

May 2015 Newsletter

Church

All services at Duns Tew, unless stated otherwise

03.05.15	3pm	Service of Nones
10.05.15	11 am	Lay-led matins
17.05.15	9.30 am	Holy Eucharist
24.05.15	11 am	Holy Eucharist
31.05.15		Trinity Sunday Benefice Service At Sandford St Martin to welcome the new Worton Parishes to the Benefice

Church Fete – Sunday 21st June 2015 (Also see separate advert)

Plans are really taking shape for the Fete. Our theme for this year's fete is "Scarecrows" (allowing for a possible visit from some Gnomes).

Michael and Josh at the White Horse have kindly offered to judge our **Scarecrow competition**, so start putting your ideas together for creating that prize-winning scarecrow (scarecrow can be seated or standing!) – entry forms will be available in the pub or on the Duns Tew Village website from mid May. **£2 to enter, prize will be a luxury hamper.** Full instructions will be given on the entry form. All scarecrows will be photographed and a **scarecrow hunt** will take place in the few days before the fete. The photos of all entries will be displayed at the fete.

Raffle

Once again we will be asking every household to sell/buy a few raffle tickets in aid of the Church – super **cash prize of £100, Meal for 2 with wine at White Horse, Oral B Electric Toothbrush** (retailing at over £100), and lots more! Raffle tickets will be delivered to every household in early May.

Please return stubs with cash in envelope to one of the following collection points:

Alison Templer, Alberta House, Main Street (near junction with Hill Farm Lane)

Sarah & Tom Lindley, Kennington House, 32 Main Street, Duns Tew)

Peter Gregory, 33 Dashwood Rise

Sarah Taylor, 2 Longfield (new development near Goundrey's)

By 13th June 2015. Please write clearly!

If you require any additional information please contact: Philip Giorgi, Little Steine, Hill Farm Lane, Duns Tew. Tel: 01869 347839

Test your skill at some new games and some old favourites:

Guess the number of balloons in a Taxi Cab, Chuck-a-Sponge, Bean-up-a-Ladder, Coconut Shy, Hoopla.

Plus Plants and Produce, Cakes and Jam, Books, Bottle Stall!

Enjoy fabulous **Teas and Cakes** in beautiful surroundings.

If you would like to help in any way (on the day or delivering leaflets beforehand etc), please let Clare Burgess know: clarebugress@gmail.com or tel.: 347382 and look out for further notices in the coming months.

First Aider: We need a First Aider to be at the Fete for the afternoon in case of accident. If you are a qualified First Aider and can be at the fete, please get in touch.

Please start collecting your unwanted **bric-a-brac, books, plants, jams, bottles, jewellery**, etc. Details of collection points will be included in the June newsletter.

Christian Aid Week

Christian Aid week is 10 - 16 May.

This year's Christian Aid Week confronts one of the great injustices of our times: discrimination against women. Consider Loko, who lives in Ethiopia. With an absent husband and no livestock, Loko is shunned by her community. To make money she has to sell firewood, which she collects by going on a dangerous, back-breaking, eight-hour walk - four times a week. If she doesn't make these journeys her children will starve. We're providing the practical help that women like Loko need to take back control of their lives. Loko dreams of owning a cow - its milk would nourish her children and provide income, and it would give her recognition and a voice in her community. The money she makes may even allow her to open her own shop. The gift of a cow can do something amazing. Jesus challenges us to love our neighbour. Together, this Christian Aid Week, we will answer Jesus' call, working hard to transform people's lives now and inspire lasting hope for the future.

Callers will be collecting envelopes towards the end of the week.

Palestinian News

A huge thank you to everyone who supported the "I am a Palestinian" evening on 28th March and for the very encouraging feedback received. We did make a profit so I'm able to send £210 to the JAI Olive tree planting initiative which will buy 15 olive trees for Palestinian farmers. You also all generously bought £180 worth of Zaytoun products which directly supports Palestinian farmers in West Bank.

