

Sunday 15 March 2026
Mothering Sunday / Fourth Sunday of Lent
The Barton Benefice

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Mothering Sunday**

Service details below

*Thanks to Rev Katie Jones for leading services today
in Nether Worton and Sandford.*

Readings

1 Samuel 1. 20 to end	Psalm 34
Colossians 3. 12-17	Luke 2. 33-35

Barton Benefice
Mothering Sunday Services
Sunday 15 March 2026

9.30am Eucharist
Nether Worton Church – with posies

**11.00am Family Worship Benefice
Service - for all ages and families**
Sandford St Martin Church
Posies at the service and refreshments after

5.00pm Informal Service
Alice Marshall Hall

*Posy making in Sandford Church
Sat 14 March 2.30-4.30pm*

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.



Posy Making for Mothering Sunday
on Saturday 14 March, 2.30-4.30pm
Sandford Church

Posy making in Sandford Church, ready for the Benefice Service on Sunday 15 March.
All help, including flowers and foliage welcome!

Lunchtime prayers on Fridays at 12.15pm.

On 13 March at 13 Marshall Crescent, Middle Barton (Sam's). Then there will be a break until 10 April. 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 Lent).

Jane's Licensing Monday 9 March

A large group from the Benefice travelled down to Shiplake last Monday to support Jane at her licensing service. Before the service Jane and Alan welcomed us with a wonderful tea in their new home. The service led by Bishop Gavin was a joyous experience. We wish Jane and Alan every blessing in their new life.



From Jane: *A big thank you to everyone who came to my licensing last Monday and who sent greetings. Wonderful to see so many of you and share the moment!*
Jane x

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 Sunday 22 March Duns Tew

Breakfast and crafts from 9am!

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

PCC Meetings

Duns Tew PCC Wed 18 March 5.30pm at Carol's.

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 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.

CONTACT INFORMATION DURING THE VACANCY

Email:

The new Benefice email is
bartonbenefice@gmail.com

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

Tel:

The new Benefice phone number is
07752 763912

The Rectory Landline Tel 340510 and Mobile
07840 319850 no longer work.

These contact details are also on the website.

Wednesday Lunch Club every week 12-2pm in the Alice Marshall Hall. 2 course lunch for £7 Raising funds for local churches and charities. All welcome
The Destiny Breakfast Saturdays 9.30 -12.00 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 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.

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.

Next lunch on **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 Mar 17, Crimea House 7-8.15pm The Gospel According to St Luke. Simple refreshments will be served.

Sunday 22 March Fifth Sunday of Lent

9/9.30am Family@Church, Duns Tew

11.00am Eucharist, Steeple Barton

5pm Evening Prayer, Westcote Barton

Readings

Ezekial 37.1-14

Psalms 130

Romans 8. 6-11

John 11. 1-49

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

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