

Sunday 22 March 2026

Fifth Sunday of Lent

The Barton Benefice

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Thanks to Rev'd Charles Chadwick for leading the Steeple Barton Service.

9/9.30am Family@Church, Duns Tew

Breakfast and crafts from 9am!

Everyday life in Jesus' time Clay, wood & wool-
*let's create some fun with materials
from Jesus' time*

11.00am Eucharist, Steeple Barton

5pm Evening Prayer, Westcote Barton

Readings

Ezekial 37.1-14

Romans 8. 6-11

Psalm 130

John 11. 1-49

Family@Church Readings

Mark 1:16-20

Luke 19:1-10

Luke 2:8-20

Hymns are on the Readings & Collects Sheet.

Rotas are compiled by Jennie Barry & Deborah Bailey.

For any requests or changes, please email

beneficerota@gmail.com

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 .

Lunchtime prayers on Fridays at 12.15pm.

Is now on a break – will be back on 10 April.

Recruiting Jane's successor

Diocese representatives met the churchwardens and other PCC members on 24 Feb and outlined the timetable for recruiting Jane's successor. This set out the formal meetings, and a proposed date for interviews on 4 Sept. There is much to do before then! One of the first jobs will be for each parish to elect representatives to compile the benefice profile by the end of June and another group of parish representatives for the interviews. Churchwardens will be arranging PCC meetings for this purpose in the next few weeks.

Family @ Church

22nd March

Every day life in Jesus' time

Clay, wood and wool – let's create some fun with materials from Jesus' time

3rd April

What was Good about that Friday?

Join us for crafts and breakfast, crowns and crosses

Family@Church in Duns Tew, an all-ages service

Breakfast and crafts from 9am!

Any queries, please contact dunstewpcc@gmail.com
Clare Burgess 07909 881596

APCMs

The Wortons: Thurs 16 April 6pm followed by PCC in Over Worton church.

Westcote Barton: Weds 29 April, 5.30pm.

Sandford St Martin: Wed 29 April 7.30pm in church.

Duns Tew: Thurs 30 April 5.30pm in Duns Tew church.

Steeple Barton: Thurs 14 May 5.30pm SB church.

Please Pray for ...

For everyone affected by the Meningitis B outbreak.

For a peaceful resolution to the war in the Middle East

and for lasting peace throughout the world and

restraint where there is threat of war and unrest.

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 settle in the Benefice of Shiplake, Dunsden and Harpsden.

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.



Lent Lunches and Study Groups

Lent Study Group: On Weds 1 April, we are having a speaker on the Nicene Creed: Russell Jefford - an expert in early church history. Wed 1 April, 5.30pm at 34, Duns Tew.

Lent Lunches: 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

The next two lent lunches are on Fridays.

Friday 20 March, Sandford Parish Hall.

Helen Bruder on Blake's "The

Entombment". www.tate.org.uk/art/artworks/blake-the-entombment-n05896

Then Friday 27 March at Alice Marshall Hall, Middle Barton. Carol Lister speaking on Caravaggio's 'The supper at Emmaus' (Westcote Barton hosting) Further details on the leaflet.

Download the leaflet with full details here:

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Great Tew Lent Course: Details also on the leaflet above. The next one is on Tues March 31, The Vicarage 7-8.15pm The Gospel According to St John. Simple refreshments will be served.

BARTON BENEFICE CHURCH SERVICES
HOLY WEEK

PALM SUNDAY 29 MARCH
11am Eucharist, Over Worton with donkey & dressing up parade to church

MAUNDY THURSDAY 2 APRIL
6.30pm Supper, Eucharist & Vigil, Sandford St Martin

GOOD FRIDAY 3 APRIL
9.30am Children's Service, Duns Tew with crafts & Hot Cross Buns
2.00pm Reflective Service, Steeple Barton

EASTER EVE SAT 4 APRIL
8pm Vigil & Eucharist, Westcote Barton

EASTER DAY 5 APRIL
9.30am Eucharist, Steeple Barton + refreshments
9.30am Eucharist, Over Worton
11am Eucharist, Duns Tew + egg hunt
11am Eucharist, Sandford St Martin

Maundy Thursday 2 April

6.30pm Supper, Eucharist & Vigil at Sandford
To help with catering please contact Jennie Barry

jennie.barry@outlook.com

To book supper please contact Sara
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CONTACT INFORMATION DURING THE VACANCY

The Benefice email is: bartonbenefice@gmail.com

Jane's email: clergy.bartonbenefice@ is no longer in use

The Benefice phone number is 07752 763912

The Rectory Landline Tel 340510 and Mobile 319850 no longer work.

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

There is a place for you at our table...



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 tins / jars / packets of food for the whole family, plus pet food, in the porch of WB or SB.

Palm Sunday

Sunday 29 March

11.00am Eucharist, Over Worton

With George the Donkey & dressing up parade to church

Readings: Liturgy of the Palms

Matthew 21. 1-end

Psalm 118. 1-2, 19-end

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