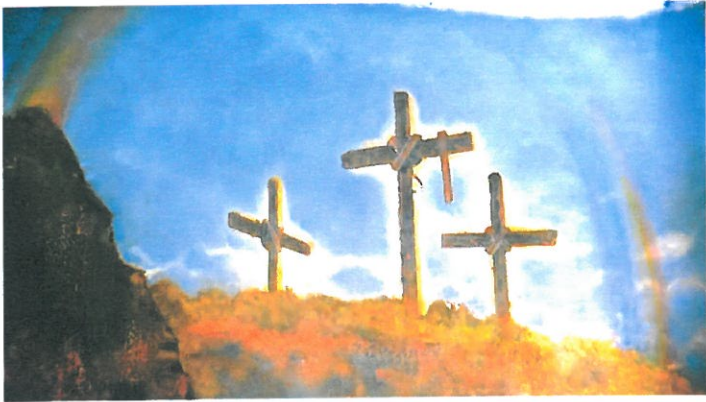




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Dear Readers,

Although we have had a lovely show of daffodils round the Village Green and elsewhere, we have also had our share of "mad March winds" causing a long electricity blackout for some of us. Our admiration must go out to those who brave the elements to restore power and repair our telephone lines - indeed, do many other "rescues" if we look further afield.

April takes us a third of the way through the year, but we have the wonderful celebration of Easter to cheer us on our way and the Barton Miller team sends greetings to you all for a Very Happy Easter and its wonderful message.

Please send all copy for the May issue by 20th April which is just after the holiday period, so don't let this delay you.

Yours sincerely Joy Willis

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8 April 2017/6 May 2017

Vicar's Letter

Dear Friends

Mother Church – An Easter Reunion?

As I write we are about to celebrate 'Mothering Sunday' – a tradition some of us view with mixed feelings. For myself I certainly regret the over-commercialisation that so often seems to accompany it, and it can be particularly hard for the bereaved and the childless to stomach. However it wasn't always this way – the original celebration was centred on a return to the place where faith was born. So although 'Mothers' Day' will be all over by the time you read this, maybe it's a good idea to rethink and do it a bit differently.

So how did it all start? A few hundred years ago, perhaps about the time the stones of our village church were being put in place as a brand new building, people would "go a-mothering" at this time of year. Originally this meant that they would make a little pilgrimage to the mother church from which other smaller churches of the time were founded - perhaps a nearby cathedral or monastery. Later people would return to visit their mother church in their home village. It's not immediately obvious why that tradition came to be associated with human mothers, but perhaps when servants and apprentices were given a rare day off to go back to their home church, it made sense for them to combine it with a visit to mum who would no doubt have lived nearby.

But why do we call those 'home' churches the 'mother' church?

Mothers care for small children initially by feeding and clothing them, protecting them and teaching them as they grow. And in the same way that we needed that kind of care when we were newborn, so too church is the place where newfound faith can be nurtured. At the baptism of a child the parents and godparents promise to bring the child to church while they are too young to bring themselves, so that they can gradually learn what it means to be part of the family of those who believe. But even adult believers need that nurture as well.

As a child grows up they learn to take their place in the family and may be given specific tasks to do – helping with the washing up, or tidying their toys away. These tasks are a way to teach responsibility and to strengthen the family unit. In the same way the church encourages its members to learn to serve others, to give and not just to receive nurture.

Not all mothers are perfect, and come to that not all churches are either. Still, in an ideal world there exists a strong, enduring maternal bond and a relationship which lasts well beyond the years of childhood. And of course the relationships that tend to work best are those where there is frequent communication and contact, going well beyond a yearly gift of flowers and chocolate.

Lots of people come to church to get christened or even confirmed, but then leave their 'mother' sadly unvisited. Is it a long time since you've visited your mother church? Why not "go a-mothering" this Easter and enjoy a heartfelt reunion?

St Mary's Church Barton Mills.

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Email - revsandiebarton@gmail.com

Your Church Representatives:

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

Churchwarden: Dave Traher, 25 Church Lane Close, Barton Mills. Tel 718328

St Mary's Parochial Church Council Members:

Secretary: Frances Lewis, 11 Church Meadow Barton Mills. IP28 6AR. Tel 713155. 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; Jo Traher; Jackie Vermeulen; Alan Butcher; Heather East and Steve Hills.



Mothers Union - No Meeting in April -

Next meeting

Monday 15th May 2017. 2.15pm.

Barton Mills 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

Sunday 2nd April 9.30am: Holy Communion with Revd Sandie Barton

Sunday 9th April PALM SUNDAY

8am: Informal Early Holy Communion with Revd Sandie Barton

9.30am: Messy church - activities for children and adults!

