

**Ash Wednesday &  
Sunday 22 February 2026  
First Sunday of Lent**

**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**  
*with thanks to Rev Katie Jones*

**5.00pm Evening Prayer, Westcote Barton**

**Readings**

Genesis 2: 15-17; 3: 1-7  
Romans 5: 12 – 19

Psalm 32  
Matthew 4: 1 - 11

**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](mailto:beneficerota@gmail.com)

**CONTACT INFORMATION DURING THE VACANCY**

**Email:**

**From 18 February** the new Benefice email is [bartonbenefice@gmail.com](mailto:bartonbenefice@gmail.com)

*Please note Jane's email:  
[clergy.bartonbenefice@gmail.com](mailto: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.*



**Jane and Alan say:**

**A huge thank you** to everyone for a wonderful 7 1/2 years in the benefice, and for the send off you gave us on 15 February. It was great seeing so many of you at the service, and afterwards at the Sports and Social Club, where we felt overwhelmed by your hospitality, kind words and generosity.

*The beautiful card from everyone, which we will frame, and the gorgeous pottery made by Andy Gill will take pride of place in our new home. And we are beyond grateful for the collection taken for our leaving present and to which so many people contributed - a staggering £6,400 ! Thank you so, so much, we can't believe it, and are absolutely delighted!*

*For all your friendship and support over the years, and for welcoming us as part of these amazing communities, thank you and God bless.*

**Invitation to Jane's Installation**

**Monday 9 March, 7.30pm at St Peter and St Paul Church, Church Lane, Shiplake, Henley-on-Thames .**

**N.B. 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 [deborahbailey46@hotmail.com](mailto: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 20 February** at 13 Marshall Crescent, Middle Barton (Sam's). On 27 February at 11 Mill Lane Middle Barton (Susan's).

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 Lent).

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](http://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 Jane and Alan as they move and settle in a new benefice, giving thanks for Jane's ministry here over the past 7 ½ years.

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



#### 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](mailto: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:

[f1f54820-d197-4b7c-bbc6-501e6553a3f6.pdf](http://f1f54820-d197-4b7c-bbc6-501e6553a3f6.pdf)

#### 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.



#### Sunday 1 March Second Sunday of Lent

**9.30am Eucharist, Westcote Barton**

**11.00am Eucharist, Over Worton**

**5.00pm Evening Prayer, Sandford St Martin**

#### Readings

Genesis 12.1 - 4a

Psalms 121

Romans 4.1 - 5, 13-17

John 3.1 - 17

To speak to someone or for prayer requests, please contact Susan 01869 340455 or Steph 01869347350 [stephanielacey34@icloud.com](mailto:stephanielacey34@icloud.com)

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