

February 2016 Newsletter

Church

All services at Duns Tew, unless stated otherwise

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| 07.02.16 | 5pm | Evening Prayer |
| 10.02.16 | 12 noon | Ash Wednesday Service |
| 14.02.16 | 11am | Lay-Led matins |
| 21.02.16 | 9.30 am | Eucharist |
| 28.02.16 | 11am | Eucharist |

Lent Discussion Groups

In our Lent groups this year we are going to be looking at the stories that the stained glass windows tell in five of our six churches. We will meet on the following Tuesdays: 16 and 23 February and 1, 8 and 15 March. Each session will be held in a different village and we will meet first for a light lunch in someone's house at 1.00pm before moving to the church to look at the windows. The whole thing will finish by 3.00pm. More details to follow about venues. There will be a very small charge for lunch and it would be helpful to know who would like to come a week before each session. If you are interested please contact Graeme Arthur or Stephanie Lacey.

Christmas charity giving

To summarise, donations were made to the following charities:

£306.39 Barnabas Fund to help Syrian Christians

£314.50 The Children's Society

£105.90 Al Basma (Special Education Center exists to serve the developmentally disabled in the Bethlehem area and refugee camps)

£188 was collected during the Advent carol service on 29th November for the Romanian Foyer Trust

£88.53 was donated to Combat Stress, and the same amount to The Royal British Legion following the Remembrance Day Service on 8 November 2015.

Frances' "Ancient & Modern" Hymn-Playing Marathon

Raised £3,190.02 in aid of the homeless in Banbury. Thank you to all who sponsored Fran. Polly came along to help the singing on the day. She was overwhelmed by the support shown – with these funds she will be able to provide more help to the homeless people she supports in Banbury

Painting of the Church

The PCC would like to thank Philip Giorgi for his very kind donation of an old painting of the church, which now hangs to the left of the main door.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Women's World Day of Prayer

This will be held on Friday 4th March, at 7pm, in the church. This year's service has been written by the women of Cuba on the theme of "Receive children. Receive me."

Concert in Church

Saturday 2nd April – **Moonrakers** will once again be performing in Duns Tew in the Church. Moonrakers is an Oxford-based group of four musicians, some from the classical and some from the folk tradition. Their last concert in 2013 was a great success. Take a look at their website www.moonrakers.net, to listen to some of their tracks or for more information. Tickets £10 each, concessions £8. Please contact Steph Lacey, 347350, stephanielacey@btconnect.com.

FETE DATE !

Sunday 26th June - Duns Tew Church fete will be held on Sunday 26th June in the Manor Gardens, by kind permission of the Gavin and Fiona McAlpine.

If anyone would like to help with the organisation or on the day, please let Clare Burgess know. Please email: clarebugress@gmail.com, or phone 347382

Charity of the Quarter

For February/March/April, the PCC will be collecting donations via the charity plate near the door of the church, to help the work of **Medical/Orphan Project (MOP)** in Zimbabwe. This is a charity that Jo Barton is very involved in.

The Medical/Orphan Project supports a) orphaned children through school in Eastern Zimbabwe, and b) patients suffering with HIV/AIDS, being treated in clinics in Zimbabwe, Botswana, and the Transvaal area of South Africa. Education is the only chance for these children to make something of their already-devastated lives, and helping even a few gives hope for the future. For those in medical need, the provision of care is crucial, and also needs funding.

The Medical/Orphan Project (MOP) of TZABA is supporting 50 youngsters between 5 and 18 years old. TZABA aims to meet their educational fees from Primary to University level. Current annual school fees total US\$60 per year per primary pupil, and US\$1350 senior.

For further information about TZABA and MOP, please visit the website (www.tzaba.org) or visit Jo's JustGiving page: www.justgiving.com/Jo-Barton2.

Polly

Thank you to everyone who continues to donate food and money to help Polly. She is always very grateful.

Reminder: When leaving donated food in the basket in church, please make sure all food is still within its use-by date. **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!