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ASCENSION DAY
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Dear Readers,

The old weather adage “A wet and windy May, fills the barns with corn and hay” may be good for our crops and gardens, especially after a somewhat dry April, but we hope that all the activities planned for the Summer months (see inside) don’t get “rained off”. Any volunteers to help in the events would be appreciated by the various organisers, so if you are able to help, please get in touch: it’s good to join in!

All copy for the June issue to be submitted by

20th May please.

Yours sincerely Joy Willis

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Vicar's Letter

Dear Friends

A few days ago PM Theresa May announced a snap election in June, and in a rare show of unity the entire nation seemed to let out a loud groan. Not that we don't love democracy of course, but it's the prospect of weeks of wall-to-wall pundits dominating the news, politicians kissing babies and saying anything, anything at all in order to win our vote but with no intention of sticking to their word once in power, sound bites, photo opportunities, smear campaigns, and all so soon after the last lot. It's little wonder that many people have become cynical about the whole democratic process. I feel I should perhaps apologise for even mentioning it. But my excuse is that interestingly the PM and the leader of the opposition both released Easter messages urging us all to draw on Christian principles as we face the future. What can they mean?

May mentions compassion, community and citizenship, which she reckons she picked up during her vicarage upbringing. Corbyn for my money gets a whisker closer with social justice, peace and reconciliation. All nice things. It's hard to argue with any of it, but as both are quick to point out, people of other faiths and none are equally prone to have all those principles. They are basically just the principles of decent people everywhere. So why bother bringing up Christianity at all? Can we know how Jesus would have voted?

Jesus himself never got the opportunity to vote as he didn't live in a democracy, but in a country oppressed by a cruel invading force. He never openly opposed that force, though he did have a few choice words to say about hypocritical religious leaders; but clearly his teachings were seen as dangerous and subversive, so much so that the Romans feared an uprising, and executed him.

I think Jesus' problem with the electoral system might be that it tends to encourage selfishness: we look at the various manifestos and work out which will make us better off, not others. Why would I want to risk paying more taxes so that people I'll probably never meet can benefit? And so we have created a system in which everyone seeks their own best interests - the very opposite of what Jesus taught.

For the real thrust of Jesus' message was not just decent, vicarage style principles, but radical love for God alongside radical love for others. The kind of love that determinedly puts the needs of others before our own, goes on loving in the face of hatred, gives more than is asked and goes on giving till the pips squeak. The reality of Christian life, even in vicarages, even in churches, is one of struggle and weakness as we do our darnedest - and all too often fail - to live out those very simple principles. I doubt if you'll hear any politicians talking about that as they try to win your vote.

Love Sandie x

St Mary's Church Barton Mills.

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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 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

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

Sunday 7th May 9.30am: Holy Communion with Revd Sandie Barton

Tuesday 9th May 7.30pm Archdeacon's Visitation, service in church

Sunday 14th May

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

Sunday 21st May 9.30am: Holy Communion

Sunday 28th May 9.30am: Praise and Worship Service

Sunday 4th June 9.30am: Holy Communion

Thursday mornings, 9am Morning prayers in the side chapel

Friday afternoon prayer times 4- 4.30pm in church

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) was held on Wednesday evening, 5th April, at 7.30pm, in the church, with refreshments served before the meeting. Sandie gave a presentation of the activities during the past year and plans for the coming year. Members of the Parochial Church Council (PCC) and our church representatives, were elected. Please see page 4 for this information.

CHURCH FLOWERS

A team of people arranged beautiful flowers in the church for Easter. If anyone else would like to join this team, or to sponsor some of the flower arrangements, please contact Shirley Beardsmore (01638 714055)

+ SARAH JANE BONNETT +

Thank you so much for your many cards,
thoughts and prayers for the sad loss of our
Sarah after her long battle against cancer.

We were so overwhelmed and it makes us again
appreciate what a caring village we live in.



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CHRISTIAN AID WEEK

The annual house to house collection
this year runs from 13th to 20th
May.

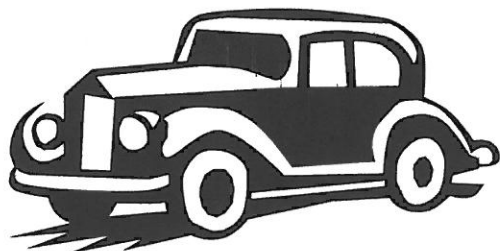
Helpers are needed to distribute
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If you are able to help with one or
both activities please contact Nora
Shiple (713881)

Your help would be appreciated.

Thank you.

MAY CAR BOOT SALES



**7am to 12noon on
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MAY DAY, 1st May:

Boot Sale and Refreshments - W.I.

