

## What's on



**ASH WEDNESDAY**  
10th February 2016

### Lordsbridge Team Services

**12 noon in Coton**  
with Revd Rebecca Gilbert

**7.30 pm in Hardwick**  
with Revd Alison Myers

**7.30 pm in Little Eversden**  
with Revd Charles Fraser

**8 pm in Toff St Andrew's**  
with Revd Mike Booker

### Coffee Morning,

13th February, 10 am to 12 noon  
at All Saints', Haslingfield  
in aid of the Church Restoration Fund.

Do drop in for coffee, cakes and chat.  
Offers of cakes very welcome. Merle  
Barton and José Hopkins

### Barton Lent Group,

starting 17<sup>th</sup> February, 7.30 pm.

Joint group with the Baptist Church.

**Jumble Sale** in Barton School  
Saturday **February 20th**, 2.30pm  
for church funds.

### Generous Slice Cafe

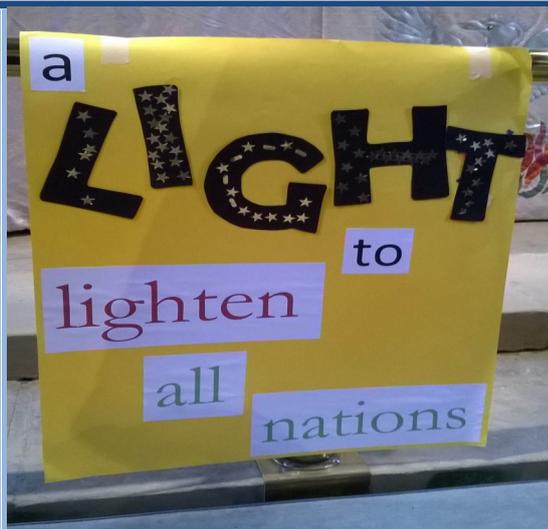
in Barton Village Hall  
Wednesday **March 9th** from 8.45am

Coffee, tea, hot croissants - maybe  
hot cross buns- lots of chat- children  
toys etc.

### Soup and roll Lent Lunch

Saturday March 12th from 12 noon in  
Barton Village Hall

Proceeds for WaterAid.  
No charge but donations invited.



## Candlemas at Dry Drayton

More photos in the Photo Gallery

I write just after we have come together as a team to mark Candlemas. It was lovely to see many enjoying Messy Church at St Peter & St Paul, Dry Drayton – thank you to those in Dry Drayton for their hospitality, and also to those in Harlton for hosting the Holy Eucharist, which many attended too. The opportunity to worship together in this way is a chance to meet old friends and make new ones, and it's also a wonderful reminder that we're in it together.

Our faith is a shared one.

As we embark on our Lenten journey towards Easter Day, when we'll celebrate in our different ways across the villages, it reminds me that journeys are far more enjoyable with

company. The ups and downs of life can sometimes feel like an exhilarating walk in the mountains, but can change as quickly to become a terrain that is more difficult to navigate. It's moments like those that having the support of others who share our faith – who can carry us when it's tough and celebrate with us when there's joy – is incredibly special.

As we make our slow journey through Lent this year, may we prepare our hearts and embrace the inward journey so that as we encounter the high and lows of Holy Week, we come ready to fully appreciate the Easter glory that Christ has risen, he is risen indeed. Alleluia! Happy Easter!

