

3rd April
CANAL RESTORATION
Keith Vigurs



Hostesses: B Lea, E Williams, S Downes
Flowers: C Belton.
Vote of Thanks: J Walker
Competition: Canal Art.

" Hurrah! The snow had disappeared for Barthomley' s March Meeting. It was lovely to see so many members attending.

Unfortunately our speaker had to cancel at the last minute due to I'll health so we were left in a flat spin. So what do you do in a predicament well we rang the emergency services and received instant support in the guise of Lizzie and Stephanie, two Community Police Officers!

They engaged immediately with members by handing out uniforms which had the effect of turning everyone into Cagney and Lacey! Apparently they take uniforms into schools to encourage children to see beyond the uniform recognising that they are people to turn to if you need help.

Members asked lots of questions about their work. Both Lizzie and Stephanie seem to love their very diverse job. In one day they can be visiting community groups, mediating in neighbour disputes and at the other end of the spectrum dealing with threatening anti social behaviour - all in a 12 hour day! Very interesting. We thank them.

Please think about paying us a visit- I can't promise that you would be dressing up on every visit however..."

WORLD WAR 1 REMEMBERED

April 1st.
The Women's Royal Air Force was established
April 18th.
Military conscription was extended up to age 50.

APRIL

"A gush of bird song, a patter of dew
A cloud and a rainbow's warning;
Suddenly sunshine and perfect blue
An April day in the morning!"

- Harriet Prescott Spofford

St Bertoline's –Why we're here.

That the community we serve may know that St Bertoline's is here to profess the faith, to celebrate it in worship and prayer, and to share it in fellowship, so that we may say, "We would see Jesus".

March 17th 2018
The Rectory
Barthomley

My dear Friends,

Last autumn, the PCC agreed to sponsor a mission project of the Church Mission Society. The Society sent us details of several, and at our September meeting we agreed to support the educational work of Festo and Grace Kanungha in Tanzania. They and their two young sons, William and Zephaniah, are based at Kilimatinde, Tanzania, where they provide primary and secondary education in their rural community.

We are very fortunate that our new mission partners are to be in England for three months during this coming early summer. This will be spent either on holiday in Cornwall with Grace's family, but mainly at the CMS Training College and in visiting the parishes that support their endeavours in Tanzania. It's now planned that they will be with us in Barthomley in June, arriving in the evening of Friday 22nd June and to be on their way in the afternoon of Sunday 24th. Plans are now being made so that they may enjoy their visit and have opportunity to meet as many of us as possible and with opportunity to tell us about their work among the people of Kilimatinde. Look out for more details of their weekend among us.

Meanwhile, we have the whole of joyful Eastertide ahead of us. That is six weeks of celebrating the victory of Jesus Christ over the power of sin and death. It's not just his victory, for that is his gift to us – the free gift of himself, that we may share with him in his inheritance as the Son of God. So,

Come, let us join our cheerful songs
With angels round the throne;
Ten thousand thousand are their tongues,
But all their joys are one.

'Worthy the Lamb that died,' they cry,
'To be exalted thus,'
'Worthy the Lamb', our lips reply,
'For he was slain for us.'

Happy Easter to you all,

Darrel and Angela Speedy

“All God’s Creation is Very Good”

This was the message from the women of Suriname who had prepared this year’s interdenominational Women’s World Day of Prayer service. Barthomley hosted the local event and we were joined by the Alsager Churches for a thought provoking service.

Our congregation provided the participants who really took on the roles of the multi ethnic population of Suriname, their costumes were so diverse and colourful. The augmented choir mastered the delightful selection of hymns and Philip played the organ for us. The service was followed by refreshments in a welcomingly warm Village Hall.

Thank you to everyone who made this a very special service and yes we can all make small changes to our lifestyles to help preserve His wonderful Creation for future generations.

Chris Bailey



Mike Hoggard

It is with sadness that we say farewell to our past Bell Tower Captain. Mike joined the Barthomley bell ringing team around 1980 and in 1991 took over from Mary Horrocks as the Tower Captain. With his no-nonsense, practical approach he inspired a number of up and coming ringers in the art of bell control and good striking. The tower and community in general are grateful for his diligence and commitment in keeping the beautiful Barthomley bells ringing during his term of captaincy.

Our love and condolences go out to Ann and her family Fiona and Caroline.

Steve Hawthorn Tower Captain

BARTHOMLEY TEA-SET

The next meeting is on Tuesday 17th April 2018 at 2pm

SUE CLARKE
shows her National
Collection of
HARDY
GERANIUMS



Admission of £2.50 includes afternoon tea



“Probably more pests can be controlled in an armchair in front of the February fire, with a garden notebook and a seed catalogue, than can ever be knocked out in hand-to hand contact in the garden”