

**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**

**Psalms 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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:enquiries.bartonbenefice@outlook.com)

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

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.

**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)




# Carol Singing

*with keyboard and recorders accompaniment*

## Duns Tew Churchyard

### Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec 6pm-7pm

**All Welcome**

**Mulled Wine & Mince Pies**

**Bring a torch or lantern, cash or card**

Organised by Duns Tew PCC  
Raising funds for the Children's Society



### 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.



If you get chance to take any photos of the churches looking beautiful over the festive period, please send to [enquiries.bartonbenefice@outlook.com](mailto:enquiries.bartonbenefice@outlook.com) for future use (online or on posters etc). Thank you!

### Sunday 21 December Advent 4

**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

Psalms 80.1-8, 18-20\*

Romans 1.1-7

Matthew 1.18-end

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