

## What's on

### Coffee & Cakes Morning

Saturday 11 February, 10 am to 12 noon at  
All Saints' Haslingfield.  
All Welcome, including offers of cakes!

### Jumble Sale

Saturday 18 Feb, 2.30 pm  
in Barton Village Hall  
Teas and books in the church  
Proceeds for church funds

### Barton. Generous Slice Cafe

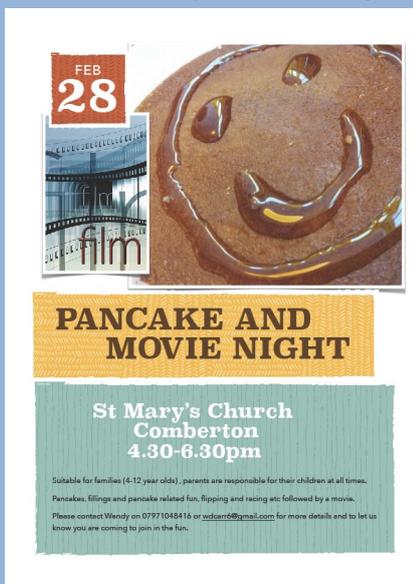
Wednesday 22 March  
from 8.45 am. in Barton Village Hall.  
for coffee-, toast, tea-croissants etc  
All Welcome , come for breakfast!

### Pancake and movie night,

28 February, 4.30 to 6.30 pm  
at St Mary's Church, Comberton.  
*Suitable for families (4-12 year olds),  
parents are responsible for their children at  
all times.*

Pancakes, fillings and pancake related fun,  
flipping and racing etc.  
followed by a movie.

Contact Wendy on 07971048416 or  
[wdcarr6@gmail.com](mailto:wdcarr6@gmail.com) for more details or to  
let her know you are coming.



### Youth Activities

**Thirst**, Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> February, 6 to 8.30  
pm at Comberton Baptist Church, free  
**WCCYM Weekend**, 10<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> March at  
Horstead Centre, £75 (early bird), £80,  
booking is now open!



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We have just enjoyed worshipping together across our team in very different ways for our Candlemas celebrations. Our celebrations affirming the light that has come into the world that is Christ, bringing hope, guidance and comfort for us and the world to which we have been called to love and serve.

As we welcome a new Lordsbridge Life and celebrate all that God is doing in us and through as the Lordsbridge Team, we are still in the depths of winter, and it might feel like the time for hunkering down, staying in and lighting the fire (or booking a holiday to warmer climes!) to combat the cold and scarcity of sunlight. I have been enjoying my Christmas presents, one of them being a book entitled *The Little Book of Hygge*, which explores one of the latest trends from northern shores. Imported from Scandinavia, whose inhabitants have spent millennia honing the art of living through harsh winters, *hygge* is the idea of cosiness and comfort that leads to quiet, simple contentment, often involving blankets, candles, open fires and heavy-knit jumpers! Although I have spoken to Scandinavian friends who have been bemused that such a simple word, which is part of the way of life for many, has become a 'trend'!

Whilst I'm enjoying this little book and the reminder to enjoy simple pleasures – I am mindful that Lent is approaching. Sometimes life becomes so busy 'doing' that we forget who we are. Sometimes we find ourselves overwhelmed with what we see on our news screens or around us that cause us to be fearful. Sometimes it's easy to forget we are called to be a confident people of God, chosen and cherished by Him. It's always important to find space to 'hunker' down with God's word, finding the time to listen and being open to hearing His gentle voice amidst the clamour that can often be around us. Let's stop this lent, find a moment each day, maybe light a candle even, reminding us of Christ's presence alongside us, and sit quietly learning, listening and loving God more as we approach Easter and are reminded of the amazing love he offers us freely given in Christ.

For helpful books to accompany you as you pause this Lent, see our recommendations on page 5. I commend to you Stephen Cottrell's 'Do nothing to change your life'.

In return and rest you shall be saved (Isaiah 30:15)

*Becca*

**STOP PRESS** An interview will take place for the appointment of a **Team Rector** on February 20th, so please remember this process in your prayers as we move to a new era in the Team's life.

**Simeon Centre Lent Quiet Day,**

25 February 2017; 10 am to 4 pm at Ridley Hall.

Rev. Bridget Baguley will lead the day, speaking about 'Fire, water and angels: following God in difficult times'.

*The cost of the day is £15 pay by cash or cheque on the day (please bring a packed lunch).*

If you intend to come please email Ian and Janice Randall to book in. Ian – [ian.m.randall@gmail.com](mailto:ian.m.randall@gmail.com) Janice- [randall.janice@gmail.com](mailto:randall.janice@gmail.com).