Please bring your children and enjoy a very practical and friendly time in the church

Thursday 13th April MAUNDY THURSDAY

7.30pm: Joint Group service of Informal Holy Communion

EASTER SUNDAY: 16th April 9.30am: Holy Communion with Revd Sandie Barton

Sunday 23rd April 9.30am: Praise and Worship Service, led by Dave Traher

Sunday 30th April 10am Joint Group Holy Communion with Revd Sandie Barton

We hope that the Thursday mornings (9am) Morning prayers in the side chapel and the Friday afternoon prayer times (4-4.30pm) will start again after Easter.

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 Wednesday evening, 5th 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.

CARE OF THE CHURCHYARD

Our churchyard is kept in good order by Work Teams doing their Community Service times. We are very grateful to them and recognise that they are doing valuable work for our community.

LENT COURSES

Lent course meetings are continuing in the four churches of our group, Barton Mills, Freckenham, West Row and Worlington, on the theme of Life Attitudes as presented in the Beatitudes. For full details about the courses and more about the various meetings, please pick up a leaflet from the church or contact Revd Sandie Barton, our Parish Priest.

COURSE MEETINGS:

Thursdays: 2pm Barton Mills church room

Thursdays: 7.30pm Barton Mills, 21 Bell Lane

Tuesdays: 7.30pm West Row, St Peter's Church

Wednesdays: 7.30pm Worlington, Grove Farm

LENT LUNCHES

Simple lunches of soup, bread, cheese and fruit, are being held on **Tuesdays in Lent**, from 12noon to 2pm, at various venues around the Mildenhall area to raise funds for **Christian Aid**.

4th April Mildenhall Baptist – King's Church

11th April Barton Mills church room



CHURCH FLOWERS

During Lent there are no flowers in church, as a reminder of the seriousness of the events leading up to the first Easter.

But, as a sign of the rejoicing of Eastertide, there will be flowers again. We are all very grateful to the members of the group of people who provide and arrange all the lovely flowers that we see. THANK YOU!

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OPEN GARDENS 2017

As 2017 is an 'odd' year, we hope to hold an OPEN GARDENS event on the first weekend in July, but, of course, we can only do this if several kind people in Barton Mills will offer to open their gardens to the public on 1st and/or 2nd July.

So – PLEASE WILL YOU OPEN YOUR GARDEN?

Any size of garden is interesting to visitors, small ones that can be easily seen in a short time or really big ones where people can relax and enjoy the scenery. We also hope to be serving refreshments and for there to be other events over the weekend.

If you can help with any of this please contact Ian Anderson on 01638 515741, or Frances Lewis, phone 01638 713155,
e mail franceslewis35@gmail.com.

The Barton Mills Church Preservation Trust was formed 20 years ago to raise funds for the maintenance of our ancient church building. In that time we have raised many thousands of £s, especially through the Scarecrow Festivals, and our church is in good order and a pleasure to be in.

We are also looking for new members to join the committee. This group organises all the events and meets three or four times each year, at times convenient to the members. Again if you are interested, please contact Frances Lewis.

BARTON MILLS PARISH COUNCIL

GREAT BRITISH SPRING CLEAN

The Parish Council would like to give a big Thank You to the 9 volunteers who put in about 19 hours of work and collected at least 16 bags of rubbish as part of the 'Great British Spring Clean' on the first weekend in March. Barton Mills volunteers were joined by some volunteers from Mildenhall, at the footbridge over the river. We can all appreciate the difference this work has made in several parts of the village.

FOOTPATH TO MILDENHALL UPDATE

It is hoped that the rest of the path will be re-surfaced soon. Funding has been secured for this from our County Councillor, James Waters.

SID SCHEME

The posts for the SID (Speed Indicator Device) have now been erected, and the SID equipment has been purchased. The SID will be moved around sites in the village on a fortnightly basis. It is hoped this will help tackle the issue of speeding motorists through the village

HORSES ON THE PLAYING FIELD

The Parish Council would like to remind residents that Horses are not allowed on the Playing Field. Dogs should be kept under close control and please ensure you pick up after your dog, many thanks.

Next Parish Council Meeting:-
Tuesday 4th April at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall

The public are very welcome to attend Parish Council Meetings and will be offered the opportunity to speak at the beginning of the meeting. If you wish an item to be raised at any meeting, please contact the Clerk at least 7 days before the meeting date.

Chairman: Pamela Boura (01638 510504) – chairman@bartonmills.net

Clerk: Vicky Bright (07712 232920) - clerk@bartonmills.net

Office Hours: Mon, Tues, Thurs & Fri 11am–2pm & Thurs 5pm–6:30pm.

Website: www.bartonmills.net

BARTON MILLS WEDNESDAY CLUB

All Over 50s Welcome

Wed 5th April: At 2 pm in the Village Hall, the very entertaining speaker Linda Scoles, will give a talk entitled "Help! I Need A Lifestyle Adviser". Refreshments afterwards.

