

Church News

All services at Duns Tew, unless stated otherwise

01.05.16	3pm	Service of Nones
06.05.16	7.30pm	Catholic Service in Westcote Barton Church
08.05.16	11 am	Lay-led matins
15.05.16	9.30 am	Holy Eucharist
22.05.16	11 am	Trinity Sunday Holy Eucharist with the choir singing a setting of Psalm 8 by Rosemary Jefford
29.05.16	8.30 am	Benefice Service Holy Communion at Sandford

Nones service - 3.00pm on Sunday May 1st 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.

Christian Aid Week is 15 - 21 May.

Christian Aid works with the poorest of the poor, regardless of religion, race or gender. The organization believes in life before death.

On Sunday 15 May at our 9.30am service, Elizabeth Mason, who represents Christian Aid, will be coming to speak to us about the work that they undertake. During the week there will be a door-to-door collection for the work of Christian Aid. Last year we raised almost £1000 – which was marvelous. If you would like to help collect, do let Stephanie Lacey know. (stephanilacey@btconnect.com)

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

Sunday 22nd May at 11am

A special service for Trinity Sunday with the Benefice Choir singing a lovely setting of Psalm 8, composed by Rosemary Jefford, of Duns Tew. Please come and listen.

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 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.

MSF deliver care directly rather than through local partner organisations. They 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

Folk Concert Wednesday 4th May at 7.30pm in the church (see separate poster)

Folk duo, Richard Burgess and Emmanuel Pariselle will be performing in aid of Duns Tew Church on Wednesday 4th May.

Richard Burgess, originally from Kent, made his home in Norway 40 years ago after reading too many sagas. There he has made a niche for himself as a writer, a translator and, not least, a singer and musician (on guitar and English concertina) with a repertoire that draws on both English and Scandinavian traditions.

Emmanuel Pariselle is a well-known figure in the folk scene on both sides of the Channel. As an instrumentalist (on melodeon, one-row accordion, concertina and flutes) he has collaborated with artists like Marc Robine, Mairtin O'Connor and the group La Bergère, as well as in duos with Didier Oliver and Christian Maës. Emmanuel is also a celebrated songwriter.

Together, Burgess & Pariselle present a unique and eclectic repertoire of traditional and self-penned songs (in English, French, Norwegian and, on a good day, Italian...) in addition to dance tunes from all over.

Check out the following YouTube recording for a taste of the Burgess-Pariselle style.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xXgl5YEbywc>

Refreshments will be available. Tickets £10 each, £4 child. Available from Stephanie Lacey 347350 or stephanielacey@btconnect.com

Polly is very appreciative of all your donations, whether food, or money for her homeless people. Also, if you have any clean bedding (sheets, duvets) or clothing/shoes 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 347382

Church Fete – Sunday 19th June 2016

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!) – see entry form on back page of this newsletter, or print from the Duns Tew Village website. **£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 **judging** 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 prizes – details along with tickets will be delivered to every household by mid-May.

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

By 11th June 2016.:

Alison Templer, Alberta House, Main Street (near junction with Hill Farm Lane)
Sarah & Tom Lindley, Kennington House, 32 Main Street, Duns Tew
Tim Huff, 34 Dashwood Rise, 347179 (evenings)
Sarah Taylor, 2 Longfield (new development near Goundrey's)

Please fill stubs in clearly!

If you require any additional information please contact: Clare Burgess, 5 Hill Farm Lane, Duns Tew. Tel: 01869 347382

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

Guess the Celebrity carried in my Taxi Cab, Obstacle Course, Coconut Shy, Hoopla.
Plus Plants and Produce, Cakes and Jam, Books, Bottle Stall!

Enjoy fabulous **Teas and Cakes, barbecue, ice creams and Pimms** whilst you listen to the brass band, in beautiful surroundings.

Bric-a-brac from crockery and toys to pictures and ornaments - please drop off any useful items at the Goundreys' home, the Nurseries, or call Chris Drake 340057 and he will collect.

PROGRESSIVE SUPPER Diary Date

Following the success of last year's revised format, we are planning a similar event on Saturday 6th August. **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

Stephanielacey@btconnect.com (347350) nonetheless@gmail.com (340632)



Coffee Morning: Do join us in the Village Hall on Saturday May 7th between 10.30am and 12.30am for coffee and cake. Profits will be divided between the Village Hall and Christian Aid. Any donations of cakes on the day would be most welcome.