Sunday 14 December 2025 Advent 3 The Barton Benefice

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9.45am Celebration of Christmas Decorating, Steeple Barton

11.00am Eucharist, Over Worton

Nativity Service

14th December
Duns Tew Church

OX25 6JP

with George the Donkey and his friends the Sheep 4pm Start Refreshments to follow



4.00pm Nativity Service, Duns Tew

Please contact Steph if you would like to dress up as kings, angels or shepherds: stephanielacey34@icloud.com

Readings for Over Worton

Isaiah 35.1-10

Psalm 146.4–10 or Canticle: Magnificat

James 5.7–10 Matthew 11.2–11

Readings for the Nativity Service are

in the service sheet.

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 12 December** at The Rectory. On 19 December at Ed's: 4 Pound Bank, Sandford Saint Martin. There will then be a break, resuming on 2 January 2026. 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 for Advent Season)

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

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Clare is at the Rectory for her final session pre-Christmas on **Thursday 18 December** Please get in touch with any printing or general benefice administration requests.

Please contact Jane if you'd like a Christmas visit/home Communion.

Please Pray for ...

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

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.

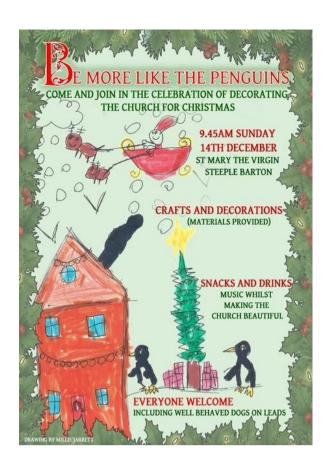
Local Prayers: For all preparing for baptism & marriage. For all who are unwell. For all receiving or recovering from treatment, giving thanks for all who are healing or feeling better after a period of illness.

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.

Diary Dates:

- Thurs 18 December 6pm. Study Group Party (details on WhatsApp group).
- Thurs 15 January: The Benefice Meeting has been replaced with a meeting between Jane and Churchwardens.







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.

Services on Christmas Eve & Christmas Day

Christmas Eve

4.00pm Crib Service Westcote Barton
Children invited to dress as shepherds, angels or kings.
Real goat coming again this year! Dressing up clothes also
available at church.

10.00pm Early Midnight Mass Duns Tew 11.30pm Midnight Mass Westcote Barton

Christmas Day

9.30am Eucharist with children's talk Duns Tew
9.30am Eucharist Steeple Barton
11.00am Eucharist Over Worton
11.00am Eucharist with children's talk Sandford St Martin

Please see your Benefice Christmas Card for details of all Advent & Christmas services and events. There are extra cards in church.



future use (online or on posters etc). Thank you!

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11.00am Eucharist, Sandford St Martin
4pm Carol Service with Benefice Choir &
Children's Choir Steeple Barton



6pm Candlelit Carol Service, Nether Worton

Readings for 11am Eucharist

Isaiah 7.10–16 Psalm 80.1–8, 18–20* Romans 1.1–7 Matthew 1.18–end

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