

**14 May Ascension Day  
& 17 May 2026  
7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

**Thursday 14 May Ascension Day**

**6.00pm Ascension Day Eucharist, Duns Tew**

*The Revd Preb. Jane Haslam*

**Readings**

<b>Acts 1.1-11</b>	Psalm 47 or Psalm 93
Ephesians 1.15-end	<b>Luke 24.44- end</b>

**Sunday 17 May 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

**9.30am Eucharist, Nether Worton**

*Rev'd Canon Dr. Andrew Bunch*

**11.00am Eucharist, Sandford St Martin**

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**5.00pm Informal Evening Service,  
Alice Marshall Hall**

**Readings**

<b>Acts 1. 6-14</b>	Psalm 68.1-10, 32-35
1 Peter 4.12-14; 5.6-11	<b>John 17.1-11</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 15 May 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 whatever is on your mind.

**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.

For all who have died recently.

All mourning the loss of someone close.

The deanery prayer diary is attached. We hope that this will be helpful in your daily prayers.

**BENEFICE 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.

**Steeple Barton APCM: Thurs 14 May 5.30pm at the Bowls Club (please note the change of venue).**

**Christian Aid Week 10-16 May:** Read about this year's CA week here:

**[Christian Aid Week 2026](#) | [Christian Aid](#)**

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

*'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. All welcome.

**Study Group** The next fortnightly study group is on Tuesday 19 May. At 34 Duns Tew at 5.30pm.



Contact Helen Bruder for more details.

[hezbru1@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:hezbru1@yahoo.co.uk)



**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



**Benefice Eucharist with choir  
for Trinity Sunday**

**Sunday 31 May 11am  
Steeple Barton Church**

*followed by refreshments*

**Steeple Talks: June 18<sup>th</sup> in Steeple Aston church -  
7.15 for 7.30pm**

Canon Charles Chadwick

*The Reign of King Charles II, 1660-1685 a time of  
recovery, renewal and renaissance*

Refreshments from 7.15pm. Donations welcomed for church funds. All Welcome.

**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.*

**Other Diary Dates May:**



- Saturday 30 May: Morris Dancing in Duns Tew churchyard approx. 2.30pm.

**Diary Dates June:**

- Saturday 6 June Open Garden + teas 2-5pm at Southfield House, Manor Road, Sandford St Martin. Entry by donation.
- Saturday 20 June, 7pm Sandford Church. *Consensio* presents a concert in celebration of nature Conductor Paul Hedley. Tickets unreserved include glass of wine or soft drink £20, under 16s free, from: [www.jumblebee.co.uk/consensio20june2026](http://www.jumblebee.co.uk/consensio20june2026)
- Sunday 28 June 1.30-4pm Duns Tew Church Fete, Manor Gardens.

**Sunday 24 May Pentecost**

**9/9.30am Family@Church,  
Duns Tew "Pentecost"**

**11.00am Eucharist, Duns Tew**

**5.00pm Evening Prayer, Westcote Barton**



**Readings**

**Acts 2.1-21**

Psalm 104.36-36, 37b

1 Corinthians 12.3b-13

**John 20.19-23**

To speak to someone or for prayer requests, please contact Susan 01869 340455 or Steph 01869347350 [stephanilacey34@icloud.com](mailto:stephanilacey34@icloud.com)  
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