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Thanks to Charles Chadwick for covering services today

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

11.00am Eucharist, Duns Tew

Readings

Isaiah 42.1-9

Acts 10.34-43

Psalm 29

Matthew 3.13-end

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 9 January** at Susan Small's house 11 Mill Lane Middle Barton. On 16 January at the Rectory. 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 15 January** Please get in touch with any printing or general benefice administration requests.

Jane's Farewell Service & Drinks
Sunday 15 February

Service 10am Steeple Barton Church
Drinks 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.

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 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.

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.
- Other PCC Meetings dates to follow.



THANK YOU!

A huge thank you to everyone who helped with the services and events during Advent and Christmas. And also to all who came and supported the services and events.



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.

DIARY DATES 2026!

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.

Sunday 7 June, 2-5pm - Southfield House Open Garden, teas, plant sale. A fundraising event for Sandford St Martin Church.

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 18 January 2nd Sunday of Epiphany

9.30am Eucharist, Nether Worton

11.00am Eucharist, Sandford St Martin

5.00pm Informal Worship, Alice Marshall Hall

Readings

Isaiah 49: 1-7

Psalm 40: 1-12

1 Corinthians 1: 1-9

John 1: 29-42

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