**Ash Wednesday, 1st March Services in the team**

12 noon at St Peter & St Paul's, Dry Drayton

7.30 pm at All Saints', Haslingfield

7.30 pm at St Mary's, Hardwick

8 pm at St Mary's, Comberton

**Women's World Day of Prayer**

Friday 3 March, 7.30 pm at St Mary's, Comberton. Philippines Service

**Sacred Space**

**A Season of Nurture**

12 March, 7.30 to 8.30 pm at Dry Drayton Church.

Gathering... Worshipping... Praying... Exploring...

Contemporary worship in word and song; prayer stations; time to reflect and pray with opportunity to be prayed for; exploring a different way to encounter God

**Mission Update**

The first 'Lordsbridge Mission Conversation' started by modelling 'church' out of Play Doh. Sharing our models highlighted different aspects of what it means to be Jesus' followers in our villages. We modelled people holding hands; candles demonstrating God's presence; a large flowing shape with fuzzy edges, welcoming everyone; beautiful buildings or banners marking God's presence in this place; and people on a journey together.



So what IS church, and where does mission fit? Clearly, 'being church' is more than just an hour on Sunday! Instead, we suggested, being church was about being part of a community with three elements:

Encounter with God (an UP dimension, which we symbolised by lighting a candle)

Encounter with each other (an IN dimension, which we symbolised with a heart)

Being equipped to make a difference in the places when God has placed us, where we already are (an OUT dimension, which we symbolised with a toy workman).

We suggested these elements weren't optional: together they are like corners of a triangle.

But still something was missing. Looking around, we realised how important it was to be part OF something bigger than any one community: the local team and the universal church.

Pulling out a bar of Toblerone, we decided triangular chocolate perfectly sums this up: Up In Out triangles, joined together, OF, something bigger.

Funnily enough, that's what our creeds say too: we are the one (IN), holy(UP), catholic(OF), and apostolic (OUT) church.

The ice broken, we started sharing stories about the little things we are noticing throughout the week. The people and the places we are connecting with, the needs we are noticing, and the different passions and enthusiasms we each have.

Sharing stories and encouraging each other seems a good reason to meet again. Why not bring your stories too?

Coton Parish Rooms, 7.30-9.15pm, Tuesday 2nd May

*Beth*

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**Sacred Space**

is an informal Service held three or four times a year, normally in Dry Drayton Church. We also hold an occasional Quiet Morning on a Saturday.

At the centre of Sacred Space is a time for quiet reflection and prayer. We use pictures, words and other creative ways to gently help us discover more about what God is saying to us.

This year we are following the church's seasonal rhythm of learning, starting with an invitation to hear the Gospel, leading on to nurturing our faith and growing as Christians. In March the invitation is to learn more about the 'Season of Nurture'.

### Soup Lunch

Saturday 4 March, 12 noon  
at Barton Village Hall  
Lots of tasty soup to try!  
Proceeds to WaterAid. No charge but donations invited please.

### Barton Open Gardens

Sunday 2 April, in the afternoon.  
Teas and homemade cakes served in the church from 2.30pm  
Proceeds from teas for church funds.

A SECOND SPONSORED  
**10k for 10k WALK RUN CYCLE**  
FROM GREAT ST MARY'S  
IN CAMBRIDGE  
TO ST MARY'S HARDWICK  
TO RAISE FUNDS FOR THE NEW  
ST MARY'S COMMUNITY HALL  
**EASTER SATURDAY 15th of APRIL**

Walkers leave Cambridge at 10.30  
Runners leave at 11.00  
Cyclists leave at 11.30  
Barbecue 1pm Entry forms from  
Ali Marcus: alisonmarcus140@gmail.com  
Peter Cornwell: pccornwell@icloud.com

### WALK OF WITNESS WITH THE CROSS: GOOD FRIDAY

from 1.00pm. We would love you to join us on our 'Walk of Witness' carrying the large cross through (and between) some of the villages of the Lordsbridge Team on Good Friday afternoon. You may join us anywhere on the route, and also take a turn sharing the weight of the cross if you would like to (or not). We'll be meeting at Barton church at 1.00pm and there'll be a short reflection at each of the churches we visit. The expected timetable is as follows (all times are approximate).

