

**Sunday 31 August 2025**  
**Eleventh Sunday after Trinity (Lammastide)**  
*The Barton Benefice*

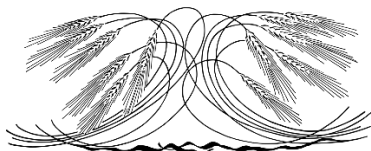
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Trinity (late Lammastide)**



**11am Benefice Eucharist for Lammastide  
with Benefice Choir,  
Westcote Barton**

*The service will begin outside (weather permitting)  
moving into church for a Eucharist. Everyone  
welcome as all our parishes come together to give  
thanks. Lammas begins the harvest season with  
Harvest Festivals marking the end.*

*Please share information about this service with  
friends from the agricultural community and invite  
them to join us.*



**Readings for Lammastide**

**2 Corinthians 9. 6-15**

**John 6. 30- 35**

**Hymns**

- 283 Fill your hearts with joy and gladness  
Sheet First Fruits  
422 Alleluia, sing to Jesus!  
Sheet *communion* Light of the World(Here I am to  
Worship)  
494 I, the Lord of sea and sky



**Lunchtime prayers** continue on  
Fridays at 12.15pm in Westcote  
Barton church.

Join in person or follow at home using the 'Prayer  
During the Day' service from Common Worship.  
<https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/prayer-during-day> (scroll this link to find the  
Prayer during the day on a Friday during ordinary time)

Please send notices to Clare by Tuesday evening.  
Please also include any topics for our prayers  
enquiries.bartonbenefice@outlook.com

**Details of services** are on the website  
[achurchnearyou.com/barton-benefice](http://achurchnearyou.com/barton-benefice) or check  
noticeboards.

**Rotas** are compiled by Clare Harper. For any requests  
or changes, please email Clare.

**Please Pray for ...**

For lasting peace in areas of conflict throughout the  
world and restraint where there is threat of war.  
For a safe and peaceful outcome to the war in Ukraine  
following the ongoing meetings and talks, also for  
Israel and Gaza.

For everyone living in the wake of disasters and whose  
lives are adversely affected by changes in the climate.  
For the work of aid agencies and all who are supported  
by them.

For all affected by the shooting in Minneapolis.

For wisdom for all who govern, in this country, at  
national and local levels.

For all who are experiencing hardship of any kind, in  
this country and beyond.

For all who are persecuted for their faith.

Take a moment to reflect on things in the news or  
whatever is on your mind right now.

**Local Prayers:**

For all preparing for baptism and marriage this year.

For young people in our communities.

For students, teachers and all support staff as they  
begin a new academic year.

For all who are unwell.

For all receiving or recovering from treatment, giving  
thanks for all who are feeling better after a period of  
illness.

For all who have died recently.

All who are mourning the loss of a loved one, whether  
recently, or whose anniversary falls at this time.

**Meetings:**

Wed 10 September 8pm **SSM PCC** in church.

Thurs 18 September 5pm **SB PCC** at Deborah's.

Wed 1 Oct 5.30pm **DT PCC** at Maria's.

**Benefice Meeting:**

**Wednesday 3 September 5.30/6pm Benefice  
Meeting Duns Tew Village Hall.**

There will be a speaker from Eco Church.

**PCC Meetings for the Ws and WB will follow the  
Benefice Meeting and SB PCC meet re. The Chase.**

**CANCELLED 7 Sep John Barrows Memorial Cricket Match**

**Celebrating Harvest in the Benefice**

**Harvest celebrations begin on Sunday 31 August  
11am Benefice Eucharist for Lammastide in  
Westcote Barton**

**Sunday 14 September**

**11am Harvest Festival & Celebratory Service for  
the Organ's Restoration in Over Worton Church**

We are delighted to welcome Trevor Burley as guest organist for this service of music and festive hymns. All are welcome to come and see the church decorated for Harvest. Refreshments after.

**Sunday 21 September**

**11am Harvest Festival with baptism in Sandford  
St Martin**

**Sunday 21 September**

**Harvest Service in the Alice Marshall Hall at 6pm  
followed by Harvest supper.**

Come and celebrate harvest with a short service including harvest readings followed by a 2 course, hot supper. Tickets are £10. Contact Kate Carter-Windle on 07775 750903 or sign up in church.

**Sunday 28 September**

**9.30am Harvest Festival with children's activity  
at 9am in Duns Tew  
11am Harvest Eucharist in Steeple Barton**

You can read Bishop Steven's open letter to Nigel Farage on his blog here: [blogs.oxford.anglican.org/an-open-letter-to-nigel-farage/](https://blogs.oxford.anglican.org/an-open-letter-to-nigel-farage/)

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September Ride & Stride**

This is Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust's main source of donations, raising over £89,000 in 2024, which was divided between the trust and churches named by participants. If you would like to take part this year to support one of the churches in the Benefice OHCT has devised several new cycling and walking routes to help you plan. Registering and sponsoring a church is easy at [ohct.org.uk/ride-and-stride/](https://ohct.org.uk/ride-and-stride/)

**Sally's House Cooling Party!**

Sally Stubbs will be leaving the area and therefore the benefice at the end of September, heading for pastures new in Northumberland. All are welcome to drinks and nibbles from 7pm onwards on Friday 19

September to say farewell. Venue: Hill Cottage, 6 Enstone Road, Middle Barton, OX7 7BN.



**SAVE THE DATE!**

**Steeple Barton Chase!**

**This year it is on Sunday 5 October**

First race at 10am.

Booking and information at:

[fran0476.wixsite.com/steeplebartonchase/entry](https://fran0476.wixsite.com/steeplebartonchase/entry)

A challenging and enjoyable course across fields and through woodland in the lovely grounds of Barton Abbey (for walkers or runners!).

Enjoy hot and cold refreshments before and after the race. All profits will go towards the upkeep of Steeple Barton church. Booking and information at: [steeplebartonchase@outlook.com](mailto:steeplebartonchase@outlook.com)

**Study Group**

**The Study Group resumes on 17 September,  
5pm at the Rectory. New members are always  
welcome, sessions last about an hour,  
just bring a Bible.**



**Sunday 7 September  
Twelfth Sunday after Trinity**

**9.30am Eucharist, Westcote Barton**

**11.00am Eucharist, Duns Tew  
(instead of on 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday this month)**

**5.00pm Evening Prayer, Sandford St Martin**

**Readings**

Deuteronomy 30.15-20  
Philemon 1-21

Psalms 1  
Luke 14.25-33

**The Revd Jane Wright, Rector of the Benefice**

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