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Dear Readers,

Writing these few words in November (as I do), fills me with much sympathy for those who produce catalogues and magazines for the commercial world and have to do them in June and July, when the Christmas "mood" must be even harder to conjure up.

However, thinking back to last year, I am reminded of the wonderful result of the collection for The Children's Society taken at our 5 o'clock service on Christmas Eve, when we broke our own record. I wonder if we can equal or surpass that this year to help fund this wonderful work. Please come to this special service which is a way of getting into the <u>real</u> Christmas Spirit and much enjoyed by so many.

The Barton Miller Team wishes everyone a very Happy Christmas and fruitful 2019.

Yours sincerely Joy Willis

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15 December 2018/ 12 January 2019/9 February 2019

Vicar's Letter

Dear Friends

As I write this I have just been celebrating a birthday, one with a big scary 0 in it! I must admit that I'm finding the big 6-0 (even though they tell me it's only the new 4-0) a bit of a challenge to come to terms with. How on earth have I got to this age? Where did the last 59 years disappear to so quickly? My older sister sent me a card in which she remembered her excitement on my very first birthday – she ran to look at me as soon as she woke, but to her disappointment found me peeping over the edge of my cot looking exactly the same as I had the day before. She had been quite certain that I would look bigger, more mature, perhaps suddenly able to walk and talk and be more fun as a sister. But of course change comes slowly, and much more subtly than that. I'm certainly a different person now from that one-year-old baby, even though there was no one day on which the change happened.

In December we celebrate once again the birthday of Jesus Christ, and he has had a lot more than 60 of them! Each year we gather with family and friends to remember that first Christmas, and perhaps as we peep into the manger we only want to see a baby who never gets any older. What would happen if we allowed that baby to grow? Of course Jesus did grow, and lived an amazing life for 33 years before his death at the hands of the Romans. But what if we allowed him to get into our hearts, and let him grow there? What slow and subtle changes would happen in us as a result?

I have another birthday, which happens in October every year. It's the anniversary of the day I became a Christian, when I asked Jesus into my heart to be my Lord and Saviour – the 18th October 1981 to be exact, at about 3.30 in the afternoon. That day was quite literally like a new birth for me, a totally new start after which I could never be the same again. If you had seen me that day though, or even a year later, you might not have been able to see the difference. I can only tell you that I am certainly a different person now from who I would or could have been, even though there was no one day one which the change happened.

My Christmas message to you is to tell you that becoming a Christian on October 18th 1981 was the very best thing I ever did. My October birthday means far more than my big 6-0 one. I'd love to tell you more about it – get in touch if you are interested, or maybe just come along to a Christmas service and quietly invite Jesus in.

With love

Rev Sandie x

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St Mary's Parochial Church Council Members

Secretary: Diana Knight, The Manor, Barton Mills, IP28 6BL.

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Deanery Synod Representatives:

Nora Shipley and Rodney Knight.

Elders: Colin Brotherton; Glynn East and Dave Traher.

Other PCC Members: David Powell; Davina Peachey; Frances Lewis; Jo Traher; Diana Knight and Steve Hills. There are also sub-groups to help with various aspects of church life. Sign up sheet at the back of the church.



Mothers Union

Annual Shared Advent Carol Service — Thurs.6th Dec. St Mary's Church, Newmarket. 12 noon. January Meeting — Mon. 12th Jan. at Mildenhall Church Room. 2.15pm

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

COFFEE MORNINGS

Every Thursday 10.00 - noon in the Church Rooms. ALL VERY WELCOME



Church Services in Barton Mills for December 2018 and January 2019

ADVENT SUNDAY 2nd December: 9.30am Holy Communion

Sunday 9th December:

8am: Early informal Holy Communion

9.30am: 'Messy Christmas', informal activities and worship for everyone,

especially families and children

5pm: Healing Service

Sunday 16th December: 9.30am Holy Communion by extension

3pm Civic Carol Service

Sunday 23th December: 9.30am Sunday Celebration of Praise and Worship

Christmas Eve, Monday 24th December: 5pm Carol Service with

Christingles (donations for The Children's Society).

Christmas Day, Tuesday 25th December:

10.0am Family Communion Service

Sunday 30th December: 10am Joint Service at Freckenham, with our sister

churches. No service at St Mary's, Barton Mills.