St.Peter's, Barton.	1.00pm
All Saints, Haslingfield.	1.50-2.00pm
St.Mary's, Harlton.	2.30pm
St.Helen's, Lt.Eversden.	3.15pm
St.Mary's, Gt.Eversden.	4.00pm

**PIPPIN'S**  
Coffee and Company

"Pippin's" is open on  
4 Feb, 4 March & 1 April.  
10 to midday in the community room at the  
Hardwick Primary school.  
Coffee, cakes and company.  
Perhaps we'll see you there.

If you would like a news item included in the next edition (Apr/May) please email information to the Administrator by 20 March  
Email: teamadmin@lordsbridge.org

## Youth Report

Our youth report must start with congratulating Emma (our team youth worker) and Nick on the birth of Isla with a picture! Isla is now 6 months old and we thank God for her and would ask you to keep Emma, Nick and Isla in your prayers as they enjoy this precious time as a family.



Well what have our young people been up to? We as leaders have been busy the past few months taking part in the Limitless programme which is being run by WWYCM, alongside YFC. We meet again in May. Both Beth and I are regularly in Comberton Village College taking part in different activities, I have been enjoying joining in with sixth form students on Wednesday lunchtimes. Led by sixth formers, discussions are held on a variety of different themes and this term they have chosen to explore God's miracles. Serving Comberton Village college in this way is a privilege and we would encourage you to pray for WWCYM in all the opportunities they have to serve the college, and the ways we can be involved too through Emma, Teresa and more recently Beth and myself.

In January, over twenty young people across our area gathered for Thirst, a monthly meeting organised by our youth workers from across the area. Held at Comberton Baptist Church, we ate, worshipped and prayed together. I had the privilege to speak on forgiveness and we shared Communion together this month too. Many thanks for all the parishes continued support and prayers, and if you want to know more or have any questions please get in touch,  
*Becca*

WCCYM - West Cambridge Christian Youth Ministry  
YFC - Youth for Christ

## Confirming your faith as an adult or young person.



There will be a special service of 'confirmation' locally on **March 19<sup>th</sup>** at which you can affirm your Christian faith publicly, with others, if you have not yet taken this step for yourself. We can also arrange baptism, if you have not been baptised, for the same purpose. Please contact Alison for a chat as soon as possible if you think you might be interested.

### Church websites:

Caldecote: [www.caldecotechurch.org.uk](http://www.caldecotechurch.org.uk)  
Harlton: <http://harltonvillage.org.uk/church>  
Comberton: <http://www.combertonchurch.co.uk/>  
Hardwick: <http://stmaryshardwick.org.uk/>  
Coton: <http://stpeterscoton.org.uk/>  
Barton: [www.bartonstpeters.org.uk](http://www.bartonstpeters.org.uk)  
Haslingfield: [www.allsaintschurchhaslingfield.org](http://www.allsaintschurchhaslingfield.org)



**Celtic Candlemas at St Mary's Hardwick** was a Service to remember Jesus' coming as Saviour and Light to the world.

The Celtic flavour came from the parallels drawn with creation and creativity. In a talk about St Brigid we heard of her compassion and particular affinity with animals and nature. A Band with stringed and wind instruments led us as we sang reflective songs from Taizé and Iona as well as one with a more 'folk' style. Candles were lit and 'circling' prayers of intercession said to emphasise our desire for healing in the world and keeping negative influences away. It was a service that brought together theology, creation and the beginnings of Spring in a timely way.



Photos from the team Candlemas in Toft



**Search, and you will find!**

It has been said that if a church doesn't have a website, it's as if the church doesn't exist. The speaker continued: "Not having a church website is like not having a front door to your church building. And it's hard to welcome people to worship if you don't have a way in." At Caldecote, we've had a website for seven years now, but it was badly in need of updating, so in the few months before Christmas we got to work on a brand new design – more of a front door replacement than a lick of paint!

At the same time, we've been engaging much more both with the local and national church through our Facebook page and a new and active presence on Twitter. What's

been a surprise to us is that we're discovering that, at its best, Twitter is as much an 'ear' as a 'mouth' – a learning tool as much as a method of communication. There is a wealth of resources and insights that our Twitter relationships are slowly opening us up to, and we are enjoying the journey. If you're on either platform, do drop by! Even if you're not, they are still fully accessible for you to look at – just type the web addresses into your computer's browser:

[www.facebook.com/CaldecoteChurch](http://www.facebook.com/CaldecoteChurch)

[www.twitter.com/CaldecoteChurch](http://www.twitter.com/CaldecoteChurch)

Social media is always by its very nature a work in progress, but so is the digital entrance to our church, which you'll find at [www.caldecotechurch.org.uk](http://www.caldecotechurch.org.uk). As we add more content for our visitors, we're guided by some familiar words:

"Search, and you will find;  
knock, and the door will be opened for you."

