

26 April 2026
4th Sunday of Easter
The Barton Benefice

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9/9.30am Family@Church, Duns Tew
Breakfast and crafts from 9am!
The Good Shepherd



11.00am Eucharist, Steeple Barton
Thanks to Rev Peter Silva for leading the service in SB today

5pm Evening Prayer, Westcote Barton

Readings

Acts 2. 42-end (WB) **Psalm 23**
1 Peter 2. 19-end (SB) **John 10. 1-10 (SB)**

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. On 24 April at: 13 Marshall Crescent Middle Barton (Sam'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

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.





**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

BENEFACTIVE 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 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.
- Sun 31 May: 5th Sunday Benefice Service 11am

Recruiting our new Priest

Thanks to everyone who came to the community meeting. We will be including the views and feedback as we work towards putting together our Benefice Profile and Person Specification.

There is a meeting in May to progress things further.

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.



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)

Sunday 3 May 5th Sunday of Easter

9.30am Eucharist, Westcote Barton

11.00am Eucharist, Over Worton

3.00pm Nones, Duns Tew

5pm Evening Prayer, Sandford St Martin

Readings

Acts 7.55-end
1 Peter 2.2-10

Psalm 31.1-5, 15-16
John 14.1-14

To speak to someone or for prayer requests, please contact Susan 01869 340455 or Steph 01869347350 stephanilacey34@icloud.com
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