Sunday 6th January: 9.30am Holy Communion

Sunday 13th January:

8am Early informal Holy Communion

9.30am: 'Messy Church', informal activities and worship for everyone,

specially families and children

5pm: Healing Service

Sunday 20th January: 9.30am Holy Communion

Sunday 27th January: 9.30am Sunday Celebration of Praise and Worship

CHRISTMAS SERVICES in the churches in our group of parishes

Saturday 8th December: 4-6pm West Row Messy Christingle

Sunday 16th December: 6pm Freckenham, Carol Service

Friday 21st December: 7.30pm Worlington Carol Service

Sunday 23rd December: 4pm Worlington Christingle

6pm West Row Carol Service

Christmas Eve: Monday 24th December

2pm Freckenham Christingle

5pm Barton Mills Carol Service with Christingles

11.30pm Worlington Midnight Communion

11.30pm West Row Midnight Communion

Christmas Day, Tuesday 25th December:

10am Barton Mills Family Communion, with Revd Gill Anderson

11am Freckenham Family Service

CHRISTMAS EVE CAROL SERVICE, 5pm CHRISTMAS EVE

A Family Service, with Christingles for all the children. All are welcome to come to this special celebration of Christmas. So, whether you are young or old, whether or not you usually do come to the church, you will be welcome at 5pm on Christmas Eve, Monday 24th December.

As our Christmas gift for other children there will be a retiring collection for the Children's Society.





BARTON MILLS CHURCH is usually open every day during daylight hours. Local people and visitors are welcome to come in. It is a historic and interesting building and a place of peacefulness and rest.

Fellowship Meals. These are usually held on the fourth Friday of each month but there will not be a Fellowship Meal in December, because the date would be very close to Christmas. The meal in January will be in the church room at 6pm on the fourth Friday in the New Year, 25th January. All welcome. More details from Debbie Hills 01842 861149.

If you would like to help boost numbers in the choir at our Christmas Eve service—please come along to our two practice evenings.

Tuesday 11th December and Wednesday 19th December at 7pm in Church

(Enjoy some mulled wine ahead of rehearsal too)

For more information speak to Sandie or Frances Cox

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Orders will be ready for collection on Tuesday 11th December

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ALL are welcome!

Contact Dave Traher 07799661803 for any further enquiries



BARTON MILLS BAPTIST CHURCH



When the news that the Duke and Duchess of Sussex were to have a baby in the New Year, the announcement was flashed around the world. By the miracle of modern communication, when it arrives the infant's picture will appear in newspapers and magazines everywhere. What a contrast to the royal child born long ago in a Bethlehem stable! Jesus' parents, Mary and her husband Joseph, a carpenter from Nazareth, had no plush accommodation reserved at the "Jerusalem Hilton." No crowds of reporters competed to be the first to break the news that the Son of God had become incarnate. No television cameras focused on His first public appearance, and Israel had prepared no national festivities in His honour. Yet, over 2000 years later, even though it was a very humble birth it made such an impact that the event is still remembered and celebrated today.

Throughout the centuries, man has marveled at the wonder of Jesus' person and work. An unknown author declared: "He became a man that we might become the sons of God. In infancy He troubled a king. In boyhood He puzzled the teachers. In manhood He ruled the course of nature. He walked upon the billows, hushed the sea to sleep, and healed the multitudes without medicine. He never wrote a book, yet the libraries of the world are filled with volumes that have been written about Him. He never penned a musical note, yet He is the theme of more songs than any other subject. Great men have come and gone, yet He lives on. Herod could not kill Him. Satan could not seduce Him. All others have failed in some way, but not Jesus! This perfect One is altogether lovely." What a wonderful person! Of Him Pilate said, "I find no fault in this Man" (Luke 23 v 4). And God Himself announced from heaven, "This is My Beloved Son: hear Him!" (Mark 9 v 7). Not only is Christ matchless in His person and work but He is known as Saviour and Friend by the most lowly believer. Jesus is Wonderful, Worship Him today.

Oh how we need to recapture the marvel and wonder of that baby coming into the world! He came into this war-torn world of selfishness and sin for one purpose to die as a sacrifice for our sins. His forgiveness will satisfy the deepest need of our hearts. As we come to the end of another year let us consider our relationship with that baby born over 2000 years ago and worship Him, making sure that during 2019 we can claim Him as our Saviour and Friend.

