymns for everyone to join in. And there will be a retiring collection to raise funds for the Charlie Heyes Music School in South Africa.

Worlington church

Easter Monday Teas & Flowers with Home-made Bakes and Cakes.

Monday April 2nd, 2.30 until 4.30 pm.



**ST MARY'S, BARTON MILLS,
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THE KELD ENSEMBLE

in concert

on SATURDAY 21st APRIL

at 7pm in Barton Mills Church

This renowned group of sixteen musicians is coming to play in our church on **Saturday 21st April**. They have played in many famous places including St Martin in the Fields, other London churches and St Edmundsbury Cathedral. It is a wonderful opportunity for us to have them to come and play here. Their programme will include some light classical music and music from the shows and will be a very special evening for us.

Tickets, at £15 per person,

from Alan Butcher (713534)

Dave Traher (718328) dtraher@icloud.com

Colin Brotherton (713440)

Frances Lewis (713155) franceslewis35@gmail.com

We are also looking for sponsors to help with the cost of the evening – if you would like to sponsor this cost, either personally or as a business donation, (all sponsors will be listed on the programme), please contact Dave Traher on 077799 661803 or by email dtraher@icloud.com

You can find more information about the Keld Ensemble on their web site, or talk to Alan Butcher who went to their concert at Newton and chatted to their leader Jonathan Acton.

Any final profits from the concert will go towards the cost of the new boiler for the church, which has now been ordered. The present boiler is 25 years old, and, as anyone who has been in the church recently will agree, it no longer efficiently provides enough heat to keep people warm, so the new one is urgently needed.



BARTON MILLS BAPTIST CHURCH



The number of **hate crimes** in this country has increased considerably. Most recently **hate letters** have been distributed around various cities in the UK and two people have been left **dangerously** ill caused by a nerve agent administered to them. The latter part of last month we remembered what we, as Christians, regard as the greatest hate crime in history as recorded in the Bible, **when Jesus was brutally murdered and left to die on a cross of wood.**

During His earthly ministry **Jesus performed some wonderful miracles** of healing. He did no wrong, **was perfect in every way**, yet there were still people who **hated Him** enough to want Him to die. Even today we are told **some people love to hate us!** According to one estimate there are 200 million persecuted believers in the world today. In John 3 v 20 we read Jesus said **“Everyone practicing evil hates the light** and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed”. **Jesus is that Light.** When He walked this earth, **people hated Him because He exposed the darkness of their sin.** The same applies today so it is **our task to be channels of God’s Love and Light** even if we are **hated in return.**

At the end of the first paragraph above we were reminded of **Jesus’ crucifixion, a result of hate,** however, the opposite occurred three days later when Jesus was miraculously raised from the dead, resulting in a time of great rejoicing, not only then but for us now in the 21st century. **The opposite of Hate is Love** and if there is **one thing believers in Jesus should be known for, it is Love.** The word **Love appears in the Bible more than 500 times.** The essence of the gospel is Love, as we see in John Ch 3 v16 & 17, **“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life, For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved”.** This Easter, let us **think of the Love of the Father** that led to the priceless gift of His Son, which was part of His eternal plan (Ephesians Ch 1 v 4 to 5, Ch 3 v 11) **God’s gift of love should fill us with deep gratitude and joy.**

Our services remain the same: Bible Study at 7.30p.m. on Thursdays (Call 01638-713892 for Location) and Sunday school and Bible Study on Sundays at 11 a.m., or the Worship Services at 3 p.m. and 6.30p.m.
F.A.RUTTERFORD

BARTON MILLS PARISH COUNCIL

CLERK to BARTON MILLS PARISH COUNCIL

Jadi Coe has been appointed as the new Clerk to Barton Mills Parish Council, and she took up her duties on 16th March. To contact Jadi about any Barton Mills Parish matters, please e mail her at clerk@bartonmills.net; the new Clerk phone number will be advised soon.

PEACE GARDEN

After lengthy discussions on various plans and designs, work has now started on remaking the Peace Garden. It will take a bit of time before the new plants are established but the new garden will have low growing silver, white, and grey plants, and will represent 'Peace'.

SID VOLUNTEERS

The Parish Council is looking for volunteers to assist with the rotation and moving of the vehicle activated speed device. If you are interested in helping with this, please contact the Clerk at clerk@bartonmills.net

AFFORDABLE HOUSING UPDATE

Hastoe Homes is currently in negotiations with a local landowner for a possible site. The Housing Needs Survey identified a need for approximately 10 dwellings; 1-2 Bedroom. If Hastoe are successful in obtaining some land and any resulting planning application is approved then it is hoped that the homes will be completed in approximately 2-3 years. The homes will be for people with a local (village) connection and you can register your interest by registering with Homelink, the link is: <https://www.home-link.org.uk/> You just need to click on Register and fill out the application.

