

BARBY & KILSBY CHURCHES' NEWS
MARCH 2015

LENT

*Lent is a tree without blossom, without leaf,
Barer than blackthorn in its winter sleep,
All unadorned. Unlike Christmas which decrees
The setting-up, the dressing-up of trees,
Lent is a taking down, a stripping bare,
A starkness after all has been withdrawn
Of surplus and superfluous,
Leaving no hiding-place, only an emptiness
Between black branches, a most precious space
Before the leaf, before the time of flowers;
Lest we should see only the leaf, the flower,
Lest we should miss the stars.*

*Jean M. Watt
20th century*

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BARBY NEWS

Thank you to all who supported St. Mary's Church at the Soup & Roll and Cream Teas last year. **St. Mary's Church will be open again on Saturday, 4th April, 12 noon to 2.00pm. Soup and a roll, pies and cream, tea or coffee, will be available, £4.50 in aid of church funds. Games and activities for children.**

WANTED! New Brownies and Rainbows

Rainbows (girls aged 5 to 7 years) meet on Wednesdays during term time at Barby School, 5.30 to 6.30pm, with Brownies (girls aged 7 to 10 years) meeting from 6.30 to 7.30pm. Lots of interesting and fun activities. If you would like to join, please contact Brown Owl on 01788 891299.

Christmas Quiz,

Many thanks to those who bought and sold the quiz. Special thanks, as ever, to Barby Stores for selling so many. £114 was raised for church funds. The winners were:

1st: Mrs. J. Nicholson, (Rugby) 2nd: Mrs. & Mrs. D. Nellist (Wantage, Oxon)

Thanks to everyone who came to the Coffee Morning on 11th February. A splendid £185 was raised for much-needed church funds.

Saturday, 14th March, Peterborough Diocesan Guild of Bellringers, Daventry Branch, are holding a Guild meeting at Barby. Bells will be rung between 3.00 and 4.30pm.

BENEFACTIVE NEWS

LENT GROUP: In preparation for Easter, the Thursday Lent Meetings offer an opportunity to take a fresh look at the meaning of Easter through some of the prayers in the Bible.

The programme for March

5th March : 2.00pm URC Chapel, Kilsby

12th March : 2.00pm 8 Main Road, Kilsby

19th March : 7.30pm 1 Rectory Close, Barby

26th March : 7.30pm 14 Holme, Barby

Each meeting is complete in itself, finishing with tea and biscuits and chat.

Everyone is most welcome. More details available from Brenda 890990.

As we approach Easter, there will be several occasions when we can gather together as a Benefice.

On Mothering Sunday, we hope that Mums and children from both parishes will come to Barby at 10.00am. There will be gifts of flowers.

The Easter services and the Walk on Good Friday are for us all to take part in. Kilsby choir are hoping to join with Barby choir on Easter morning to celebrate this special day.

We hope to see you.

KILSBY NEWS

Church floodlighting commemoration

14th February : Remembering Sally and Bill Morgan with love.

Still missed by your family.

Quiz: Saturday, 7th March, Kilsby Village Hall, 7.00 for 7.30pm. Tickets £7 (to include supper) available from members of the Social Committee.

Stephenson Court - service on Thursday, 19th March at 11.00am – theme “Looking to Easter”

Messy Church – Tuesday, 24th March, from 4.00-6.00-pm at the URC Chapel in Kilsby. Children with parents/carers welcome to join songs, craft, games, and sharing a meal – all free.

St. Faith’s 100 Club – January winners:

£40 (95) J. White. £30 (30) A. Gee. £20 (9) A. Anderson. £20 (59) A. Gee.

£10 (37) B. Drake.

KILSBY UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

Services at 11.00am:

1 st March	Mrs. Mary Barrett (HC)
8 th March	Mr. Wally Mular
15 th March	Ian and Jenny Mair from the Gideons
22 nd March	Mr. Jon Heard
29 th March	Rev. Geoffrey Townsend JOINT SERVICE AT KILSBY
5 th April	Mrs. Bobbie Wakeleigh Jones

Guild Meetings at 2.15pm

3rd March: A quiz and games. 17th March: Mrs. C. Lomas – A trip to Nepal

31st March: Bring a decorated boiled egg.

(Items for the April Newsletter should be sent to Ann Maiden, 6 Castle Mound, Barby, or to maidenann@aol.com by 20th March, please)