Why not rekindle memories of your Sunday School days and come along to our Christmas Service at 6p.m., Sunday, 23rd December. Except Sunday, 30th December at 6p.m. our services remain as usual - Bible Study at 7.30p.m. on Thursdays and Sundays at 11a.m. or the Worship Services at 3p.m. and 6.30p.m.

F. A. RUTTERFORD

REMEMBRANCE, NOVEMBER 2018

As a special remembrance of the centenary of the end of WW1, there were some extra ceremonies in Barton Mills. On Thursday morning, 8th November, four children from Great Heath School in Mildenhall came to the war grave of Thomas Owers, in our churchyard. Members of the British Legion told them something of the history of the First World War, and the death of Thomas Owers, who had joined the Suffolk Regiment and was just 18 years old when he died on 30th October 1918. The children put small poppy crosses onto the grave and stood for a minute in silence as our church clock struck 11.

The gravestone was cleaned by members of the Community Service Payback Work Team, so that it was fresh and white when poppy wreaths from the British Legion and from Forest Heath District Council were laid there at 11am on Sunday 11th November.

In the church, a life size cardboard soldier stood by the altar and a scattering of poppies led from a mock up of a WW1 trench to where he stood. The soldier moved on to Mildenhall Museum for the rest of November.

Our Peace Garden, by the Village Hall, which was created in 1995 to mark 50 years since the end of WW2, has been remade with white flowering plants. The Village Remembrance Ceremony, by the Peace Garden, was led by Glynn East, and about 100 people joined together for the ceremony and the two minutes silence at 11am on Sunday 11th November. Wreaths were laid on behalf of Barton Mills Parish Council and the people of Barton Mills, and a basket of white flowers was put by the memorial stone on behalf of the young people of our village.

After the ceremony the Parish Council hosted a reception in the Village Hall, where tea and coffee, and wine, and biscuits, were enjoyed by everyone.

Footnote: there is now a small green plaque on the wall by the church gate, which shows that there is a war grave in the churchyard. F.L.





BARTON MILLS WEDNESDAY CLUB All Over 50s Welcome

Wed 5th Dec: At 2 pm in the Village Hall, "A bit of a Cracker - Christmas Spectacular" with Jackie Tevlin. Christmas refreshments to follow.

Wed 19th Dec: Christmas lunch at The Bull at 12 for 12.30 pm.

Wed 9th Jan: At 2 pm in the Village Hall, our AGM will be followed by a presentation by Dan Puttock from Suffolk Healthwatch. Refreshments afterwards. Membership 2019: £10.

Wed 23rd Jan: Social afternoon at 2 pm in the Village Hall. Bring your favourite table top games.£2 members or £3 non-members, refreshments included.

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



"Every show has a story"
Johnny Walker
29th January - Club Christmas Lunch

For further details telephone lan Anderson. Tel 515741.

Sincere apologies for printing the speakers name wrongly last month.

An editorial fault.



BARTON MILLS PARISH COUNCIL

AFFORDABLE HOMES

Barton Mills Parish Council is currently seeking to purchase land from Suffolk County Council on Church Lane in view to build a further 12-15 affordable homes. The homes will be of mainly one and two bedroom dwellings as this is what the housing needs survey showed the village is in need of. The homes will only be for local people with a link to Barton Mills. The Council hope that first draft plans will be drawn up soon in view to hold a formal consultation in the new year.

WEBSITE

Barton Mills Parish Council are currently updating their website to include information on the Parish Council and other local information including clubs and associations within the village. If you help run an organisation/group within the village and wish for this to be shown on the website please contact the clerk. Alternatively, if your organisation/group is already detailed on the website please would you review the information held and confirm details held are up to date or provide details of changes to the clerk. If there is any other information that could benefit the village that you wish to appear on the website please inform the clerk.

Please find the website at:

http://bartonmills.onesuffolk.net/

Next Parish Council Meetings

The next full meetings will be on Tuesday 4th December 2018 and Tuesday 8th January 2019 at 7:30 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 prior to the meeting date.

If you attend a meeting so as to voice your concerns and wish your name and/or address to be publicised in the meetings minutes we will require you to complete a consent form to ensure we comply with the new General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR).