Wed 19th April: Walk at Lackford Lakes Nature Reserve. (Sorry no dogs allowed). Meet at 2pm.

Wed 10th May: Outing to Burghley House near Stamford leaving at 9.45 am from Mildenhall and 9.50 am from Barton Mills Returning about 5.30 pm. £26 members and £28 non-members.

Meetings in the Village Hall: £2 members, £3 non-members
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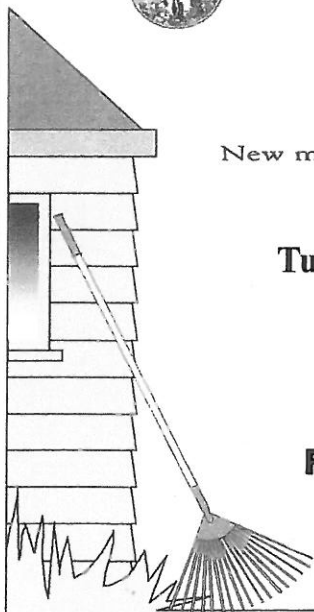
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BARTON MILLS BAPTIST CHURCH



Sixty two years ago last month the Scientist, **Sir Alexander Fleming**, who discovered life-saving penicillin at the age of 73, died of a cardiac arrest. Thousands of people **have benefitted after being prescribed this medicine**. The expression **“and your point is”** comes to mind, however, this information should be of interest to us in Barton Mills because **this same man lived in our village from 1921 to 1955**. I do hope the following article I once read in a devotional booklet will be of interest to you and that you will **think seriously about what it tells us**.

“A gathering of friends at an English estate nearly turned to tragedy when one of the children strayed into deep water. The gardener heard the cries of help, plunged in and rescued the drowning child. **That youngster’s name was Winston Churchill**. His grateful parents asked the gardener what they could do to reward him. He hesitated, then said, “I wish my son could go to college someday and become a doctor”. “We’ll see to it,” Churchill’s grateful parents promised. Years later, while **Sir Winston was Prime Minister of England, he was stricken with pneumonia**. The country’s best physician was summoned. **His name was Alexander Fleming, the man who discovered and developed penicillin**. He was also the son of that gardener who had saved young Winston from drowning. Later Churchill remarked, **“Rarely has one man owed his life twice to the same person”**.

Churchill’s experience reminds us of our double indebtedness as Christians to God. At the end of this month, at Easter, we are reminded how much God loved us when He sent His only Son, the Lord Jesus, to intervene on our behalf. He was crucified and left for dead, removed from the cross and put in a borrowed grave. On the third day He rose from the dead, saving us at great cost to Himself. If skeptics had questioned Jesus after His resurrection, all He would have had to do is show them His hands - His bruised, nail pierced hands. They are ample proof that He has given Himself for each one of us. What have you done with God’s love? Have you accepted the sacrifice of His Son on the cross for your sins? He imparted to us the priceless gift of eternal life. To Him we are doubly indebted for life. It’s not enough just to know about it. You must say from your heart, “He died for me!”

We extend a warm welcome for you to attend any of the following: Bible Study at 7.30p.m. on Thursdays (Check for Location – 01638-713892) and Sunday School and Bible Study on Sundays at 11a.m., or the Worship Services at 3p.m. and 6.30p.m.

F. A. RUTTERFORD

THANK YOU

Thank you to those who have taken the time to plant spring bulbs around the Village. This time of year everyone enjoys the reward of your efforts.



A "topical tip" from a village resident.....

Spring Flowers - daffodils and tulips in the same vase will kill each other. Keep them separate to keep them alive. Put a block of ice in your vase every day and they will last twice as long.

Extracted from East Anglian Daily Times

Notice from Suffolk Highways regarding Church Meadow

Suffolk Highways will be carrying out road repairs and kerbing improvements along Church Meadow, Barton Mills. This is necessary to improve existing road surface and prepare for surface dressing at a later date.

The work is planned to take place between 3rd and 7th April. The times and dates of works may change depending on weather conditions. If they do change we will let you know by updating the information signs on site.

Access to properties and businesses will be available but controlled by staff on site. Access for emergency services will be maintained at all times.

On street parking will be restricted to allow repairs to be carried out unobstructed.

For further questions please contact 0345 606 6171

Report of March Meeting

We welcomed Mr Graham Dossett for his talk on tour managers tales. He has managed tour groups all over the world of up to 40 people at a time and his entertaining accounts of keeping such a group of people together and all accounted for on such occasions as train changes from one platform to another in major cities and ensuring everyone understood time zone changes had us all enthralled, as did his anecdotes and tales of everyday comical incidents. He is highly recommended as a guest speaker.

