

**3 May 2026**  
**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**  
*The Barton Benefice*

**Sunday 3 May 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

**9.30am Eucharist, Westcote Barton**  
*Rev'd Dr David Jackson*

**11.00am Eucharist, Over Worton**  
*Rev'd Dr David Jackson*

**3.00pm Nones, Duns Tew**  
*Stephanie Lacey*

**5pm Evening Prayer, Sandford St Martin**  
*Stephanie Lacey*

**Readings**

<b>Acts 7.55-end</b>	Psalm 31.1-5, 15-16
1 Peter 2.2-10	<b>John 14.1-14</b>

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

Please send notices to Clare by Wednesday morning. Clare works Weds 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) .

**Lunchtime prayers** on Fridays at 12.15pm. On 1 May at: 11 Mill Lane, Middle Barton (Susan's).

**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 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. We now have a prayer diary for the deanery, which will be updated every fortnight and circulated with the notice sheet. We hope that this will be helpful in your daily prayers.

**APCMs**

**Duns Tew: Thurs 30 April 5.30pm in Duns Tew church.**  
**Steeple Barton: Thurs 14 May 5.30pm SB church.**

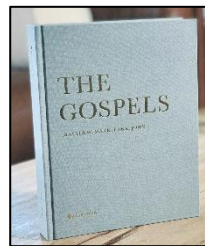
**CONTACT INFORMATION DURING THE VACANCY**

**The Benefice email is: [bartonbenefice@gmail.com](mailto:bartonbenefice@gmail.com)**

*clergy.bartonbenefice@ is no longer in use*

**The Benefice phone number is 07752 763912**

*The Rectory tel Tel 340510 & Mob. 319850 no longer work.*



**Gospel Reading Day Saturday 16 May starting 8.30am Sandford St Martin**

*'In your patience possess ye your souls' (Lk 21.19)*

As our churches await our new Rector, we'd love people from

across the benefice to join us for a contemplative, communal Gospel Reading Day. Start 8.30am, finish 5.30pm (ish!). Do email Helen Bruder if you'd like to read at a specific time ([hezbru1@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:hezbru1@yahoo.co.uk)) or just come and read or listen whenever suits you. Hot & cold drinks provided.

**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.



**Recruiting our new Priest**

Thank you to everyone who came to the Community Meeting at Steeple Barton Sports and Social Club on the 20th. The Benefice Profile Group met again on Friday supported by Anne Perry, Parish Development Adviser. Anne has been helping us discern what key points should be included in the profile. Everyone is working hard on preparing a draft for all PCCs to look at and hopefully we will have something to go through at the Section 11 Meeting on 11 May 6pm in Sandford Church, which is a meeting for PCC members.



**BARTON ABBEY  
OPEN GARDEN  
Steeple Barton  
TEAS and PLANT  
SALE**

**SUNDAY 24 MAY 2- 5 PM**

**OUR BUS** will kindly be providing transport from the Sports and Social Club at 2pm and 3pm with a return at 3.15pm and 4.30pm

**BENEFACTORY PRAYER DURING A VACANCY**

Heavenly Father, during this time of vacancy, guide our benefice with your Holy Spirit. Strengthen our faith, unite us in love, and grant wisdom to those seeking a new priest. Prepare our hearts to welcome our next leader and help us to continue serving your kingdom with joy and hope, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



**Study Group**

In May our fortnightly study groups are on Tuesdays: 5 May and 19 May. These are at 34 Duns Tew at 5.30pm.

Please contact Helen Bruder for more details. ([hezbru1@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:hezbru1@yahoo.co.uk))

**Diary Dates May:**



- 10-16 May: Christian Aid Week
- 14 May Ascension Day Service 6pm Duns Tew
- Saturday 16 May: Gospel Reading Day, SSM
- 24 May Pentecost:  
Family@Church 9/9.30am Duns Tew  
11am Eucharist Duns Tew
- Sunday 24 May: Barton Abbey Open Gardens & Plant sale.
- Saturday 30 May: Morris Dancing in Duns Tew churchyard approx. 2.30pm.
- Sun 31 May: 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Benefice Service 11am Steeple Barton with choir & refreshments.

**Sunday 10 May 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

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

**11.00am Eucharist, Duns Tew**

**Readings**

Acts 17.22-31  
1 Peter 3.13- end

Psalm 66.7-18  
John 14.15-21

**Food Bank: Donations in the Porch**

Please continue to help by leaving a donation – tins/jars/packets of food for the whole family plus pet food, in the porch of WB or SB church.

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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