Chairman: Amin Harji, 01638 510251

Clerk: Jadi Coe, clerk@bartonmills.net 07724 737841

Website: www.bartonmills.net

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BARTON MILLS WI - NEWS AND INFORMATION

Our Speaker for the evening was Linda Scoles. She has been before so we knew that we would have a good meeting. She was going to talk to us about being Divided by a common Language'. She said that it was not individual words that proved difficult i.e. pavement/sidewalk, lift/elevator but words and phrases that were exactly the same with different meaning or nuances and she told us of this incident. When she first came to live in the village of Great Barton she and her husband were made so welcome. They were overwhelmed by kindness and felt that they should return this to one couple with whom who they had become particularly friendly. Linda asked if they would like to join them at an event that was going on at the base. The reply was "I don't mind" which Linda took to be "not really." They asked again for something else and the wife gave the same response this went on a few times and Linda thought that that this couple obviously did not mix and socialise or were not interested enough for these outings. Not wanting to give up she asked one last time got the same answer and Linda in desperation asked why every time she had invited them they did not seem interested and the reply was "well, we get ready every time but you never come to collect us"!!! There were also words that in America were acceptable and in English 'naughty' and vice versa which she guickly adapted to.

To round off our evening we had a fun quiz of 60 American words and we were looking for the English equivalent. Several were well known, a few more of a challenge but the one that nobody got was a 'scalper' which is a ticket tout !!!!



There will be no WI meeting in the Village Hall in December.

Our first meeting of 2019 will be on Tuesday, 8th January, at 7.30 p.m. and our Speaker Liza Jones will talk to us about 'Knickers' the history of underwear.

We wish everyone a very Happy Christmas and New Year. We look forward to welcoming new members.

Take a look at our website - www.wibartonmills.weebly.com

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.

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MILDENHALL & DISTRICT MUSEUM AND MUSEUM SOCIETY

MILDENHALLMUSEUM SOCIETY. The last meeting of the year will be on THURS. DEC. 6th starting at 7.30.

Dr.R.Owen, official squadron historian, will speak about the history of 617 Squadron, "The Dam Busters".

This likely to be very popular and seating is limited. To book a ticket tel. Anne on 712883.

Allow good time for parking as Merrie Mildenhall takes place that evening but will finish around 7 p.m.

December 19th will be the Museum's last opening time until March 1st.



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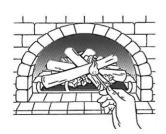






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What's on in Freckenham December 2018 & January 2019

Friday Film Nights are taking a break over December & January.

Monday 10 Dec Coffee & Carols 2.30 - 3.30pm. An hour of informal carol-singing with refreshments. Free entry.

Christmas Farmers & Crafts Market Wednesday 12 Dec 7 – 9pm. All our regular stalls + our new fruit & veg who also does weekly veg box deliveries www.Poundsworth.co.uk as well as some extra seasonal stalls in the run up to Christmas, including pottery, jewellery, The Baking Jin & Ely Gin! So a good chance to buy some Christmas food, gifts and treats at the market. Mulled wine & mince pies as well as bar, hot drinks and cake! Free entry! Please pre-order if you can to avoid disappoint on the night see website for links http://freckenham.suffolk.cloud/freckenham-village-hall/

Church Services Carols Sunday 16th at 6pm, Christingle 24th at 2pm, Family Service 25th at 11am, joint service with our Lark & Lee Churches group 30th at 10am, so a choice of services to go too.

Friday 18th January - Quiz & Pot Luck Supper with Mildenhall & District Twinning **Association 7.30pm** Teams of 4-6 people can be made on the night. Please bring finger food to share, teas & soft drinks provided but BYO alcohol. No entry fee but raffle to cover costs and prizes appreciated. grace.bristow@talktalk.net

Saturday 26th January 10 - 12 noon Monthly Farmers & Crafts Market Stalls to be confirmed but likely to include our regulars like meat, pies, cheese, olives, bread, honey, eggs, WI preserves & pickles, herbs & planters, plus crafts. Cuppa, cakes & bacon rolls. Thanking you for your support in 2018 and wishing you all a Peaceful Happy Christmas and Healthy New Year from all us in Freckenham, perhaps some ideas for a New Year's Resolution to "get active", we have something for all! Check the village website as above for updates & weekly activities as some take a break, + new workout with Adriana (a.krecka@yahoo.co.uk)! Connect with us on Facebook and Twitter @FreckenhamVH

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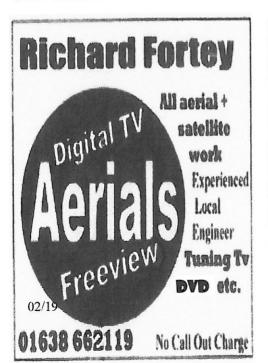
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