*Becca Gilbert*

## Facing the Refugee Crisis Understanding - Praying - Acting

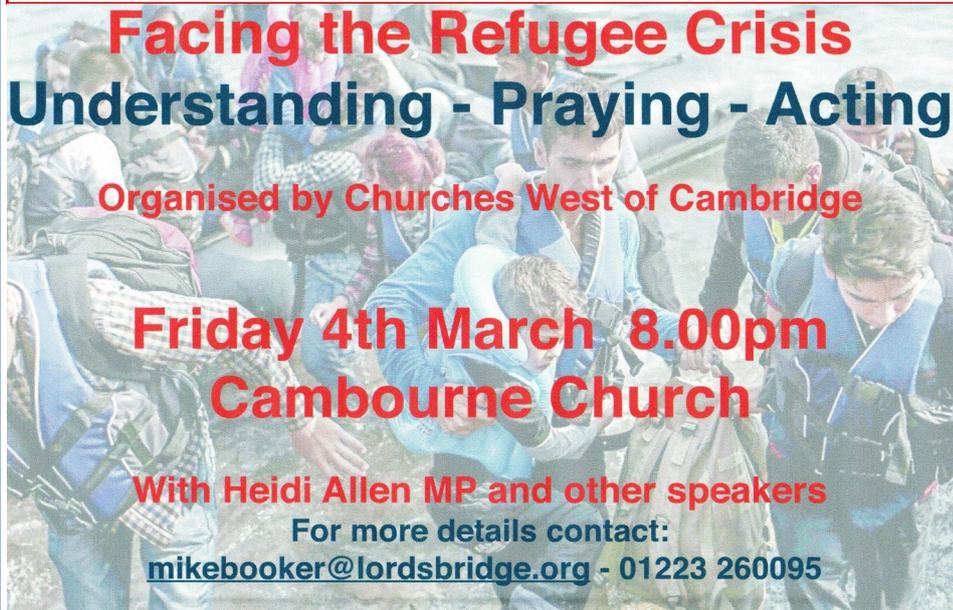
Organised by Churches West of Cambridge

**Friday 4th March 8.00pm**  
**Cambourne Church**

With Heidi Allen MP and other speakers

For more details contact:

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## Lordsbridge Mission

# Gateways

creative  
community  
caring  
laughing  
active  
world  
reflective  
welcoming  
spiritual  
honest  
nature  
us  
all-ages

### Did you know... ?

67% of the UK population know a Christian (a family member 34%, a friend 40%)  
58% of non-Christians have had a conversation with a Christian about Jesus and  
19% of those people would like to find out more

41% of Christians found faith because they came from a Christian family  
27% of Christians found faith through a conversation with a Christian they knew well  
Only 5% found faith from a Church outreach programme and only 5% from going to a Christian basics course

### Conversations with people you know well are the most important way to share faith

*This is from research commissioned by C or E, Evangelical Alliance and HOPE in 2015. Read more at [www.talkingjesus.org](http://www.talkingjesus.org)*

### Cross Trainers – Spring 2016,

For years 4 to 7 (or thereabouts),  
on Tuesdays

(19th Jan, 23rd Feb, 5th March),  
4.15 to 5.15 pm

at The Vicarage, 92 Swaynes Lane,  
Comberton.

Games, activities, food (if you dare to eat it)  
and thinking about God.

For all in the Lordsbridge Team.

Please contact Mike Booker, 01223 260095,  
[mikebooker@lordsbridge.org](mailto:mikebooker@lordsbridge.org)

### Youthwork at CVC

Did you know that Emma (and other local church youth workers) run these weekly groups?

- ◆ A 6th Form Christian Union on Wednesday lunchtimes (in SIX 1)
- ◆ 'Mocha the Week', handing out drinks and building relationships on Friday lunchtimes in the 6<sup>th</sup> form (outside the CORE/SIX 1)
- ◆ 'Crossover' – a Christian group for yr 7-11 on Friday lunchtimes (in EN7)

More information from Emma  
via [lordsbridge.youth@gmail.com](mailto:lordsbridge.youth@gmail.com)

**The Gift of the Cross**, A day of preparation for Lent- 13th February, 10 am to 4 pm at Ridley Hall, Cambridge. Book at [www.simeoncentre.co.uk](http://www.simeoncentre.co.uk) or call 01223 746590.



### Lordsbridge Marriage Preparation Day

On the last Saturday of February, at least thirty people will be coming to Dry Drayton Village Hall for this year's Lordsbridge marriage preparation day. It's one of the things we do together as the Lordsbridge Team, and always gets a positive reception from those who take part – as well as saving hours and hours of clergy time since it replaces a whole series of separate meetings between clergy and couples.

On arrival, each couple receives a handbook with a whole range of information and exercises, looking at things like shared hopes and dreams in marriage, communication, understanding our differences, and coping with conflict. In the morning there are video clips of people sharing the realities of their own marriages, input from some of the clergy who will be taking weddings, and wisdom from a couple who come to share the experience of being married for a lifetime. No public questions or reasons to feel embarrassed! The aim is to get couples into the habit of talking deeply and listening to each other, setting up habits that will continue through their marriage.

