



Notice Sheet Christmas & New Year 2025/6

21 December – 4 January 2026
The Barton Benefice

Jane & Alan wish you all a
very Merry Christmas!
Thank you to everyone
who makes Christmas such
a special celebration in the benefice.



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

Our Bus Barton will be running on Sunday afternoon
from the Sports and Social Club to St Mary's for the
Carol Service. Leaving 3.30 from the club. If possible,
please leave cars at the Club and use the bus. Many
thanks to Our Bus Barton for running this.

Carol Singing

with keyboard and recorders accompaniment

Duns Tew Churchyard

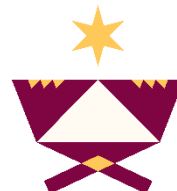
Monday 22nd Dec 6pm–7pm



All Welcome

Mulled Wine & Mince Pies

Thursday 25 December Christmas Day



9.30am Eucharist, Steeple Barton

Jane is leading this service

11.00am Eucharist, Over Worton

Jane is leading this service

9.30am Eucharist with children's talk, Duns Tew

Thanks to Katie Jones for leading this service

11.00am Eucharist with children's talk,
Sandford St Martin

Thanks to Andrew Bunch for leading this service

Readings

Isaiah 9.2–7

Psalms 96

Titus 2.11–14

Luke 2.1–14 [15–20]

Sunday 28 December 1st Sunday of Christmas

11am Benefice Eucharist, Duns Tew

Thanks to Peter Silva for leading this service

Readings

Isaiah 63.7–9

Psalms 148*

Hebrews 2.10–end

Matthew 2.13–end

Wednesday 24 December 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

Readings

Readings for the Crib Service in the service sheet.

Isaiah 52.7–10

Psalms 98

Hebrews 1.1–4 [5–12]

John 1.1–14

Wednesday 31 December New Year's Eve

4pm New Year's Eve Service, Westcote Barton

*Steph is leading this service. Followed by
refreshments in the Alice Marshall Hall*

Jane is on leave between Christmas and New Year.
Please contact Steph or Maria for anything urgent
Steph 01869 347350 stephanielacey34@icloud.com
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Clare is next working on 7 January. Please send
anything for the 11 January Notice Sheet by 7 Jan.

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

Please contact Jane if you'd like a visit or home Communion before Christmas, or Steph/Maria if you'd like a priest to visit between Christmas and New Year.

Sunday 4 January 2026 - Feast of the Epiphany	
9.30am Eucharist, Westcote Barton	
11.00am Eucharist, Over Worton	
5.00pm Evening Prayer, Sandford St Martin	
Readings	
Isaiah 60.1-6	Psalms 72.[1-9] 10-15
Ephesians 3.1-12	Matthew 2.1-12

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

Lunchtime prayers on Fridays at 12.15pm.

On 19 December at Ed's: 4 Pound Bank, Sandford Saint Martin. None on Boxing Day, then at Sam's on 2 January: 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 for Advent Season)

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.

Please Pray for ...

For all affected by the shootings on Bondi beach and at Brown University.

For lasting peace throughout the world, progress in negotiations towards peace 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.



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

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.



Thank You To all who help make Christmas special in our churches.

To everyone involved in the preparations for the services & events, those who help run them and all who help clear up afterwards.

A thank you for everyone who has helped with the Advent events in Sandford – Christingle, Mince Pie Competition and the Carols by the Lychgate.

Thank you to all who helped with the last weekend's Nativity Service in Duns Tew.

Sunday 11 January 2026 Baptism of Christ

9.30am Eucharist (said with hymns),
Steeple Barton

11.00am Eucharist, Duns Tew

Readings for 11am Eucharist

Isaiah 42.1-9	Psalms 29
Acts 10.34-43	Matthew 3.13-end

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