

March 2016 Newsletter

Church

All services at Duns Tew, unless stated otherwise

Fri 04.03.16	7pm	Women's World Day of Prayer
06.03.16	9.30am Westcote Barton	<i>Mothering Sunday Service</i>
	5pm Duns Tew	Evening Prayer
13.03.16	11am	Lay-Led matins
20.03.16	9.30 am Duns Tew	Palm Sunday Eucharist
	11 am Steeple Barton	<i>Palm Sunday Family Eucharist with choirs & George the Donkey</i>
24.03.16	7.30 pm	Maundy Thursday Service
25.03.16	Starting: 10.30am	Good Friday Way of the Cross Pilgrimage around the Benefice (see Church News Section)
	3.30 Duns Tew	Meditation
26.03.16	7.30 pm	<i>Easter Eve Service with full choir</i> <i>At Westcote Barton church</i>
27.03.16	11 am	Easter Day Eucharist

“Dorn and Ridge” Churches Benefice Website

We now have a brilliant Benefice website, created by Frances Maksinski, covering all six churches in the Benefice, including regular church services and special festival services, weddings & baptisms, and other useful information. Please visit:
www.dornandridgebenefice.org.uk

New Churchwarden

At a meeting held on Sunday 24th January 2016, Chris Drake was unanimously elected to become churchwarden of St Mary Magdalene, Duns Tew. We all warmly welcome his election and thank him for agreeing to take up the post.

Lent house 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. The March meetings will be on the following Tuesdays: 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. Pick up leaflet in church for 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.

These meetings are quite relaxed, you do not have to be a churchgoer to come. If you would like any more information, or would like a lift please contact Graeme Arthur (340510) or Stephanie Lacey (347350)

World Women's Day of Prayer – 7pm, Friday 4th March

This year the service has been written by Christian women of Cuba. We hope as many people (men and women) as possible will come and support this service, and in so doing, the Christian women of Cuba.

Refreshments will be available afterwards.

Mothering Sunday 6th March.

On Sunday 6th March the Benefice Service for Mothering Sunday will be held at 9.30 at Westcote Barton Church, supported by both Benefice and school choirs and the Brownies.

Holy Week and Good Friday arrangements:

Thursday 24th March - Maundy Thursday Liturgy (said) and Stripping of the Altars 7:30 pm Duns Tew.

Friday 25th March – Good Friday. Way of the Cross Pilgrimage around the Benefice.

10:30 Sandford St Martin - Good Friday Meditation

11:30 Westcote Barton “Palm Sunday” reading

12:00 Rectory “Last Supper” reading (bring Picnic Lunch, drinks and hot cross buns provided)

1:00 Rectory Garden “Gethsemane”

2:00 Steeple Barton “The Trial, and the Easter Garden”

3:30 Duns Tew - Good Friday Meditation

Come and join in, and enjoy the pleasant walk to Steeple Barton Church.

Saturday 26th March – Easter Eve

7.30pm Westcote Barton. Easter Eve Liturgy: Vigil with Choir followed by lighting of the Easter Candle (8pm) and the first of the Easter celebration services.

Advance Notice - Steeple Barton Chase: 5k, 10k and Fun Run

5K, 10k and Fun Run at Barton Abbey, Steeple Barton. Fun Run starts at 1.30pm; 5k and 10k at 2.00pm. Gates open at 12.30. Off-road, through beautiful wooded grounds. BBQ, teas (See www.steeplebartonchase.co.uk for registration information). In aid of Steeple Barton Church funds. **Saturday 18th June 2016 at 12:30 pm**

Date for your diary - Wednesday 4th May at 7.30pm

Folk duo, Richard Burgess and Emmanuel Pariselle will be performing in aid of Duns Tew Church on Wednesday 4th May. They perform songs in English, French, Norwegian and even, on a good day, Italian. They are renowned for their humorous stage performances, where linguistic and cultural misunderstandings create a fun light-hearted atmosphere.

Duns Tew Fete - Save The Date –

By kind permission of Mr and Mrs Gavin McAlpine, the Church Fete will once again take place in the Manor Gardens. The date this year will be Sunday 26th June 2015, in the afternoon.

The leadership role will be shared between Tom Lindley, Sebastian Stapleton and Clare Burgess, rotating the chairmanship over 3 years. Tom will be the Chairman for 2016. If you would like to help make a success of this traditional Duns Tew event, whether on the day, or beforehand, or both, please contact one of us. Contact details:

Clare:clarebugress@gmail.com, phone 347382; Tom: spinners68@icloud.com;
Sebastian: suttonhundreds@hotmail.com

Advance notice of Annual Parochial Church Meeting

The annual church meeting to which all are welcome will be on Sunday 17th April, at about 10.30am, following the 9.30 service. More details next month.

Concert in Church - Postponed

The Moonrakers concert scheduled for Saturday 2nd April has had to be postponed to **22nd October 2016**.

Village Harvest Lunch

The PCC would like to thank the Cornerstones very much for their very hard work over the years in organising the Harvest Lunch for older villagers. We feel that it would be such a shame to let this marvellous get-together fade out, so we are very happy to front up the organisation of the lunch from now on. If you are able to help - especially if you're under 60 - do let a PCC member know.

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!