

BARBY NEWS ➤

St Mary's Church will be open on Saturday 4th February, 12 noon to 2.00pm. Homemade soup and a roll, homemade desserts and cream, tea or coffee will be available for £4.50. Games and activities for children. All proceeds go to St Mary's Church.

Thank you to all who took part in the **Christmas Tree Festival** - to all who decorated a tree which made the church look most attractive, and of course to all those who came to look at the clever ideas.

Although this was not primarily a fund-raising event, £425 was raised which is a great help towards running costs.

Do start thinking about next year's tree and, if you have been inspired to take part too, please look out for notification in September. It would be lovely to have more individuals and families taking part.

Barby Church Trust: Barn Dance, dancing to the 'Glorishears', Saturday, 18th March, 8.00pm in Barby Village Hall. Tickets £10, to include supper, available from Jan Middleton, 01788 891968.

Rainbows:

Youngest members of the World Wide Guiding Movement.

For girls age 5-7 years.

We meet at Barby School on Wednesdays during term time, 5.30-6.30pm.

Varied activities, make new friends and have fun!

You don't know until you try; come along and see what we do.

More information about both Rainbows and Brownies from Brown Owl 01788 891299.

BENEFICE NEWS ➤

Messy Church: an event for all the family, Tuesday 21st February, from 4.00 to 5.30pm at the URC Chapel in Kilsby. Children from Barby and Kilsby welcome with parents/carers to join in art, crafts, songs, stories and a meal. *It's fun and free.*

House Group: The next meeting will be on Thursday 23rd February, at 7.30pm, at 1 Rectory Close, Barby. We finish with tea and chat. *Everyone is very welcome.*

KILSBY NEWS ➤

From the Registers:

Wedding:

28th December Tomasz ZAPASNIK and Lois HARRISON

Funerals:

2nd December Peng Seng WARD (76)

7th December Bonnie Grace COLE

9th December Paul GASCOIGNE-BARNETT (65)

Church floodlighting commemoration:

11th December Remembering with love Dora and Malcolm Cant

14th December In loving memory of my husband, Owen Jenkins, 31 years this year.

St Faith's Social Committee

A Happy New Year to you all from the Social Committee.

The result of our Christmas Coffee Morning on 6th December was £160.70. It was a really good morning. Thank you very much to everyone who contributed to the Tombola prizes, and came and supported us. The first **Coffee Morning** of 2017 is on **Tuesday 14th February, 10.30- 12noon** in the Kilsby Room at the Village Hall.

Two dates for your diary:

The first **Quiz** is on **Saturday 11th March**, and the second on **Saturday 18th November**. *Please put both of these dates in your diary, so you don't forget; they are very popular and well attended.*

Church Children's Event. We had a great time on Saturday 10th December, in St Faith's Church. The children kept themselves very busy for a couple of hours, and there were still a few bits left at the end. The greenery rings seemed popular! Thank you to everyone who came and took part. A great big thank you all the helpers too. We managed to keep you all busy and judging by the smiles on everyone's face a good time was had by all. *Fiona and Marion*

St Faith's 100 Club:

November winners:

£100 (35) B. Asbury. £65 (23) F. Conopo. £40 (93) P. Sneddon. £40 (28) Mrs. Partridge. £20 (41) P. Preston

December winners:

£40 (11) S. Hatton £30 (49) D. Hoskyns. £20 (33) M. Dean. £20 (93) P. Seddon £10 (21) J. George.

KILSBY UNITED REFORMED CHURCH ►

Services at 11am

5th February	Rev Elizabeth Kemp followed by Church Meeting
12th February	Mr. Trevor Boys
19th February	Mrs. Dorn Margetts
26th February	Mr. Clive Leakey
5th March	Rev Elizabeth Kemp

CALENDAR of SERVICES for FEBRUARY 2017

5th February	Fourth Sunday before Lent	
9.30am:	Holy Communion	St Mary's
11.00am:	Holy Communion	St Faith's
12th February	Third Sunday before Lent	
9.30am:	Holy Communion	St Mary's
11.00am:	Morning Praise	St Faith's
16th February	Thursday	
11.15am:	Stephenson Court service	All welcome
19th February	Second Sunday before Lent	
9.30am:	Holy Communion	St Mary's
11.00am:	Holy Communion	St Faith's
26th February	Sunday before Lent	
9.30am:	Morning Praise	St Mary's
11.00am:	Holy Communion	St Faith's
1st March	Ash Wednesday	
Noon	Holy Communion & Ashing	St Faith's
7.3pm	Holy Communion & Ashing	Holy Cross
5th March	First Sunday of Lent	
9.30am:	Holy Communion	St Mary's
11.00am:	Holy Communion	St Faith's

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



BARBY @ KILSBY CHURCHES' NEWS

FEBRUARY 2017

Christmas seems some time ago now, but I expect we all have memories of Christmas 2016; hopefully some happy, probably some poignant too. It is a time of remembering as well as celebrating, and with a new number on the calendar, a point where we are very conscious of the moving on of time and our years passing by. Services in both churches were special and made a mark with the singing of familiar carols and hearing again - and at times seeing - the story of Jesus' birth. We've moved through the season of Epiphany since: considered the arrival of the wise men and the other stories that identified Jesus as significant. Now the end of that season is marked with the festival of Candlemas (held on the 2nd, but celebrated here on the nearest Sunday, the 29th January). The Nativity scene is packed away and we hear the story of Joseph and Mary taking the baby Jesus to the Temple in Jerusalem to give thanks for his life. A precious vulnerable life; one among many. Despite the ordinariness of this event two elderly prayerful people, Simeon and Anna, recognise in Jesus the fulfilment of the hopes of their people. Simeon announces that he can now die in peace; his prayers have been answered. The celebration marks the time in the church year when we turn from giving thanks for God being made known to us in Jesus, to thinking about his giving of himself for us on the Cross. Lent and Holy Week are near. Times in which to look back; to reflect on our own lives; to give thanks; to let go of those things that hold us back, and so move forward in hope. Like Simeon thankful that God is with us.

- Rev Nigel Fry