

July 2016 Newsletter

Church

All services at Duns Tew, unless stated otherwise

03.07.16	6 pm	Evening Prayer
10.07.16	11 am	Matins
17.07.16	9.30 am	Eucharist
	11 am	Pet Service Steeple Barton church
	3 pm	Open Air Service in Ledwell
24.07.16	11 am	Eucharist
31.07.16	08.30am	Holy Communion in Over Worton Church. This will be the only service in the Benefice this day.

Church fete

Our takings at the Fete in June totalled £5700. We still have expenses to pay out of that total, but we hope to clear about £5000 for Church funds!

This is a huge success, and the day went very well. We are extremely grateful to everyone who made the fete possible, in particular, the following:

Fiona and Gavin McAlpine for the use of their beautiful gardens, for hiring Dolly the Rodeo Sheep and for making special arrangements for the power supply

Clive Tompkins (Cherwell Graphics Ltd) for generously donating the printing of banners, leaflets, raffle tickets etc.

Nicholson's Nurseries for sponsoring the Fete Programme.

Michael at the White Horse for organising the barbecue food. Meat donated by Walter Rose Butchers of Devizes. Thank you too for judging the Scarecrow Competition. This year we had three winners: so CONGRATULATIONS to **Tabitha and Bella Hall** for the **Maid Marian and Robin Hood**, to **Julie Scott** for **The Guardsman** scarecrow and to the **Brooke family** for their **White Rabbit** scarecrow. Thank you to everyone who joined in the fun, especially the Proctor family who had to re-make their entry after their first "PC Do-Good" was stolen and vandalised.

Roger Stranks for storing all the equipment for the past 20+ years. Roger has been very generous in keeping all the tables, chairs and hoopla stall (to name but a few!) over the years but he has now handed this role on, so if anyone has space in a barn or garage to take at least some of the equipment, please let one of the committee know!

Chris Drake for holding all the Bric-a-Brac in the run-up to the fete and for collecting regularly from the Church.

Everyone who donated anything to the fete!

All the **stallholders** for their preparation work beforehand and **everyone who set up/cleared away** on the day.

We could not have done this without your help. THANK YOU.

The fete committee: **Tom Lindley, Sebastian Stapleton, Clare Burgess, Sarah Lindley, Steph Lacey, Sarah Taylor, Helen Hammond, and Gilly Burrows.**

Christian Aid Week

In total we raised £952.98, of which £150 was from the coffee morning. With Gift Aid this comes to £1110.14. Thank you to everyone who contributed to this collection, and to

everyone who gave up their time to distribute and collect the envelopes. Stephanie Lacey

Progressive Supper Saturday 6th August. See separate notice – Tickets £25 from either Stephanie Lacey or Carol Rigby

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Advance notice - Ride or Stride 2016 – Saturday 10th September

This year the Historic Churches Bike Ride will be held on Saturday 10th September. Last year we raised £777, half of which helped towards the upkeep of Duns Tew church, and half went to the Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust.

It is fun to take part as a family, with friends and even on your own as most of the churches you visit will have someone waiting to welcome you.

Some people just visit 3 or 4 churches, but Chris Drake went to 36 different churches during last year's event, so you could try and beat that!

For more information, contact Clare Burgess clarebugress@gmail.com or 347382

Charity of the Quarter

For May, June and July the PCC will be collecting donations via the charity plate near the door of the church, to help the work of **Medecins Sans Frontieres/Doctors Without Borders (MSF)**. This charity has been providing emergency medical aid across the world since 1971 and endeavours to go wherever the need is greatest.

When an emergency breaks – such as an **earthquake, tsunami** or **war** – MSF can respond immediately. This is because donors are encouraged to give unrestricted funds, which means we can spend them where the need is greatest.

Thanks to the generosity of our donors, MSF has a significant emergency reserve fund. This means there is no delay in mobilising, no wait for government funds to be released and no lag as donation appeals are launched; we can act immediately and then replenish this fund with new donations.

At MSF we deliver care directly rather than through local partner organisations. We set up and run medical services, train staff and respond to fast moving emergencies, as well as longer-term crises. This means the money you trust to MSF is spent by MSF.

For more information, please go to the MSF website www.msf.org.uk

Collections for Polly's homeless people

Polly is very appreciative of all your donations, whether food, or money. Also, if you have any clean bedding (sheets, duvets) or clothing/shoes (men's and women's) which you could donate, please contact Clare: 347382 or clarebugress@gmail.com

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!

Clare Burgess