

Sunday 15 February 2026

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The Barton Benefice

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**Jane's Farewell Service & Drinks
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**Service (Eucharist) 10am
Steeple Barton Church**

**Refreshments from 11.30am at
Middle Barton Sports & Social Club**

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/

Readings

Exodus 24: 12 – end	Psalm 2 or Psalm 99
2 Peter 1: 6 – end	Matthew 17: 1 - 9

Hymns and Readings are in Sunday's order of service.

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

CONTACT INFORMATION DURING THE VACANCY

Email:

From 18 February the new Benefice email is bartonbenefice@gmail.com

Please note Jane's email: clergy.bartonbenefice@gmail.com will be discontinued from 18 February.

Tel:

From 18 February the new Benefice phone number is 07752 763912

The Rectory Landline Tel 01869 340510 and Mobile 07840 319850 will not work from 18 February.

These contact details are also on the website.

**Invitation to Jane's Installation
Monday 9 March, 7.30pm at**



**St Peter and St Paul Church,
Church Lane, Shiplake,
Henley-on-Thames**

NB the venue has changed!

You are also invited to the Rectory from 5 onwards for tea and cake before the service. There will also be refreshments in church after the service.

Parking: All parking is at Shiplake College RG9 4BW.

N.B. there is no parking by the church. There are a couple of spaces for anyone with reduced mobility. Please let Deborah know.

Please R.S.V.P. to Deborah deborahbailey46@hotmail.com indicating the number of seats required for the service and whether or not you are planning to come early for refreshments with Jane and Alan in Shiplake. Further directions/parking details available from Deborah.

Lunchtime prayers continue on Fridays at 12.15pm. **On 13 February** at 4 Pound Bank Sandford Saint Martin (Ed's). On 20 February at 13 Marshall Crescent, Middle Barton (Sam's). 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 Ordinary Time)

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 .

Please Pray for ...

For lasting peace throughout the world and restraint where there is threat of war and unrest including in Iran and the US.

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.

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

For all who are unwell.

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.

All who are mourning the loss of a loved one, whether recently, or whose anniversary falls at this time.

Wednesday Lunch Club every week 12-2pm 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.



**The Destiny Breakfast every
Saturday 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



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.



Lent Lunches and Study Groups

Lent Study Groups on Weds 4 March, Tues 17 March and Weds 1 April, all at 5.30pm at 34, Duns Tew. The theme is

the Nicene Creed: getting to grips with what we say we believe.



The theme for this year's **Lent**

Lunches is religious paintings.

Please arrive at 12.15 for 12.30pm soup lunch. 1.15 talk followed by questions, finishing at 1.45pm. Please book by emailing: sara.cunningham3@btinternet.com First lunch on Thurs 26 Feb, DT Village Hall. Further dates on the leaflet.

Download the leaflet with full details here:

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Ash Wednesday 18 February

12noon Ash Wednesday Eucharist
with imposition of Ashes **Duns Tew**



Sunday 22 February First Sunday of Lent

9/9.30am Family@Church, Duns Tew

The theme is: Temptations in the Wilderness
We are making our own desert scene and talk about Jesus in the wilderness.

Breakfast and crafts from 9am

11.00am Eucharist, Steeple Barton

5.00pm Evening Prayer, Westcote Barton

Readings

Genesis 2: 15-17; 3: 1-7

Psalms 32

Romans 5: 12 - 19

Matthew 4: 1 - 11

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To speak to someone or for prayer requests, please contact Jane, or Susan 01869 340455 or Steph 01869347350 stephanielacey34@icloud.com

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