SPRING BANK HOLIDAY, 29th May:

Boot Sale - Allotments Association

Refreshments - Barton Mills Church

All profits go to the groups working on the day



BARTON MILLS BAPTIST CHURCH



At this time of year we like to **clean up our gardens** and prepare them for the summer blooms, so much of it **looks dead** and **we are tempted to dig them out and destroy them**. However, if we wait a while and look closely we see **new growth** appearing on what we thought was **dead wood**. The **seed potatoes we planted in March looked dead**, however, in a few weeks' time, God willing, we should be digging up **new potatoes** which have been formed from **those old lifeless ones** we set earlier. **Jesus Christ too had to die and be raised up from the dead and exactly on the 40th day after His resurrection, as the disciples watched in amazement, the Savior was "taken up and a cloud received Him out of their sight" (Acts 1 v 9).**

Great emphasis is placed on Christmas (when Christ was born); Good Friday (when Christ was crucified); and Easter (when Christ was raised from the dead), but **little attention is given to Ascension Day (when the risen Christ was taken up into Heaven to be with His Father in Glory)**. This year we shall be celebrating this occasion, **Ascension Day**, on the 25th of May. Many of us in Barton Mills commenced our education at St. Mary's in Mildenhall and as it was a Church school, on the morning of **Ascension Day**, we attended a service in the Parish Church. That service for us youngsters always revived our vivid imaginations, as we listened to the Rector explaining the **Ascension of Jesus Christ** when, **at the end of His earthly ministry, He was taken up into Heaven. On the 40th day after the resurrection**, having given His disciples final instructions, **Jesus slowly ascended** and a cloud hid Him from view. He had previously told them in **John 14 v 2-3**, **"I go to prepare a place for you...I will come again, and receive you to Myself, that where I am, there ye may be also"**. They had been warned that He would leave them but I am certain the shock of His departure in this way caused the disciples to ponder on **His promise to them, as recorded in Acts 1 v 11**, **"Ye men of Galilee, Why stand ye gazing up into Heaven? This same Jesus, which is taken up from you into Heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen Him go into Heaven"**.

Jesus not only died, but He rose from the grave, went back to the Father and is interceding for us right now, best of all we are told that He is coming again! May this Ascension Day be a time for special rejoicing and thanksgiving to God, and a time for us to reflect on our preparation for His return.

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.
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OPEN GARDENS 2017

As 2017 is an 'odd' year, we should be holding an OPEN GARDENS event on the first weekend in July, but a new idea is to hold a Village Event, centred on the lawn in front of the church, on one day, Saturday 1st July.

There will be some gardens to visit, but these will be in the centre of the village, within easy walking distance of the church.

There will also be cream teas on the lawn, and a concert by The Edmund Octet (a choir formed mainly by members of the St Edmundsbury Male Voice Choir) in the church at 6pm on that day.

There are several other ideas for happenings in and around the church, but more suggestions will be very welcome, so that we can all enjoy a Village Event, and, hopefully, raise some funds for the Preservation Trust.

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

CAR BOOT SALES **ON BARTON MILLS PLAYING FIELD, 2017**

Day	Date	Hall	Field	BBQ
Easter Monday	17 April	COMPLETED		
May Day	1st May	WI	WI	
Spring Bank Hol	29th May	Church	Allotments Assn	Football Club
Late Summer Bank Hol	28th August	Church	Football Club	Football Club

BARTON MILLS WEDNESDAY CLUB

All Over 50s Welcome

Wed 3rd May: At 2 pm in the Village Hall, Robert Burrige will present "Scott and Amundsen and the race to the South Pole". Refreshments to follow.

Wed 10th May: Outing to Burghley House near Stamford leaving at 9.45am from Mildenhall and 9.50am from Barton Mills. Returning about 5.30 pm. £26 members and £28 non-members. Places still available. Please contact Pamela on 510504 or email pamela@boura.org

Sat 17th June: "Princess Ida" performed in a barn at Swaffham Bulbeck. We will travel in shared cars leaving at 1.40 pm. £10 members / £11 non-members. Booking now.

Meetings in the Village Hall: £2 members, £3 non-members
Membership 2017 £10



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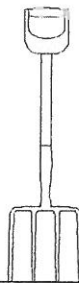
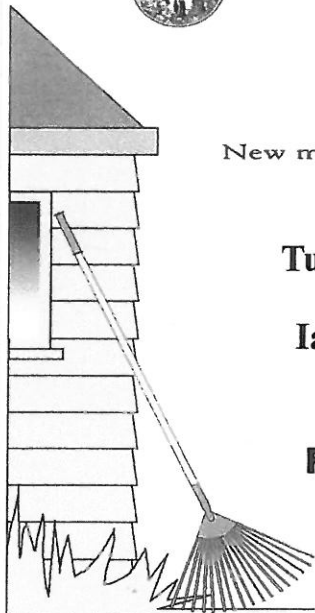
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New members and friends welcome as paying visitors

Tuesday 23rd May 2017. 7.30pm

**Ian Robertson will speak about
"The Elveden Estate"**

**For further details telephone
Ian Anderson. Tel 515741.**



BARTON MILLS PARISH COUNCIL

Footpath to Mildenhall

The resurfacing work was delayed by the emergency gas works but, by the time you read this, we hope that the path will have been resurfaced with path hoggin.