## Responding to Ely 2025 – The Local Mission Project Fund

BOURN DEANERY SYNOD, OPEN MEETING, Tuesday 21st February, 7:30pm,  
at St Mary's Church, Comberton.

Linda Church (Ministry) and Peter Wood (Mission) will lead a roadshow presentation on 'Responding to Ely 2025'. It is designed to help us understand better how the Diocese's Local Mission Project Fund works, the opportunities it offers to fund projects and how aspirations for our parishes may be framed into applications for funding.

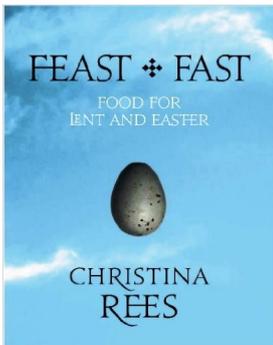
In addition to members of Synod, Church Wardens, Authorised Lay Ministers and leaders in mission are encouraged to attend.

The format will allow a conversation about work-in-progress and our ideas for the future, however embryonic these may be at this stage. It will last 90-minutes.

Please bring your latest Mission Action Plan with you.

For further details of The Local Mission Project fund see:

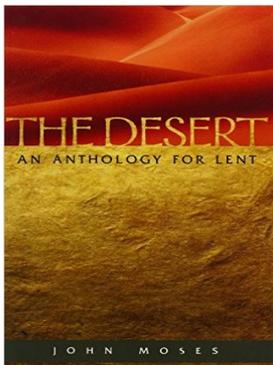
<http://www.elydiocese.org/about-us/our-strategy-ely2025/ely-2025-mission-fund/>



### Lent Book Reviews

#### **Feast + Fast by Christina Rees** (published 2010)

A spiritual and culinary exploration of Christian traditions around fasting and feast in Lent and Easter. A fascinating book, which is both accessible and thought-provoking – and has good recipes!

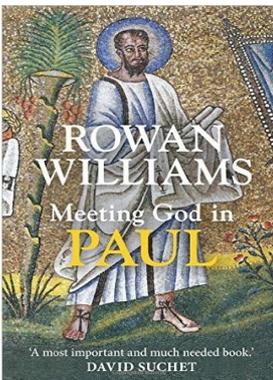


#### **The Desert: An Anthology for Lent by John Moses**

The more I explore silence and contemplation the more I have appreciated the 'The Desert: An Anthology by John Moses at Lent.

Carefully chosen daily passages from authors including Thomas Merton and Henri Nouwen invite us to be attentive to God's voice in our own desert places, those welcomed and those we find a little more difficult to navigate. It really does feel like preparing the ground for the new life that Easter brings.

The simplicity of the book allows God to speak and gives us permission to wait, which can never be a bad thing..



#### **Meeting God in Paul by Rowan Williams** (published 2015)

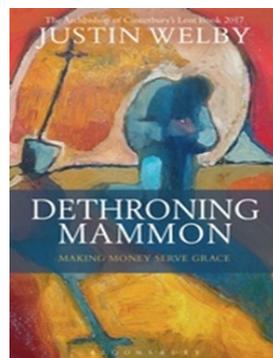
This is one of Rowan William's excellent short books, just three chapters. It 'explores the essentials of [the apostle] Paul's thought for complete beginners – as well as for those who've read Paul's letters before and would like to revisit them in the company of one of the world's greatest living theologians'. It has a Lenten reading guide towards the end of the book.

Although it is recommended to last throughout Lent I found it to be such a page-turner that I first read it straight through, then returned to it during Lent last year and may well do so again in the future.

Also recommended:

Being Christian by Rowan Williams

Meeting God in Mark by Rowan Williams.



#### **Dethroning Mammon: Making Money Serve Grace by Justin Welby**

In his first full-length book Justin Welby looks at the subject of money and materialism. Designed for study in the weeks of Lent leading up to Easter, *Dethroning Mammon* reflects on the impact of our own attitudes, and of the pressures that surround us, on how we handle the power of money, called Mammon in this book. Who will be on the throne of our lives? Who will direct our actions and attitudes? Is it Jesus Christ, who brings truth, hope and freedom? Or is it Mammon, so attractive, so clear, but leading us into paths that tangle, trip and deceive?

See more at: <http://www.bloomsbury.com/uk/dethroning-mammon-making-money-serve-grace-9781472929785/#sthash.QEgdX9bR.dpuf>