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Season's Greetings



Joy To The World

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Dear Readers

This Barton Miller is a double issue so, please keep it for January dates or better still, get a copy of the leaflet “Info Stream” (Lark and Lee Parish Churches) prepared with all the times of services and other events happening in all four of the churches in our group - a wide range of activities.

At the 5pm Carol/Christingle Service at Barton Mills there will be the annual collection for The Children’s Society, so please come prepared. If you would like to sing in the choir for this service - please speak to Frances Cox .

We will all be very busy on the run up to Christmas, but don’t forget to let me have items for the February issue before 20th January 2020.

**EVERY GOOD WISH FOR THE FESTIVE SEASON FROM YOUR
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Yours sincerely Joy Willis

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Vicar's Letter



Christmas Blessings

One of the delights of being both a mother and church minister is that I have been invited to attend many nativity plays. And I have some very happy memories – first of my own experience when chosen at the age of 6 to play the role of Mary and being heckled by my little sister in the audience whilst trying to sing my first solo.

And I still laugh at the memories of my own children taking their part – one a very grumpy angel (Laura) (two years running!) and the other a very cross and embarrassed reindeer (David in brown tights!).

Since then I have attended many school nativity plays - all of them memorable.

On one such occasion the tableau had been set with all the main characters but baby Jesus was missing! I was sitting at the front so I could see all that was going on – one minute Jesus was tucked under a chair and the next he was spinning across the floor towards the crib as a result of an over-enthusiastic shove by an observant member of staff.

It was hilarious, but the children remained like the little angels they were, with studied pious expressions.

Another time a quarrelsome Mary refused to sit next to Joseph and the pair bickered all through the performance whilst baby Jesus was passed backwards and forwards between them by his feet!

*One year I interviewed a little girl who told the congregation that Jesus was coming down the chimney because he was our present!
(OK, half of it was right!).*

I hope you create some wonderful memories of your own this year with friends and family and hope to see you at one of our Christmas Services (details elsewhere in the magazine)

Finally, I hope you have a Blessed Christmas and New Year.

Revd Gill



St Mary's Church Barton Mills.

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Your Church Representatives:

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

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

Elders: Colin Brotherton; Glynn East and Dave Traher.

St Mary's Parochial Church Elected 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.

Other PCC Members : Davina Peachey, Jo Traher; Sandra Woollard and Peter Alder.

There are also sub-groups to help with various aspects of church life. Sign up sheet at the back of the church.

Mothers Union

December 12th Deanery Carol Service, 12 Noon, Beck Row
followed by lunch.

Next Meeting - January at Suzanne Turner's Home



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



Church Services in Barton Mills
for December 2019 and January 2020

Advent Sunday 1st Dec: 9.30am Holy Communion with Sunday School

Sunday 8^h December:

8am: Early informal Holy Communion

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

5pm: Healing Service

Sunday 15th December: 9.30am Holy Communion with Sunday School

Sunday 22nd December: 9.30am Sunday Celebration.

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

Christingles for all the children (donations for The Children's Society).

Christmas Day, Wednesday 25th December:

10am Family Communion Service

Sunday 29th December: no service in Barton Mills church

Sunday 5th January: 9.30am Holy Communion with Sunday School

Sunday 12th January:

8am Early informal Holy Communion -

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

5pm: Healing Service

Sunday 19th January: 9.30am Holy Communion with Sunday School

Sunday 26th January: 9.30am Sunday Celebration Service

CHRISTMAS SERVICES in the Churches in our Group of Parishes

Friday 20th December: 7.30pm Worlington Carol Service

Sunday 22nd December: 4pm Worlington Christingle

6pm West Row Carol Service

6pm Freckenham Carol Service

Friday 23rd December: 4pm West Row Christingle

Christmas Eve: Tuesday 24th December 2pm Freckenham Christingles

5pm Barton Mills Carol Service with Christingles

11.30pm West Row 'Midnight Communion'

11.30pm Worlington 'Midnight Communion'

Christmas Day, Wednesday 25th December:

10am Barton Mills Family Communion Service

10am Freckenham Family Communion Service by extension

CHRISTMAS EVE,

Tuesday 24th December,

5pm, in Barton Mills Church

CAROL SERVICE - carols old and new,



and Christingle candles for children to carry round the church and to have lit at the front of the church when they sing 'Away in a Manger'.

