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Dear Readers,

This has been a difficult year for many people, with covid and other problems, and never knowing quite what is going to happen next. But, just for once, the weather has helped to keep us happier, with surprisingly warm days, and autumn colours glowing golden in the low sunshine.

Now, as we approach Christmas, most people are looking forward to being able to meet up with family and friends again and to enjoy times together that were not allowed last year. But let us not forget that even in our own community, there are those who are not so fortunate, and perhaps need our help along the way.

Everyone will be welcome at any of the church services as noted on another page, but especially at the Carol Service at 5pm on Christmas Eve. Do come, and join up with friends old and new.

But from all the Barton Miller team, we send all good wishes for Christmas and for the New Year 2022.

Yours sincerely, Nancy Higgins and Frances Lewis.

P.S. Copy for the next Barton Miller, which will be published for February, should be in by 20th January, please.

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Vicar's Letter

Are you ready for Christmas yet?!

Listening to the local news reports it seems that many people are getting ready for Christmas early this year. Fear of not being able to get all the gifts that they want (or, indeed, their loved ones have asked for) because of production difficulties or empty shelves because of a shortage of delivery drivers has driven them to start shopping even earlier this Christmas! I'm sure that the high street and on-line businesses together with the shopkeepers will be very pleased to see the increase in early trade after turmoil of the last 2 years! However, all of this does pose the question about why we are buying presents and why they are so important?

I think I am stating the obvious if I say that Christmas is a Christian festival! We celebrate the greatest gift of all, that God the Father sent his only Son to this world to show us that He loves us, to be our Saviour and to show us the way to eternal life with Him. What I find amazing about this is that it is a gift that no money can buy! There is no way of buying God's love for us and no amount of money could buy the gift of His Son coming into the world. Yet we seem to think that to make Christmas the best it can be we need to buy even more presents and that the more expensive presents are the better. God showed us His love by freely giving us the most precious present of all, His Son Jesus.

So, as you prepare for Christmas do come and join us at St Mary's Church. The Church's season of Advent, a time of preparation as we remember the coming of Jesus into the world, starts on 28th November. Do come and join us. You will find the times of our services on a separate sheet. We look forward to welcoming you!

And I pray that God will bless each one of you richly this Christmas!

Rev'd David Everett

Team Vicar



St Mary's Church Barton Mills.

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Your Church Representatives:

Churchwardens: Dave and Jo Traher, 25 Church
Lane Close, Barton Mills. Tel 718328;

Elders: Colin Brotherton; Glynn East and Dave Traher.

St Mary's Parochial Church Council

Elected Members

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

Treasurer: Tony Potts.

Deanery Synod Representatives: Rodney Knight and
Peter Alder

Other PCC Members : Linda Jenkins, Frances Lewis
and Sandra Woollard.

Mothers Union

Next Meeting - Suspended for the time being.
(Usually the 3rd Monday every month - varying venues)



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



Services at St Mary's Church, Barton Mills

Sunday 28th November Morning Worship at 9.30am

Sunday 5th December Holy Communion at 9.30am

**Sunday 12th December Morning Worship at 9.30am
Prayer for Healing at 5pm**

Sunday 19th December Holy Communion at 9.30am

Friday 24th December Carol Service & Christingle at 5pm

Saturday 25th December Christmas Worship at 10am

Sunday 26th December Said Holy Communion at 9.30am

Sunday 2nd January 2022 Holy Communion at 9.30am

**Thursday 6th January 2022 Feast of the Epiphany 7pm
Group Service at West Row**

**Sunday 9th January 2022 Morning Worship at 9.30am
Prayer for Healing at 5pm**

Sunday 16th January 2022 Holy Communion at 9.30am

Sunday 23rd January 2022 Morning Worship at 9.30am

**Sunday 30th January 2022 Holy Communion at 9.30am
Group Service**

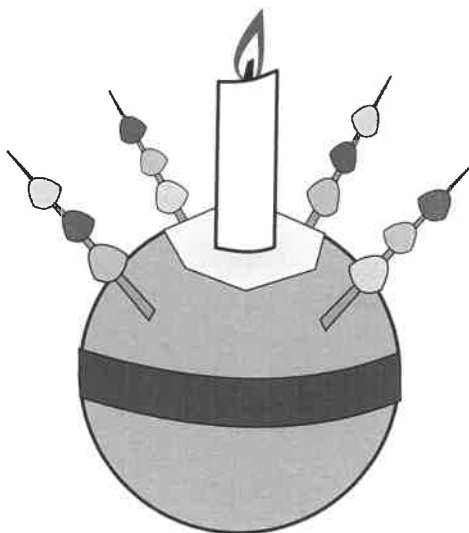
All are welcome to join us at these Services

