

Sunday 18 January 2026

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The Barton Benefice

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9.30am Eucharist, Nether Worton

11.00am Eucharist, Sandford St Martin

5.00pm Informal Worship, Alice Marshall Hall

Readings

Isaiah 49: 1-7

Psalms 40: 1-12

1 Corinthians 1: 1-9

John 1: 29-42

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 16 January at the Rectory. On 23 January Ed's at 4 Pound Bank, Sandford Saint Martin.

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 Epiphany 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

Details of services are on noticeboards & the website

achurchnearyou.com/barton-benefice.

Clare is next at the Rectory on **Thursday 29 January**

Please get in touch with any printing or general

benefice administration requests.

MEETINGS

- **Thurs 15 January: The Benefice Meeting has been cancelled.** Instead, there is a meeting between Jane and Churchwardens at The Grange, Over Worton 5.30 for 6pm.
- SSM PCC Meeting on 15 January has been cancelled.
- Steeple Barton's PCC meeting is on Thursday 22nd January at 5.30 at 2 Farriers Road.
- Wortons: The next PCC meeting will be by email.
- Other PCC Meetings dates to follow.

Jane's Farewell Service & Drinks

Sunday 15 February

Service 10am Steeple Barton Church

Refreshments from 11.30am at

Middle Barton Sports & Social Club

Jane is moving to the Shiplake Benefice, near Henley on Thames.

Her licensing there will be on 9 March. Jane and Alan have enjoyed seven wonderful years in the Barton Benefice, and thank everyone for their support, generosity and friendship.

If you'd like to leave a farewell message to Jane there will be cards available to sign in the churches. And if you'd like to contribute towards a leaving gift please visit the website for details

achurchnearyou.com/church/3413/service-and-events/events/1279128/

Please Pray for ...

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

For a peaceful resolution to the unrest in Iran.

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 and funerals this month.

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.

Family@Church

Sunday 25 January – the first
Family@Church of 2026.

Come at 9am for an activity and pastries and drinks, followed by a short service at 9.30am.
The theme is: **The Conversion of Paul**

Final Call!



Send in your Christmas Photos!

If you took any photos in or outside the churches over the Christmas period please send them 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.

Steeple Talks "When Design Goes Wrong - Lessons from History" in Steeple Aston Church on Thursday, 22 January at 7pm for 7.30pm

Stuart Cummings, Retired Engineer

Why are things so complicated? Why do things take so long to build? Why didn't the designers think of this...?

Refreshments from 7.15pm.

Donations are welcomed for church funds.

All Welcome.

Study Group: The next meeting is on **Wednesday 28 January 5.30pm** at Steph's. We will be looking at sections 1-4 of the Church of England Booklet "We Believe".

Candlemas Sunday 1 February

We will celebrate Candlemas at our two morning services. There is a 9.30am Eucharist in Westcote Barton with choir which will be followed by refreshments. There will also be an 11am Eucharist in Over Worton.

Ash Wednesday Eucharist 12noon Duns Tew Church – 18 February. With imposition of Ashes.

Consensio

directed by Dr Paul Hedley

An afternoon choral concert for
Epiphany and Candlemas
Pieces by Byrd, Howells, Poulenc and others



**Saturday 7th February, at 3pm
in Duns Tew Church**

Tickets: £12 (under 16s free)

Tea, Coffee, Cake

in aid of Duns Tew Church, OX25 6JP

To book, contact: Clare Burgess
dunstewpcc@gmail.com
07909 881596

Sunday 25 January 3rd Sunday of Epiphany

9/ 9.30am Family@Church, Duns Tew

11.00am Eucharist, Steeple Barton

5.00pm Evening Prayer, Westcote Barton

Readings

Jeremiah 1: 4-10 or Acts 9:1-22

Psalms 67

Acts 9: 1-22 or Galatians 1: 11-16a

Matthew 19: 27-end

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