A superb lunch in a local cottage, provided by wonderful people from Dry Drayton Church, is followed by afternoon time looking at the wedding service itself, and sharing in planning the big day. It's tiring, busy and great fun. Please be praying for all those preparing the day, and for all those who will be coming.

# SACRED SPACE

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



## Exploring the Spirituality of Mountains

7.30–8.30 pm  
21st February

Dry Drayton Church

Contemporary worship in word and song; prayer stations; time to reflect and pray, and perhaps be prayed for; exploring a different way to encounter God; four evenings for 2016

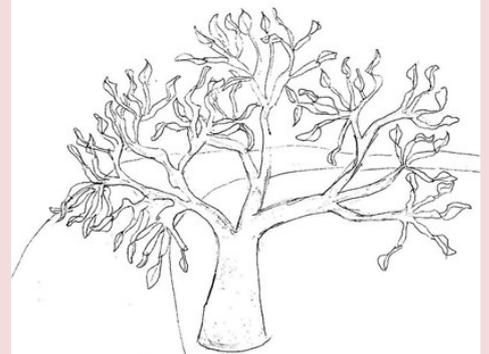


**Sacred Space** is run by the Lordsbridge Team for the Lordsbridge Team. Our evenings in Dry Drayton are being increasingly appreciated for the time and resources for reflection and prayer they provide. Make a note now of dates for 2016:

Sunday 21 Feb, 7.30 – 8.30pm exploring the theme of Mountains  
Sunday 17 July, 7.30 – 8.30pm exploring the theme of Deserts  
Sunday 20 Nov, 7.30 – 8.30pm exploring the theme of Oceans

The Sacred Space Quiet Morning is likely to be on a Saturday morning in September 2016.

Please also note that the Lordsbridge Prayer Pilgrimage in 2016 will run from Ascension Day (Thursday 5 May) to Pentecost (Sunday



**Sacred Space**  
Alternative worship for the Lordsbridge Team Churches



...and help vulnerable farmers thrive

We're holding a Traidcraft Big Brew and we'd love to see you there!

When: Saturday 5 March, 10.30am – 12 noon

Where: St Mary's Church, Comberton

For more information contact:

Mary Jenkins 01223 263751

Joan Mead 01223 263864



[traidcraft.co.uk/bigbrew](http://traidcraft.co.uk/bigbrew)

**TRAIDCRAFT**



## From Great St Mary's Cambridge to St Mary's Hardwick. Easter Saturday 26th March 2016

A group of former couch potatoes will run 10k from Great St Mary's in Cambridge to St Mary's in Hardwick. They will be accompanied by other, fitter runners and a group of walkers and cyclists to encourage them. All will be seeking sponsorship. We shall all finish up in the garden by the portacabin behind the Church for a soup lunch.

Walkers will set off from Great St. Mary's at 10am. Runners will set off at 11am. Cyclists at 11.30 am

We need:

- Other runners, walkers and cyclists to join us
- Stewards
- Soupmakers
- Sponsors

*(If you are new to running, check with your GP first, then use highly recommended NHS 'Couch to 5k' programme.)*

All proceeds will go to the new Church Community Hall fund.

Sponsorship and registration forms from

Ali Marcus and Peter Cornwell

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[pccornwell@icloud.com](mailto:pccornwell@icloud.com)

**PIPPIN'S**  
Coffee and Company

"Pippin's" is open  
on

6 Feb and 5 Mar.

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 (April/May) please email information to K Dawson by 20 March.  
Email: [kd323565@gmail.com](mailto:kd323565@gmail.com)

Church websites:

Harlton: <http://harltonvillage.org.uk/church>

Comberton: <http://www.combertonchurch.co.uk/>

Hardwick: <http://stmaryshardwick.org.uk/>

Coton: <http://stpeterscoton.org.uk/>

## Photo Gallery



**Generous Slice Café, Barton**



**Candlemas** was celebrated in different ways across the Team. In Dry Drayton, members of our Team Churches, from babies to 80 year olds, engaged with the theme of light at different levels - making lanterns and banners, prayers and meditation, and listening to the story of Simeon and Anna.

