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The Barton Benefice

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9/9.30am Family@Church, Duns Tew



11.00am Eucharist, Steeple Barton

5.00pm Evening Prayer, Westcote Barton

Readings

Jeremiah 23.1–6 Psalm 46
Colossians 1.11–20 Luke 23.33–43
Family@Church: Psalm 46

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 21 November** at Ed's - 4 Pound Bank, Sandford Saint Martin. 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 <u>achurchnearyou.com/barton-benefice</u>.

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 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.

Prayer Request: Richard Teare, one of Gospel Bell who played in Duns Tew last Saturday has asked for our prayers for all the global leaders of the Church and Community Mobilization Process.

Richard co-founded the Global University for Lifelong Learning, GULL, a non-profit network movement. GULL recognizes the work people do to advance their communities through an education system of Certification, Diplomas and Degrees in places where self-help is the only thing that works. This is a system that is bringing hope to the poorest people in Africa and soon, in Asia and beyond. gullonline.org

Meetings: SSM PCC will be on zoom on Wednesday 3 December at 6pm.

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

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. 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.

Jazz Night
Sue Greenaway and the Melody Room
Jazz Band
joyous upbeat jazz and swing
Sat 28 November 7 for 7.30pm
Westcote Barton Church
TICKETS £15 CALL KATE ON 07775750903 TO
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BAR AVAILABLE
GREAT CHRISTMAS RAFFLE to complete a
wonderful evening.



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.



Congratulations to Robin, age 11 who designed this year's Christmas card and thanks to all who entered the competition. Look out for your

Christmas card with details of all Christmas services & events!



Sunday 30 November Advent Sunday

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 Romans 13.11–14 Psalm 122 Matthew 24.36–44

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