Donations for The Children's Society.

All welcome at this cheerful celebration
of Christmas.



Carol Service Choir: would you like to join this informal choir to help with the singing on Christmas Eve?

All welcome! Rehearsals, with mulled wine, in church on Thursday 12th and Thursday 19th December, both at 7pm. Please talk to Frances Cox (01638 713477) if you are interested in joining in.

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BARTON MILLS BAPTIST CHURCH



Christmas morning arrives and we anxiously wait to find out if the gift we requested, or dropped hints to our friends and family for, was in that beautifully wrapped package under the tree! I don't know about you but every Christmas I find it more difficult to decide what is the **best gift** we can give to those of our family and friends. A little boy was somewhat perplexed by all the **exchanging of presents** one Christmas morning. He had been taught in Sunday School that it was **the birthday of Jesus**. Finally, after a long period of silence he asked "**Mummy, When are we going to give Jesus His present?**" I thought it was **His birthday!**"

It is strange that most of us give gifts to all but the One whose birthday we celebrate. So often we get wrapped up with the excitement of trying to please others, we forget the "**real reason for the season**". For some people the practice of giving presents at Christmas is a means of commemorating God's great gift expressed so beautifully in John 3 v 16, 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". **What a great GIFT that is!** A good question we might ask ourselves is this: **What am I giving to the Lord Jesus this Christmas?**

Let us pause at this season to praise God and **thank Him for that marvellous Gift of a "Saviour who is Christ the Lord"**. The gifts we will give this Christmas will afford us temporary enjoyment, however, we are reminded in the Christmas song "**The GIFT goes on**", so as we enter 2020 we can be assured that **the special GIFT**, if we will accept it, will stay with us long after the celebrations of Christmas have finished.

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and Blessed New Year. Our services remain as usual, with the exception of Sundays, 22 and 29 December when we will have one service at 6p.m. with "Carols by Candlelight". You will be most welcome.

F. A. RUTTERFORD



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Wednesday 4th December – Christmas Lunch at The Bull. Tickets in advance only

Wednesday 8th January – AGM followed by a talk on Flints by Reverend Sandie Barton

Wednesday 22nd January – Social afternoon followed by refreshments.

Enquiries to Ann on 510008 or jacobs.family@me.com

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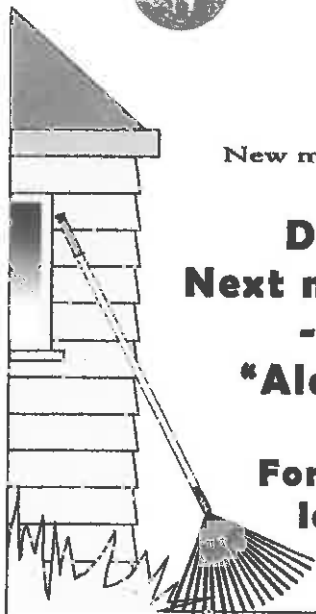
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New members and friends welcome as paying visitors

December - No meeting
Next meeting 28th January 2020

- Speaker Jamie Blake
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For further details telephone
Ian Anderson. Tel 515741.



BARTON MILLS PARISH COUNCIL

A WARM WELCOME

The Parish Council would like to welcome Joanne Bye to the Parish Council. The Parish Council now has a full quota of 9 members following the co-option of Cllr. J. Bye at the Parish Council meeting on 5th November. We hope Joanne enjoys her new role and becomes a valuable member of the Parish Council.

ELECTION OF A MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT

West Suffolk have now published the Statement of Person Nominated and Notice of Poll. On Thursday 12th December a poll will be held for the election of a Member of Parliament for the West Suffolk constituency. The poll will take place in the Village Hall between the hours of 7:00am and 10:00pm. There are four candidates who have been nominated: Donald Allwright – Green Party
Matt Hancock – The Conservative and Unionist Party
Elfreda Tealby-Watson – Liberal Democrat
Claire Unwin – Labour Party

Next Parish Council Meeting

The next full Parish Council meetings will be on Tuesday 3rd December 2019 and Tuesday 7th January 2020 at 7:30pm in the Village Hall. 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 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: Amin Harji, 01638 510251

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

Website: www.bartonmills.net

Find us on Facebook: Barton Mills Parish Council

November Report:

For our November meeting we welcomed back Graham Higgins, this time to speak on the subject of 'Ghostly Denham'. A very interesting & thought provoking talk including ghosts, spirits & other spooky phenomena. Graham told of bodies being buried upside down in the middle of crossroads, some very local to Barton Mills, of a witch being dropped into a well to meet her death - because there was no suitable pond available & of the strange behaviour of his horses where nothing definitive was experienced by the humans who witnessed the horses standing stock still & staring, not even tempted by food.