CHRISTMAS EVE at BARTON MILLS CHURCH **5pm CAROL SERVICE with CHRISTINGLES**

The Carol Service will, once again, be the special Christmas event in our church. There will be a great collection of carols to sing, and there will be Christingles for the children. The retiring collection will be for The Children's Society, with the opportunity to Gift Aid your donation if you are able to. Please do come, and, if you can, bring your friends and family too, so that everyone can welcome Christmas together.

CHOIR: It has been decided that, this year, we will not be having our usual 'Ad Hoc' choir at this service although we did not have one last year due to covid. But it will be good if those who do usually join this choir will come along, with your families, and support the singing within the congregation. Hopefully we can return to 'normal' next year. We wish you all a Happy Christmas, and a healthy New Year. *Frances Cox*

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Since the beginning of history, **God’s gifts to mankind have been just right for the occasion.** In the Old Testament, Israel received a continuous diet of manna that sustained them for 40 years. Amazingly, their clothes and their sandals did not wear out (Deuteronomy 29 v 5). Food, clothing, and shoes, so common and needed, were miraculously provided. Hundreds of years later, God gave a tiny baby to a world torn by strife, poverty, injustice and greed. Again, **a common gift, yet what far-reaching benefits!**

God the Father, moved by His great love, **“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.** (John 3 v 16-17). Think of the love of the Father that led to the priceless gift of His son, which was part of His eternal plan (Ephesians 1 v 4-5; 3 v 11) **God’s gift of love should fill us with deep gratitude and joy.** Let’s together proclaim, **“Thanks be to God for His unspeakable gift”** (2 Corinthians 9 v 15). Oh how we need to recapture the marvel and wonder of that infant child 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.** Truly, **Jesus is a gift for all ages.** Have you by faith received that gift?

THE BEST GIFT ANYONE COULD RECEIVE IS JESUS

Why not rekindle memories of your Sunday School days and come along to our Christmas Service, 3p.m. 19 December 2021.

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and Blessed New Year.

F. A. RUTTERFORD

BARTON MILLS PARISH COUNCIL

SPEED INDICATOR DEVICE (SID)

The SID which is owned by the Parish Council is rotated between three positions in the village, Worlington Road, Church Lane and Mildenhall Road.

Data from the SID from April to October has been downloaded and analysed, the data showed the following:

Mildenhall Road – 97% of vehicle were recorded travelling at a speed of 30mph or below

Church Lane – 74% of vehicles were recorded travelling at a speed of 30mph or below and 24% between 30mph and 40mph.

Worlington Road – 34% of vehicles were recorded traveling at 30mph or below, 57% between 30mph and 40mph and 9% between 40mph and 50mph.

This data has been passed onto Suffolk Police who have confirmed they will place their own Speed Detection Radar on Worlington Road for one week to gather their own evidence, and that the speed enforcement team will be asked to carry out more regular checks on Worlington Road.

QUEENS PLATINUM JUBILEE

To celebrate the Queens Platinum Jubilee in 2022 there will be an extended bank holiday weekend from Thursday 2nd to Sunday 5th June 2022.

If any residents have any ideas on how the Parish can commemorate this occasion and would like to volunteer their help, please contact the Parish Council clerk.

MALLARDS BRIDGE

Following our previous update, unfortunately there has been a delay to the works as further trees required felling. The contractors left the site early November but plan to return late November with the works being completed before Christmas if the weather allows.

As the Parish Council receive further updates, these will be published on our website.

Upcoming Meetings

The next Parish Council meetings will be held on Tuesday 7th December and Tuesday 4th January at 7:30pm. The meetings will be held in the Village Hall unless Government guidance changes.

In the event of an extraordinary meeting being held before the next scheduled meeting, it will be published on the website and on the notice boards.

The Public are welcome to attend Parish Council Meetings and will be offered the opportunity to speak at the beginning of the meeting or during the meeting 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.