Fiveways Farm

Cllr Colin Noble, leader of Suffolk County Council, attended the April parish council meeting to update us on the progress with this issue. All agencies involved are now working very closely together to co-ordinate their actions and it is hoped the situation will be resolved in the next few months.

Annual Parish Meeting

This will take place on Wednesday 17th May at 7.00pm in the Village Hall. This is your chance to have your say on issues affecting the village. Please come.

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

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

Clerk: Vicky Bright (07712 232920)
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Report of April Meeting

Our guest speaker was Annie Munson from the Bury St Edmunds Women's Refuge. We were given an insight into how the refuge works, and all the various other associated agencies that are involved with it from the time of an individual's first contact with the refuge. We were told of the different workshops that come into the Refuge that help the women on their way to independence and self confidence. All very enlightening.

Followed by our customary tea and biscuits with our monthly raffle.

Our next meeting will be on the 9th of May, which will be our AGM resolution meeting.

Take a look at our website -

www.wibartonmills.weebly.com

Short Term Improvements to the A11

Highways England has been working with its consultants to explore the feasibility of a package of short term measures targeted at addressing congestion and delays at Fiveways and safety concerns on the A11 immediately south of the roundabout.

In March, the transport secretary announced £400,000 to be spent on a package of measures to address these concerns and it is anticipated that this funding will be sufficient to carry out all the measures which are identified as deliverable by Highways England.

Possible measures include traffic lights on all or some of the approaches to Fiveways, reduced speed limits at Fiveways and on the surrounding roads including on the A11 to the south of the roundabout, and camera enforcement of speed limits. Changes to signage and lane markings are also being considered including more effective signage to McDonalds.

Highways England is continuing to develop its proposals and we expect to hear further news in June.



The scheme will be
launched at a meeting on
TUESDAY 2nd MAY

at 7.30pm in Barton Mills Village Hall.

Please come

Thank you to those who have volunteered to help. Please note that the date of the drop-in for the volunteers has been changed to Monday 15th May from 4.30 - 6.30pm in the Village Hall.

More volunteers welcome

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Apr 2017 Winners

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Saturday 27th May 10 – 12 noon Monthly Farmers & Crafts Market with meat, bread, cheese, fish, honey, eggs, preserves & pickles, plants and crafts at the market. Cuppa, cakes & bacon rolls too. Next market 24th June.

Save the date Church Flower Festival 29 and 30 July 1 – 5pm

Our weekly activities include Fun Time for the Under 5's, Karate, Zumba, yoga (day & evening), Meditation, FitSteps, Pilates, Strength & Balance, Table Tennis & Swing Jive Dance Club. Please remember to keep up to date with who is coming to the monthly market and full information of all our weekly activities on our website <http://freckenham.suffolk.cloud/freckenham-village-hall>. Connect with us on Facebook and Twitter @Freckenham VH

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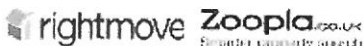


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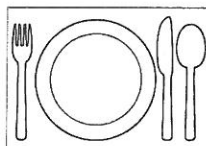


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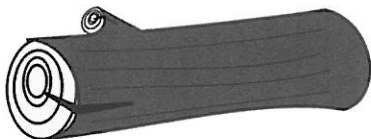
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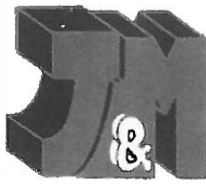
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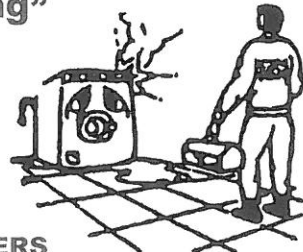
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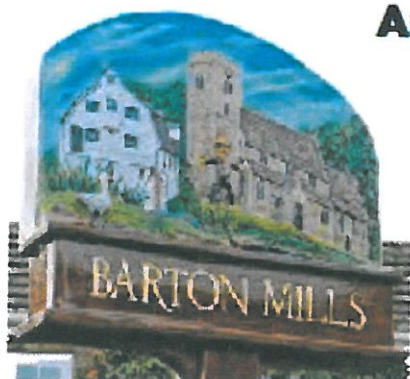
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