For our social time we made festive decorations which will adorn our tree at the Festival of Christmas trees in our local church. We left to a freezing night, hoping we wouldn't have to drive across any haunted crossroads!

Lynne Leber

Our first meeting for 2020 is Liza Jones who is going to tell us all about the art of patchwork.

**The meeting will be at the village hall on
Tuesday, 14th January 2020 at 7.30 p.m.
All are welcome.**

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.

November 2019 Winners

£30	122	L Polly
£20	133	F Lewis
£10	79	K Walker
£10	71	G Spurling

**If you would like to become a member please contact our Treasurer:
Janette Miller - 49 The Street. Tel 712843**
IF YOU WANT TO WIN, YOU HAVE TO BE IN !!
Prizes of £30, £15, £10 and £5 monthly and twice a year additional prizes of £150.



MILDENHALL & DISTRICT MUSEUM AND MUSEUM SOCIETY

News from your local museum

Do look in at Mildenhall Museum to see the Christmas specials. A range of home-made unusual preserves £2, very attractive refillable tree decorations containing chocolates £2, home-made Christmas puddings £7 and unusual jigsaws, Snap cards etc .in addition to the usual wide-range of books for all ages and small toys.

Open Tues., Wed., Thurs., Sat. 2-4 and 10.30- 4.00 on Fridays. Come soon - Museum will be closed after DEC. 20 until March.

What's on in Freckenham Village December 2019 & January 2020 – at the village hall unless otherwise stated.

Weekly Meet Up Monday at The Golden Boar Inn 2.30 – 4.30pm come on your own & meet others, it's all about meeting up for a social chat. Free cuppa and biscuits.

Saturday 7th December St Andrew's Church - A Concert by the Suffolk Church Singers, with Christmas works, a selection from Handel's Messiah and an illustrated talk by local historian Clive Paine. Free entry, mulled wine/fruit juice and mince pies provided. Donations welcome towards the roof fund. 7.30pm

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

Wed 11th December Christmas Market 7 – 9pm with mulled wine & mince pies. All our regular stalls and some extra ones to put you in the Christmas mood, including Ely Gin and www.craftybeers.co.uk, local authors book. Please pre-order with the regular stalls if you can to avoid disappoint on the night see website for links <http://freckenham.suffolk.cloud/freckenham-village-hall/>

Friday 24th 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

Monthly Farmers & Crafts Market Saturday 25th January 10 – 12 noon – Refreshment includes homemade cakes & bacon rolls. Veg & Gluten Free options available just ask! All our regular stalls.

Note no film nights December or January, back 7th February 2020.

Thank you for your support during 2019, wishing you all a very Happy Christmas and a Healthy Happy New Year.

Check for updates and now the New Year approaches perhaps come along to a weekly event day time & evening options available. All are drop in but if you are new or haven't been for a while phone the tutor first! Connect with us on Facebook and Twitter @FreckenhamVH, also on NextDoor.

 * Do you enjoy Christmas carols and songs?
 * Do you like listening to harmony singing?
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 * Anglian Accents Harmony Chorus
 * have our
 * *Christmas Open Evening*
 *
 * on Monday 9th December 2019 at 7.30pm
 * in the Village Hall
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 * £3.00 entry on the door
 * Raffle and light refreshments
 * Proceeds to (still to be decided) charity
 * For more information - nancy@bartonmills.com
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A date for your new year diary.....

Wednesday 29th January 2020

Village Hall A.G.M

7.30pm in the hall.

All trustees, hirers/users and anyone interested in supporting the hall are invited to attend this public, open annual meeting.

For more information - nancy@bartonmills.com

We were sent this item about English pronunciation a while ago and now finally I
Year period, do read this through.