Chairman: Neil Horne, 07590 672963

Clerk: Jodi Coe, clerk@bartonmills.net / 07724 737841

Website: www.bartonmills.net

Find us on Facebook and Nextdoor: Barton Mills Parish Council

All Over 50s Welcome

BARTON MILLS WEDNESDAY CLUB

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 5th January 2022
at 2.00pm in the Village Hall.

The meeting will start with the AGM followed by a talk from **Amanda Sutherland** on her career in Costume Design for film and TV. She will also bring a selection of accessories and fascinators for sale.

Refreshments to follow

We look forward to seeing you all again and welcoming
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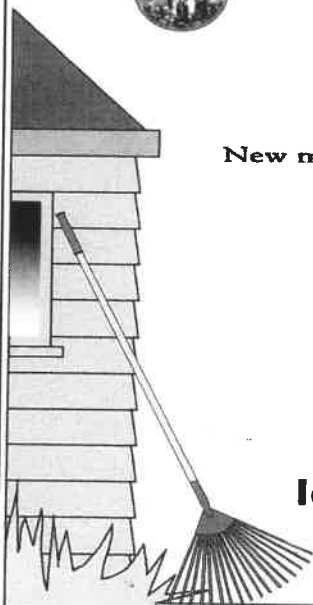
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The purpose of the Barton Mills 100 Club is to raise funds by operation of lotteries and draws to contribute to projects and/or organisations within the parish of Barton Mills for the general benefit of the people of Barton Mills.

100 CLUB WINNERS

Nov 21

£30	202	C. Bailey
£20	145	J. Peachey
£10	218	N. Chapman
£10	80	J. Stirges

From the November 2021 draw, we are making some changes to the way we pay out the small amounts that are won monthly. The £30, £20 and 2 x £10 will be paid in cash.

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

MILDENHALL MUSEUM will be closed for the winter break after DEC. 17th so if you are seeking a small educational toy or a publication for an adult, please call in between 2pm and 4pm on a Tues., Wed., Thurs or Sat., or between 10am and 4pm on a Friday.

There will be no meeting of the Museum Society in December because the date would clash with Merrie Mildenhall. The next meeting will be on the afternoon of Thursday JANUARY 6th at 2.30pm, when a brief AGM will be followed by a talk about THE KINGS OF MILDENHALL given by Ray King. Come along. Renew your membership, or join the Society or come to find out more of what goes on in your local museum.

BARTON MILLS W I - NEWS AND INFORMATION

November Report - This month our speakers were former members Linda & Diane. They gave a very comprehensive demonstration on making festive table arrangements. There were hundreds of embellishments to choose from which resulted in some very professional looking displays. This was such a fun evening that we've invited them back to educate in Summer arrangements. See our website for photographs



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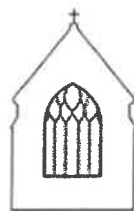
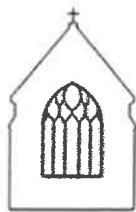
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ST MARY'S, BARTON MILLS, PRESERVATION CHARITABLE TRUST

The A.G.M. for the Trust, which had been delayed by covid restrictions, was held in church on Thursday evening, 18th November. The Chairman, Dave Traher, who was re-elected to that position, gave his report on the activities of the past nearly two years since the Trust became a separate charity, independent from the Church Parochial Church Council. He also outlined work that is planned for the Church, which includes improved lighting on the paths outside the building, and installing more efficient lights inside. The seven previous Trustees were re-elected, and have been joined by Liz Jarvis as a new Trustee. The Trust will continue in its main purpose of caring for St Mary's Church, Barton Mills.

There is a great need for someone to take on the responsibility of the duties of Treasurer for the Trust. If there is anyone who would do this, please do contact Dave Traher, or the Secretary, Frances Lewis.

After concluding the business part of the meeting, the members enjoyed wine and cheese refreshments.

The next fund raising event will be the concert by the Midnight Oil Jazz Quintet that will take place in the church on Sunday 12th December, starting at 3pm. Tickets, at £15 each, are available from Alan Butcher (01638 713534) or from Dave Traher (01638 718328).

Suggestions will be welcome for fund raising events in 2022, and especially for offers of help in putting them in to effect!