Next Palestinian event - Unfortunately, we're having to postpone the showing of the film "The Stones Cry Out" from 26th April but **NEW DATE Sunday May 17th 7.00 for 7.30** showing at 53 Duns Tew or Village Hall if numbers greater. It's a free event unless in village hall in which case there will be a very small charge to cover rent but please bring a bottle. The film runs for under an hour and charts the life of Palestinian Christian Arabs living under Israeli occupation.

AND – another chance to catch "I am a Palestinian". We will be doing the same performance of music and stories at the Cafe at Whichford Pottery on 4th July 2015 at 7.30. Tickets £12.50 More details and tickets from Karen or Stephanie

Karen and Martin Fairfax-Cholmeley 347016 karencholmeley@yahoo.co.uk or Stephanie Lacey 347350 stephanielacey@btconnect.com

PROGRESSIVE SUPPER

Diary Date: Following the success of last year's revised format we are planning a similar event on Saturday 19th September – with drinks and canapes, a starter and main course hosted in various locations throughout the village followed by dessert and coffee in the Village Hall.

Tickets £25 with profits going towards the upkeep of the Church.

Hosts Wanted for tables of 6 or more: All food is brought to you pre-prepared and just needs heating through/serving.

If you would be prepared to host or help with the catering etc, or just want more information about what is involved please contact either Stephanie Lacey or Carol Rigby

Stephanie.lacey@btconnect.com (347350)

nonesuchcarol@gmail.com (340632)

Nones service 3.00pm on Sunday May 3rd in church

Until the Reformation prayers were said at every religious house seven times each day. The prayer which was said at the ninth hour was called Nones. It was the prayer the canons of Merton Augustinian Priory said and sang in 1117 as they entered their new building on the River Wandle.

Gilbert the Norman, godson of King Henry and Queen Matilda, built Merton Priory and it was dedicated on Ascension Day, May 3rd 1117. It was remarkable that the first Nones said there, after The Reformation, was also on 3rd May (1998). It was even more remarkable that the 3rd May did not fall again on a Sunday for many years. By then Nones had been said annually in memory of the work of the canons of Merton Priory.

These included a martyr (Thomas a Becket), a Pope (Nicholas Breakespear), and the canons' work included a major part of the Christianising of Scandinavia and the establishment of many daughter houses (Holyrood Abbey is one). Walter de Merton's rule was used at Merton College, Oxford, the college he founded from Merton Priory. The rule became known as the collegiate system used by both Oxford and Cambridge. Magna Carta was refined at Merton Priory into the 11 Statutes of Merton which head the statutes of the realm, preserved in the House of Lords. The canons of Merton Priory also cared for more than sixty churches. St Mary Magdalene, Duns Tew, was one.

Charity of the Quarter

For May, June and July the PCC are again supporting the work of PACT (Parents and Children Together). PACT is one of the UK's leading Voluntary Adoption Agencies (VAA), placing children with secure and loving families and supporting them with specialist therapeutic support. Our award-winning FACTS service includes counselling, Theraplay, creative art therapy and life story work which help children to overcome difficulties in childhood, adolescence and early adulthood which have resulted from early trauma and neglect.

PACT could not continue its vital work supporting vulnerable children and families without your support. Please make a donation to help us make a difference.

What your donation buys:

£52 will pay for: A PACT family with adopted or fostered children to attend one of PACT's family fun days.

£57 will fund: A one to one session for a vulnerable woman at Alana House. Alana House supports over 70 women every month by helping them to become better parents, contributing members of society and economically independent.

£75 will pay for: A volunteer to be fully trained to co-facilitate a 10 week BB4K children's course which is a support programme developed by PACT that uses therapeutic techniques to support children who have been victims or witnesses of domestic abuse.

Collections for Polly's homeless people

Polly is very appreciative of all your donations, whether food, or money. Her latest card said: "I go to Morrisons and stock up on goods for the lost, get home and find your donations. It covered exactly what I spent! Bless you and Him for caring" Polly

Reminder: When leaving donated food in the basket in church, please make sure all food is still within its use-by date. **THIS IS IMPORTANT, AS POLLY WILL NOT TAKE OUT-OF-DATE FOOD/DRINKS. I just have to throw it away.**

Polly always needs:

Chocolate, chocolate bars, biscuits, teabags, instant coffee, instant chocolate drink.

Thank you!

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