The delights of ou

Dearest creature in creation,
Study English pronunciation.
I will teach you in my verse
Sounds like corpse, corps, horse, and worse.
I will keep you, Suzy, busy,
Make your head with heat grow dizzy.
Tear in eye, your dress will tear.
So shall I! Oh hear my prayer.
Just compare heart, beard, and heard,
Dies and diet, lord and word,
Sword and sward, retain and Britain.
(Mind the latter, how it's written.)
Now I surely will not plague you
With such words as plaque and ague.
But be careful how you speak:
Say break and steak, but bleak and streak;
Cloven, oven, how and low,
Script, receipt, show, poem, and toe.
Hear me say, devoid of trickery,
Daughter, laughter, and Terpsichore,
Typhoid, measles, topsails, aisles,
Exiles, similes, and reviles;
Scholar, vicar, and cigar,
Solar, mica, war and far;
One, anemone, Balmoral,
Kitchen, lichen, laundry, laurel;
Gertrude, German, wind and mind,
Scene, Melpomene, mankind.
Billet does not rhyme with ballet,
Bouquet, wallet, mallet, chalet.
Blood and flood are not like food,
Nor is mould like should and would.
Viscous, viscount, load and broad,
Toward, to forward, to reward.
And your pronunciation's OK
When you correctly say croquet,
Rounded, wounded, grieve and sieve,
Friend and fiend, alive and live.
Ivy, privy, famous; clamour
And enamour rhyme with hammer.
River, rival, tomb, bomb, comb,

Doll and roll and some
Stranger does not rhyme
Neither does devour with
Souls but foul, haunt by
Font, front, wont, want
Shoes, goes, does. Now
And then singer, ginger
Real, zeal, mauve, gau
Marriage, foliage, mira
Query does not rhyme
Nor does fury sound lik
Dost, lost, post and dol
Job, nob, bosom, trans
Though the differences
We say actual but victu
Refer does not rhyme w
FeOffer does, and zephy
Mint, pint, senate and s
Dull, bull, and George a
Scenic, Arabic, Pacific,
Science, conscience, sc
Liberty, library, heave
Rachel, ache, moustach
We say hallowed, but a
People, leopard, towed,
Mark the differences, m
Between mover, cover,
Leeches, breeches, wis
Chalice, but police and
Camel, constable, unsta
Principle, disciple, label
Petal, panel, and canal,
Wait, surprise, plait, pr
Worm and storm, chais
Senator, spectator, may
Tour, but our and succ
Gas, alas, and Arkansas
Sea, idea, Korea, area,
Psalm, Maria, but malar
Youth, south, southern,
Doctrine, turpentine, m

Use space to reproduce it. If you have time during the busy Christmas/New

English language.

and home.
with anger,
clangour.
aunt,
grand, and grant,
first say finger,
linger,
, gouge and gauge,
, and age.
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, cloth, loth.
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chaos, chair,
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Compare alien with Italian,
Dandelion and battalion.
Sally with ally, yea, ye,
Eye, I, ay, aye, whey, and key.
Say aver, but ever, fever,
Neither, leisure, skein, deceiver.
Heron, granary, canary.
Crevice and device and aerie.
Face, but preface, not efface.
Phlegm, phlegmatic, ass, glass, bass.
Large, but target, gin, give, verging,
Ought, out, joust and scour, scourging.
Ear, but earn and wear and tear
Do not rhyme with here but ere.
Seven is right, but so is even,
Hyphen, roughen, nephew Stephen,
Monkey, donkey, Turk and jerk,
Ask, grasp, wasp, and cork and work.
Pronunciation (think of Psyche!)
Is a paling stout and spikey?
Won't it make you lose your wits,
Writing groats and saying grits?
It's a dark abyss or tunnel:
Strewn with stones, stowed, solace, gunwale,
Islington and Isle of Wight,
Housewife, verdict and indict.
Finally, which rhymes with enough,
Though, through, plough, or dough, or cough?
Hiccough has the sound of cup.
My advice is to give up!!!



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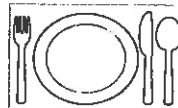
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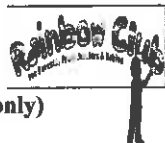
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