We look forward to the coming year for the Preservation Charitable Trust



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Good Neighbour Scheme - sharing the Goodwill of the Season

As winter descends upon us and the nights draw in, we start to focus on the festive season that lies ahead and reflect that traditionally this is a time of family and friends togetherness. This is a time when we think of others as we write Christmas cards (or send digital ones by computer these days) and prepare gifts for our family members and our friends. Whilst we may sadly reflect on the degree to which Christmas has become a commercial entity, nevertheless it is a time when we stop and think about people we last communicated with a year ago, or earlier. The COVID-19 pandemic has greatly disrupted our lives over the past two years and in many cases has prevented us from seeing family members and friends through lockdown or shielding restrictions. Sadly we have lost the opportunity to see some of those people.

However, the volunteers on the Good Neighbour Scheme, in common with our fellow villagers, have had their neighbours in their thoughts throughout the past year and especially during the depths of the pandemic. Volunteers and villagers have rallied round to help others in need of assistance and in doing so have cemented friendships that endure. The warmth that comes from the feeling of being of help and to those who have been assisted the pleasure that comes from the contact made and the task completed is a spirit that can perhaps compare with the underlying spirit of Christmas.

At this time of year the Good Neighbour Scheme would like to invite you to its annual Christmas Coffee Morning in the Village Hall on Saturday 4th December from 10.00am until 12.00 noon to partake of teas, coffees and cakes that will be free to all. Donations to the Good Neighbour Scheme are always welcomed but your presence at the Coffee Morning will be our greatest reward in being able to assist the community to enjoy each other's company.

Please remember that you can contact us on 07419 211040 or e-mail us at barton.neighbours@gmail.com to see if we can help you with your needs.



*Merry Christmas to Barton Mills
and a Happy and Safe New Year in 2022*

CHRISTMAS FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS FOR CHARITY

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CHURCH AUTUMN FAIR

On a sunny Saturday at the end of October the church doors were open for a crowd of visitors who came in for the Autumn Fair. The stallholders had made cheerful and colourful displays of their goods, that included handmade cards and Christmas decorations, knitted clothes for children, interesting models, and even hand made face masks – signs of our covid protection times. The raffle, with a photographic session as first prize, raised useful funds.

The refreshment stall was especially popular, with home made cakes, scones and plenty of tea and coffee, so people were able to sit and enjoy chatting with friends over their tea.

A useful amount was raised for church funds and several of the stall holders said that they had had a more profitable time here than at other similar fairs!

So, thank you to everyone who came, and especially to everyone who helped, including those who made food for the refreshments, those who donated goods, and also those who helped move all the chairs and tables!



The A.G M of the
**BARTON MILLS VILLAGE HALL
MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**
has been arranged for
MONDAY 31st JANUARY 2022
7.30pm in the village hall

Members of the public are welcome to the “open” part of the meeting to find out how the hall is getting along.

Committee positions are currently open if you are able to offer some time to support to our well-used hall.

If you require further details please contact
Secretary - nancy@bartonmills.com

What's on in Freckenham December & January 2022

Friday Film Nights Regrettably, due to low attendance postponed till spring, including the one planned for December.

We will be looking to try and perhaps start other events in 2022, perhaps the popular cash bingo nights, a talk or even some live theatre but with the disappointment of the take up for film nights we are reluctant to commit to events if we can't get more interest to attend them!

Weekly classes are proving to be successful so please keep looking at the Freckenham website or phone V Hall mobile 07542 198 933 to ask what's coming up! Perhaps it might be a New Years Resolution to get a bit more active, so why not give an activity a go!!!

<https://freckenham.suffolk.cloud/freckenham-village-hall/village-hall-weekly-events/>. We are on Facebook and Twitter @FreckenhamVH.

There will not be a December evening Farmers Market with Crafts. So the next one will be on Saturday 29th January 10 – 12 noon. We now have G and M Fruit & Veg of Soham supplying us! I am sure the next will include many of our regular stalls, with even perhaps some new ones, along with a Sunnica Awareness stall run by Parish Council. Hopefully refreshments too, so just keep an eye out for updates. Check the website and social media or if you don't have access to these platforms, phone the village hall mobile to ask what's coming up! We are hoping to run a Bingo session in the evening after the market. This saves getting the tables out twice!! Check nearer the time that it is happening.

With best wishes to you all for a Happy Christmas and let's hope the New Year will bring us health, happiness and good cheer from the Freckenham village hall trustees.

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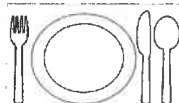


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