

## Sunday 1 February 2026

Candlemas

*The Barton Benefice*

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**9.30am Eucharist with choir, Westcote Barton**  
*followed by refreshments*

**11.00am Eucharist, Over Worton**

**5.00pm Evening Prayer, Sandford St Martin**  
We are welcoming Trevor Burley to play, and  
we will sing *the canticles*

#### Readings

**Malachi 3: 1-5**                      Psalm 24: (1-6) 7 - end  
Hebrews 2: 14 – end              **Luke 2: 22 - 40**

**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 30 January** at 13 Marshall Crescent Middle Barton  
(Sam Cross). On 6 February at 11 Mill Lane Middle  
Barton (Susan Small). 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 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](mailto:enquiries.bartonbenefice@outlook.com)

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

Clare is next at the Rectory on **Thursday 12 February**  
Please get in touch with any printing or general  
benefice administration requests.

#### MEETINGS

- Worton: The next PCC meeting will be by email on  
29<sup>th</sup> January.
- 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 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/](http://achurchnearyou.com/church/3413/service-and-events/events/1279128/)



### Invitation to Jane's Installation Monday 9 March at 7.30pm, All Saints Church, Dunsden

Church Lane Dunsden Reading, RG4 9PH,

Everyone is welcome to attend Jane's  
Licensing in the Shiplake Benefice  
near Henley on Thames.

Anyone coming is also welcome to drop  
in for tea and cake beforehand.

**Please R.S.V.P.** to Deborah  
[deborahbailey46@hotmail.com](mailto:deborahbailey46@hotmail.com)  
indicating the number of seats required  
for the service and whether you are able  
to come early for refreshments with  
Jane and Alan in Shiplake.

### Please Pray for ...

For lasting peace throughout the world and restraint where there is threat of war and unrest including the US and 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 Emma, ahead of her baptism this weekend.

For families who have recently held a funeral or are preparing for one in the coming days.

For all who are unwell including Phil Medway, Carole Tallett, Sheila Tumman, John Maksinski, Sebastian, John Preedy, Rosie, Lynn Werrell and others known personally to us. For all who are awaiting test results, and those 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 including Pauline Mitchelmore, Dierdre Guy and Sarah Dudfield. All who are mourning the loss of a loved one, whether recently, or whose anniversary falls at this time.

### Wednesday Community

**Lunch every week 12:00 - 2:00 in the Alice Marshall Hall.**

2 course lunch for £7 meet old friends and make some new ones. Raising funds for local churches and charities. All welcome



**Saturday Community Breakfast every week 9.30 - 12:00 in the Alice Marshall Hall.**

From full English to pastries and lots in between. Raising money for the Destiny Fund supporting local children's events. Everyone welcome



**Coffee morning, Saturday 7 Feb, 10.30 -12. 30 in Duns Tew Village Hall** in aid of Thames Valley Air ambulance.  
Bacon baps, delicious cakes, tea, coffee.

### Food Bank: Donations in the Porch

Please continue to help by leaving a donation of jars/tins/packets of food for the whole family, plus pet food in the porch of Westcote Barton or Steeple Barton church.



### Ash Wednesday Eucharist 12noon Duns Tew Church – 18 February.

With imposition of Ashes.



**Study Group:** The next meeting is on **Wednesday 11 February 6pm** at Steph's. We will be looking at the next sections of Church of England Booklet "We Believe". For further info contact Steph: [stephanielacey34@icloud.com](mailto:stephanielacey34@icloud.com)

**Consensio**  
*directed by Dr Paul Hedley*

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



**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:dunstewpcc@gmail.com)*  
*07909 881596*

### Sunday 8 February 2 Before Lent

**9.30am Eucharist (said with hymns),  
Steeple Barton**

**11.00am Eucharist, Duns Tew**

### Readings

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|-------------------|----------------------------------|
| Genesis 1: 1 – 23 | Psalm 136 or 136: 1 - 9, 23 - 26 |
| Romans 8: 18 – 25 | Matthew 6: 25 - 34               |

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