FOOTBALL COACHING – MAY

Football Coaching sessions for children aged 5-16 years are to be held again on the Playing Field, on Tuesday 29th May & Wednesday 30th May 2018 at 1:30pm – 3:30pm. The sessions are funded by Barton Mills Parish Council and Abbeycroft Leisure.

Next Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday 3rd April 2018 at 7:30 pm in the Village Hall.

The public are welcome to attend Parish Council Meetings and will be offered the opportunity to speak at the beginning of the meeting or at the Chairman's discretion. To raise an item at any meeting, please contact the Clerk at least 7 days before the meeting.

Chairman: Annette Dawson 01638 714449

Clerk: clerk@bartonmills.net

Website: www.bartonmills.net

BARTON MILLS WEDNESDAY CLUB
All Over 50s Welcome

Wed 4th April: At 2 pm in the Village Hall, Anne Mason will talk on "Thetford Forest and its Heritage Project". Refreshments to follow.

Wed 18th April: Lunch at Bloomsberries Café and short walk at Maidscross Hill Nature Reserve in Lakenheath.
Tickets £2 members or £3 non-members

Enquiries to Pamela on 510504 pamela@boursa.org
Meetings in the Village Hall: £2 members, £3 non-members
Membership 2018: £10



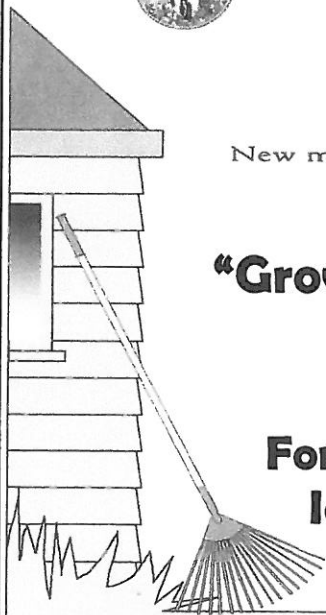
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For more information -

Nancy Higgins tel 515215

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Our March meeting was lots of fun! Jen & Irene came along to introduce us to Circle Dancing, giving us a potted history of the origins of each piece of music. Latvia, Russia, Ireland & Mykonos were among the tunes we tried valiantly to dance to. The dancing varied between being on our feet and sitting down. We muddled up our steps, swayed in the wrong directions and laughed - a lot! The steps and actions were gentle but after our session we all welcomed tea & biscuits.

There followed a raffle during social time after which we left to enjoy a good nights sleep!

Our next meeting will be on 10th April. We will be celebrating 60 years - our Diamond Anniversary. This special evening is restricted to our members and invited guests only.

Take a look at our website

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Saturday 14th April 2018

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Speak to Colin Brotherton for information.

BARTON MILLS 100 CLUB

The purpose of the Barton Mills 100 Club is to raise funds by operation of lotteries and draws to contribute to projects and/or organisations within the parish of Barton Mills for the general benefit of the people of Barton Mills.

February 2018 Winners

£30	162	M Clark
£20	82	L Flack
£10	103	P Fincham
£10	123	H Clements

The 100 Club AGM will
take place in the Village
Hall at 7.30pm
on
Friday 13th April 2018

**If you would like to become a member please contact our Treasurer:
Janette Miller - 49 The Street. Tel 712843**

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MILDENHALL & DISTRICT MUSEUM AND MUSEUM SOCIETY

April at your local museum.

The Museum Society meeting on Thurs. APRIL 5TH will be a talk by Dr. Peter Green (National Trust) entitled LIFE ON THE EDGE, about the Butcher family of Wicken. 7.30. Non-members also welcome.

Quiz with Fish and Chip Supper at the Jubilee Centre in Mildenhall Fri. April 13th evening. Tickets £10 must be obtained in advance from the Museum.

Sunday April 29th 2-4.30 the museum will host a MEMORY CAFE. This is being arranged by TALKIN'BOUT MY GENERATION. Volunteers are collecting memories of the Fen and Brecks baby boomers. They wish to know what music and dance styles etc. you enjoyed in the '50s, '60s and '70s etc. See www.mygeneration.ccan.co.uk, and a banner in the Museum.