Whilst enjoying tea and biscuits post cards were posted around the hall and members had to guess "where in the world"

The next meeting will be on the 11th of April 2017 and the subject will be Bury St Edmunds women's aid centre (women's refuge). 7.30pm Barton Mills Village Hall.

Take a look at our website -

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Mar 2017 Winners

£30	L Judd	183
£15	E Ewers	151
£10	S Pears	59
£5	A Stirges	97

The AGM of the 100 Club will take place at the Village Hall on 14 April at 7.30pm.

**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 MUSEUMcontinues to host the exhibition on the Suffolk Punch throughout April. The Suffolk Horse Society has loaned pop-up banners about their archive project and a local owner and formers owners have lent photos and splendid artefacts. Did you play bowls with the Suffolk Punch team? If so, can you identify any of the players pictured at West Row with their live mascot when they played the Fen Tigers, the team based on Soham?

Do call in on a Tues., Wed., Thurs. or Sat. 2-4.30 or on a Friday 10.30-4.30

At the MUSEUM SOCIETY meeting on Thurs. April 6th, a very appropriate date, Sarah Doig will address us on "There is no such thing as a good tax". Members £1-50, non-members £3.

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Film Night Friday 7th April Sully is a 2016 film about Captain Chesley "Sully" Sullenberger, the remarkably courageous airline captain who in 2009 managed to land his damaged plane on New York's Hudson river after geese flew into both his engines – and he got all his passengers off unharmed. Tom Hanks stars as Sully. Directed by Clint Eastwood. Running time 96 minutes. Rated 12A. Doors and Bar opens 7pm, popcorn and snacks. £5 a person no need to book just turn up!

On Monday 10th April we are very excited to bring something different – A Magic Show! This is a three way partnership with Creative Arts East and the Mildenhall Library A family show suitable for ages 5 to 105, so covers everyone in Freckenham and beyond! **Morgan & West's Utterly Spiffing Spectacular Magic Show**

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Saturday 22 April 10 – 12 noon Monthly Farmers & Crafts Market with meat, bread, cheese, pies, honey, eggs, preserves & pickles and various crafts at the market. Cuppa, cakes & bacon rolls too. Free entry.

Film Night Friday 5th May – A United Kingdom Rated PG-13

Please remember to keep up to date with all of our weekly & other activities by checking our website <http://freckenham.suffolk.cloud/freckenham-village-hall>

Connect with us on Twitter & Facebook @FreckenhamVH.

A special film showing for Good Friday 14th April of The Passion of Christ.

On Good Friday the Church remembers Jesus' suffering and death on the cross, known as "The Passion", usually through quiet contemplation and worship. However, this year Rev. Sandie also our projectionist for film nights wanted additionally to take the opportunity offered by the facilities at Freckenham Village Hall to show a film depicting these events. So although this is not part of the Village Hall's regular programme, we would warmly invite any film-lovers who are interested to come along too.

After the film, there will be a quite short act of worship for those who would like to stay on: again, all are welcome whether churchgoers or not, but there is no obligation to stay. Doors will open at the slightly earlier time of 6.30pm and the film will start at 7pm in order to give us time for the workshop afterwards. Note that the bar will be open beforehand but not during or after the film on this occasion.

The Passion of The Christ, released in 2004 depicts the last 12 hours of Jesus' life as they are told in the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. The dialogue is entirely reconstructed Aramaic, Venacular Hebrew and Latin with subtitles. Due to the graphic nature of some scenes this film is rated 15. The film runs for 126 minutes. There is no entrance fee but donations are invited towards the cost of the licence and the hire of the hall, with any profit to be given to charity.

This film depicts the last 8 hours of Jesus' earthly life. Note this interpretation does not pull any punches in showing the violent of Roman methods of torture and execution and for that reason it is rated 15. Doors open 6.30pm film starts 7pm. Contact Rev Sandie Barton on 01638 720770 for more details.

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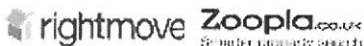
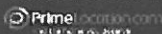


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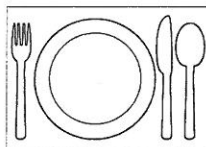


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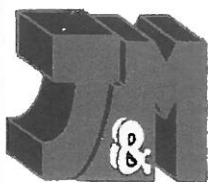
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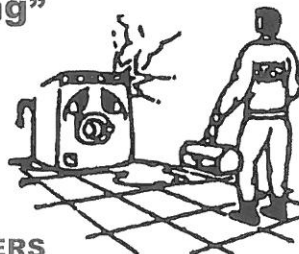
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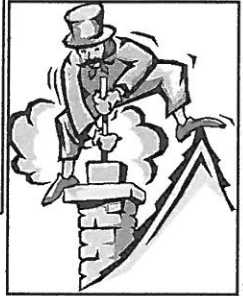
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