

12 April 2026
2nd Sunday of Easter
The Barton Benefice

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Thanks to Rev Peter Silva for leading services today

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

11.00am Eucharist Duns Tew

Readings

Acts 2. 14a, 22-32

Psalm 16

1 Peter 1. 3-9

John 20. 19-end

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 Wednesday morning.
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 returns on 10 April 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.

For Jane and Alan as they settle in the Benefice of Shiplake, Dunsden and Harpsden.

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.



A big thank you to *everyone* who helped at Easter, from those who led worship, helped with music, bells, cleaning,

decorating, catering and in many other ways, and to all who took part in the services and events across the benefice.

The final total raised at the Lent Lunches was £480.96 which has been paid to the DEC, Middle East Humanitarian Appeal.

Update from the DEC:

The DEC is extremely concerned about the latest escalation of conflict in the Middle East, and the humanitarian impact on people across the region. We are monitoring the situation closely.

The DEC launched the Middle East Humanitarian Appeal in October 2024, and DEC charities and their local partners are continuing to provide vital humanitarian support to families affected by conflict in Gaza, Lebanon, the West Bank and Syria. Donations to the DEC Middle East Humanitarian Appeal are not currently funding their response outside of those locations.

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.

CONTACT INFORMATION DURING THE VACANCY

The Benefice email is: 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) 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



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.

Diary Dates May:

- Sunday 3 May: Nones 3pm, Duns Tew
- 10-16 May: Christian Aid Week
- 14 May: Ascension Day
- Saturday 16 May: Gospel Reading Day, SSM
- 24 May: Pentecost
- Sunday 24 May: Barton Abbey Open Gardens & Plant sale.

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.

New Tenants in The Rectory We'd like to extend a
 welcome to the new tenants in the Rectory (this
 includes the entire property, garden & driveway).



BARTON BENEFICE COMMUNITY MEETING TO HELP US CHOOSE OUR NEXT RECTOR!

ON MONDAY, 20 APRIL 2026, 7PM-9PM
At THE MIDDLE BARTON SPORTS AND
SOCIAL CLUB

An opportunity to ensure Jane's successor
reflects the needs and hope of our whole
community. Join us for an open meeting to
have your say.

ALL WELCOME

Recruiting Jane's successor

We have now started the process of recruiting Jane's
 successor. Although we have to follow a defined
 process, we want to know what you think about what
 kind of Rector you would like. We will therefore be
 having an **Open Meeting at the Middle Barton Sports**
and Social Club on Monday, 20 April, 7pm-9pm. This
 meeting will be led by Anne Perry, our Parish
 Development Adviser. If you are unable to attend but
 would still like to give us your thoughts, please do send
 them to Maria (m.coonick@btinternet.com) by Sun, 19
 April in time for the meeting. Your views are important
 to us and will help us with putting together our
 Benefice Profile with Person Specification.

Sunday 19 April 3rd Sunday of Easter

9.30am Eucharist Nether Worton

11.00am Eucharist Sandford St Martin

5.00pm Informal Worship Alice Marshall Hall

Readings

Acts 2. 14a, 36-41

Psalm 116. 1-3, 10-end

Peter 1. 17-23

Luke 24. 13-35

To speak to someone or for prayer requests,
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