

Sunday 30 November 2025

Advent Sunday

The Barton Benefice

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**11.00am Advent Eucharist
with Advent Candles for all,
Steeple Barton**



**5.00pm Benefice Advent
Candlelit Service with
Choir, Duns Tew**

Readings

Isaiah 2.1–5

Psalm 122

Romans 13.11–14

Matthew 24.36–44

Hymns are on the Readings & Collects Sheet.

Rotas are now compiled by Jennie Barry & Deborah Bailey. For any requests or changes, please email beneficerota@gmail.com

Lunchtime prayers continue on Fridays at 12.15pm.

On 28 November at Sam Cross's: 13 Marshall Crescent Middle Barton.

Join in person or on www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/prayer-during-day (scroll to find the Prayer during the day on a Friday during ordinary time)

Please send notices to Clare by Tuesday evening. Clare works Wednesday lunch time and Thursday morning. Please also include any topics for our prayers enquiries.bartonbenefice@outlook.com

Details of services are on noticeboards & the website achurchnearyou.com/barton-benefice.

Clare is next at the Rectory on **Thursday 4 December** Please get in touch with any printing or general benefice administration requests.

Please Pray for ...

For lasting peace throughout the world and restraint where there is threat of war.

For a safe and peaceful outcome to the war in Ukraine, also for Israel, Gaza and places which experience ongoing conflict.

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

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

For all who have died recently in our communities and beyond. All who are mourning the loss of a loved one, whether recently, or whose anniversary falls at this time.

Meetings

CHANGE OF DATE: SSM PCC will be on zoom on **Wednesday 10 December** at 6pm.

Jazz Night

Fri 28 November 7 for 7.30pm

Westcote Barton Church

Sue Greenaway & the Melody Room Jazz Band

joyous upbeat jazz and swing. Bar & Raffle!

TICKETS £15 CALL KATE ON 07775750903

Advent Group

There is an Advent Group (open to all) on Thursday 4 December 5.30pm at 5 Hill Farm Lane, Duns Tew.

Come & Sing Carols at the tree lighting at the Sports & Social Club on Friday 5 December at 7.15pm.

We would welcome singers whether members of our choir or not. Weather permitting, carols outside, so wrap up warm! Do let Jane know if you can come.

Event starts at 6pm with lights on at 8pm. Jane will let singers know what time the carols begin.



Christingle Making: Sat 6 December in Sandford church 1-3pm.

Then why not take part in the Mince Pie Competition: Bring 12 mince pies for a blind tasting! Details from hezbru1@yahoo.co.uk

Donations to Sandford Church and St. Martin in the Fields Christmas Appeal

Saturday 6th December
3-6pm

Mince Pie Competition

Sandord St-Martin Parish Hall



Children's Candlelight Carol Service
followed by refreshments

Sandford St Martin Church
Sunday 7 December 2025 at 4pm

Everyone welcome!

Supporting the Children's Society and the Sunshine Centre, Banbury

The Sunshine Centre requests gifts such as Christmas food (e.g. chocolate coins, mince pies, Christmas pudding or cake slices) or toiletries (e.g. hand cream, bubble bath, or other treats) but no toys please. These will be placed under the Christmas tree and given to families at the Sunshine Centre in time for Christmas.

Nativity Service
14th December
Duns Tew Church
OX25 6JP
4pm Start
Refreshments to follow

For unto us
a child is born!

Do bring your family & friends to this service, which has live animals and a real baby. If you, adults and children, would like to dress up as kings, angel or shepherds please contact Stephanie Lacey: stephanielacey34@icloud.com or 01869 347350

Please help raise funds for a community project in West Bank, Palestine. Palestinian 2 course lunch Wed 10 Dec. 12.30 to 2.30 DT Village Hall.

Come and enjoy delicious home cooked Palestinian food to raise funds for the Al Basma Centre for adults with learning disabilities in Beit Sahour, West Bank, Palestine.

I'm just back from West Bank and life is very tough there with a lot of violence, displacement and economic collapse. The Centre works with Christian and Muslim families and needs funding to give families a little something extra for Christmas.

Book your lunch £15 a head (please say if veggie/ food allergies) by Sunday 7 Dec. with Karen Fairfax-Cholmeley karencholmeley@yahoo.co.uk

Carols at the Lychgate
Outside St Martin's church
Ledwell Road, Sandford St Martin
Friday 12 December 2025, 6pm
Everyone welcome!
Informal carol singing with mulled wine and mince pies
Please bring a torch or lantern
Donations for the upkeep of St Martin's church (cash, card, QR code)



Please see your Benefice Christmas Card (designed by Robin Clarke) for details of Advent & Christmas services and events.

Food Bank: Donations in the Porch

Please continue to help by leaving a donation of tins / jars / packets of food for the whole family, plus pet food, in the porch of WB or SB.

Sunday 7 December Advent 2	
9.30am	Eucharist, Westcote Barton
4.00pm	Christingle Service, Sandford St Martin
Readings	
Isaiah 11.1–10	Psalm 72.1–7, 18, 19*
Romans 15.4–13	Matthew 3.1–12
Christingle readings will be advised separately	

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