Does anyone have a dress or skirt and blouse, made of cotton which could go on the dressmaker's dummy in the Post-War Room which spans the 1945-55 period. If yes, we'd love to hear from you. Call at the museum or ring 712162.

What's on in Freckenham April & May 2018

HERE I BELONG - Friday, 6 April 7pm for 7.30pm - Note this replaces film night! Last year, audiences were spellbound when Pentabus Theatre Company to Freckenham with the play 'As The Crow Flies'. Once again with Creative Arts East (CAE) support Pentabus Theatre return with a performance of 'Here I Belong' - a play by Matt Hartley. It's about communities, relationships and growing old. It is an uplifting night out, with some gentle audience participation if you want too! It's Elsie's birthday, which is appropriate since it mirrors the 20th anniversary of the opening of the village hall in February (another milestone!). You are invited to celebrate with us, bring your friends, your family or just bring yourself. There will be cake! Elsie has lived here for 60 years. In that time she has seen elections, weddings, wars, people coming, people going. You'll travel through time with her from 1953 to the present day and help Elsie stay where she belongs. Join us for a sensitive, charming and honest portrayal about life and the right to grow old in your own home. The show is staged in cabaret-seating style and the scenery changes with bunting, flowers, fairy lights and balloons as the audience is taken on a journey through 60 years of village life. Tickets Adult £10 and under 18 £5. Tickets in advance (it helps with the layout and how many tables & chairs are needed but can be collected on door) by calling to book 01638 720118 or 07542 198 933.

Sat 28 April Farmers & Crafts Market 10 - 12 noon Bacon rolls, cakes hot drinks free entry – MEAT from TFM Butchers of Isleham, bread, seasonal produce, cheese, olives & more, pies, preserves, pickles, honey, eggs, WI, homecrafts knitting, cards, jewellery, pin boards, bags, planters, hopefully plants & more. **Market dates for the diary** 26 May & 30 June.

Next film night Friday 4 May

For further details and our weekly activities check the website <http://freckenham.suffolk.cloud/freckenham-village-hall>. Connect with us on Facebook and Twitter @FreckenhamVH

"Swifts Project"

Thank you to all those who have contributed to this project - it is ongoing and progress will be reported in further issues....

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The Parish Council has agreed four sales for 2018

	Hall	Field
Easter Monday 2/4/2018	Village Hall	Village Hall
May Day 7/5/2018	W I	W I
Spring Bank Holiday 28/5/2018	Church	Allotments
August Bank Holiday 27/8/2018	Church	Church/FC



ST MARY'S, BARTON MILLS, PRESERVATION TRUST

SUMMER PARTY, SATURDAY 2nd JUNE 2018

The summer party will be on the lawn in front of the church on Saturday afternoon and evening, 2nd June, with free entry. There will be cream teas, all sorts of games, a tombola, an early evening concert by 'Jenny's Accordionists', and a BBQ with a bar. Everyone in the Village is invited to come, and we hope that others from outside Barton Mills will come too.

Although this event is being organised by the Church Preservation Trust, all offers of help will be very welcome. As well as help on the day we should be grateful for Tombola prizes, (which can be left at 11 Church Meadow) and cakes for refreshments on that Saturday.

There is also a competition to design a poster for the event. Entries, A4 size please, can be left at 11 Church Meadow or sent as attachments to franceslewis35@gmail.com

The next meeting to sort out arrangements will be on Thursday evening, 3rd May, 7.30pm, church room. If you would like to be involved, or if you have any suggestions, please do come along, or contact Frances Lewis email as above, phone 01638 713155.

Great British Spring Clean - Barton Mills

After being postponed twice due to bad weather, the Spring Clean finally took place on 24th March. A small team led by Ken Venus collected 12 bags of rubbish from along the ditches beside the path to Mildenhall and in Mildenhall and Station Roads.

Our thanks to all those who came to help and to Ken Venus for organising it. Our thanks too, to all who help to keep the village tidy by clearing up litter on a regular basis. We can all appreciate the difference that this work makes to our village environment.



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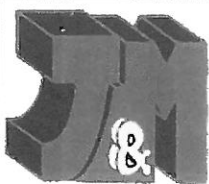
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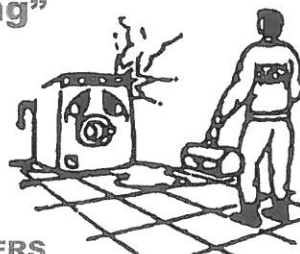
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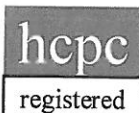
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