

## January 2018 Newsletter

### Church

All services at Duns Tew, unless stated otherwise

07.01.18	11am	Eucharist in Steeple Barton Church (no service in Duns Tew)
14.01.18	11am	Lay-Led matins
21.01.18	9.30am	Eucharist
28.01.18	11am	Eucharist

**Graeme & Nynka Arthur:** Graeme Arthur's farewell service will be held at 11am on Sunday 7th January at Steeple Barton Church. If you would like to say 'goodbye' do drop into the Sports and Social Club in Middle Barton between 2.00 and 4.00pm.

**Christmas Thank You!** to all the children who read so well at our Carol Service. Your participation helps to bring the Christmas story to life. We really missed seeing George the donkey, the sheep and Freddie the baby Jesus due to the snow, but it was lovely to see so many people! Thank you too to Revd Dr Hugh White for stepping in to take the service at very short notice and to Philippa Jackson, who played the organ. John & Margaret Gordon kindly donated the Christmas tree and Martin Fairfax-Cholmeley brewed up the Christmas punch after the service.

Following the service £275.72 was sent to the Open Doors towards helping persecuted Christians in Iraq and Syria.

The newsletter went to press before most of our Christmas services and the Carol singing— so news about money raised for other charities will come next month. But thank you in advance to all those who made the church so beautiful: tree decorators and flower arrangers particularly, and to Charlotte for playing the cornet at the Carol Singing.

**Advent Supper** A huge thank you to all those who cooked for, helped at and attended the supper which together with the church collection raised £212.50 for the Romanian Foyer Trust.

### **Charity of the Quarter**

For November/December/January, we will again be supporting Ripple Africa ([www.rippleafrica.org](http://www.rippleafrica.org)), a charity working in Malawi.

- RIPPLE Africa is very different in its approach to the local community. Local people are empowered to manage the projects which affect their own community, and the charity only employs Malawian nationals in Malawi (no paid Westerners who could take a local job).
- Today, the charity has over 2,000 people working on RIPPLE Africa projects on the ground and has a tremendous impact on the local communities. However, despite the charity's significant achievements and ambitious scope, RIPPLE Africa is still small enough that the charity remains home-grown and grassroots based, and it is our intention to keep it that way.

Please give generously – the charity plate is available for donations at the end of each service. If you wish to donate at any other time, please place money in an envelope marked for RIPPLE Africa, and give to Carol Rigby (Nonesuch, Hill Farm Lane).

**Polly** As always please leave in-date food donations in the basket in church.