

November 2016 Newsletter

Church

All services at Duns Tew, unless stated otherwise

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| 02.11.16 | 3pm <i>at Westcote Barton Church</i> | All Souls Service |
| 06.11.16 | 5 pm (Note new time for Winter) | Evening Prayer |
| 13.11.16 | 10.50 am (Note earlier time for the Silence at 11am) | Remembrance Day Service with Geoff van der Weegen |
| 20.11.16 | 9.30 am | Eucharist |
| 27.11.16 | 5pm | Advent Carol Service With Benefice Choir Followed by Advent Supper in Village Hall |

All Souls Service at Westcote Barton

02.11.16 (Wednesday) – 3pm – All Souls Service at Westcote Barton

This will be a short service to commemorate those who have died. All are welcome. If you cannot attend, please let Stephanie Lacey know the names of anyone whom you would like remembered at the service (347350 or stephanielacey@btconnect.com).

Remembrance Service

There will be a service for Remembrance Day on 13th November with Geoff van der Weegen. Please be seated by the slightly earlier time of **10.50am** at the latest to allow for the silence at the start of the service.

Concert in Aid of Polly's Work with the Homeless of Banbury

Please see separate advert within this newsletter.

Harvest Lunch for over 65s

Thank you to everyone who came to our Harvest Lunch under its new PCC management! Thank you for your kind words of appreciation.

Sarah Taylor and Clare Burgess would like to thank the small army of helpers who contributed to its success. It would not have been possible without the many chicken & vegetable preppers, crumble cooks, carrot growers, serving staff, washer-uppers, flower arrangers and furniture movers.

Carol Singing around the Village – Monday 19th December, 7pm start

Our annual village carol singing in aid of the Children's Society will take place on Monday 19th December. Please come and join us.

We are thinking of trying a different format this year. Unfortunately we cannot sing outside every door, as this would take too long, but we know that with double glazing, televisions etc., it is difficult to hear us. So the suggestion is that we sing for longer at

certain specific locations in the hope that you might like to join us with your children for a couple of carols, or a couple of verses of several different carols. Collectors would still go door-to-door, but if you could join us at a point nearest to your house to listen or sing with us, that would be very encouraging. The suggested singing locations at the moment are:

Lay-by in Dashwood Rise

Top of Hill Farm Lane

Grass triangle at junction of Barton Road and Main Street

Daisy Hill courtyard

The Pub

Outside The Nurseries, near Longfield

If anyone has any further suggestions regarding locations, please let me know.

Also, if anyone plays a brass instrument, and would like to join Charlotte, who accompanies us on the cornet, we would love to hear from you.

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BAROQUE AND THE BARD

Friday 11th November 2016 at 8pm

Manor Farm, Ardley

As you know, we have been supporting Polly's work in befriending the homeless of Banbury for many years now. Our benefice organist, Frances, and her husband, John, also raise money for Polly, and many of you kindly supported Frances in her sponsored hymn playing marathon last November. This year's fund-raiser will be a concert to be held at their house in Ardley (*the home of Manor Farm Musical Frivolities and Ardley Parlour concerts*), entitled "Baroque and the Bard".

A concert of Shakespearean songs and chamber music of the Baroque period will be presented by musicians from Middle Barton, North Aston and other local areas, as well as Frances and John themselves.

Programme to include:

Corelli – Christmas Concerto, Telemann – trio sonata, Pachelbel – Canon in D,
Purcell – Music for a While, Finzi – Fear no more the heat of the sun, Arne – Blow,
blow thou winter wind

Space is limited, so if you would like to attend, please email music@mfmf.co.uk or phone 01869 345689 in advance, so Frances and John can reserve a place for you and set out the right seating!

If you are unable to attend but would like to make a donation anyway, please ring or email for details of how to do so.

Advent Carols Service (with Benefice Choir) - Sunday 27th November at 5pm in church followed by Advent Supper in Village Hall at 6pm

Please come and join us for a delicious supper at 6pm. Bar available – please enjoy!

Adults: £7.50 - Children: £4.00 - Family £20 (2 adults+2 children)

Please give names to Martin & Karen Fairfax-Cholmeley (347106)

– **proceeds from the supper in aid of Romanian Foyer Trust which supports young people who receive no state help on leaving orphanages in Romania.**

Ride or Stride 2016– Final figure

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the annual Churches Bike Ride on 10th September. The final sponsorship total (incl. online sponsorship) was £685, which is fantastic. As usual, half the amount raised will go Duns Tew church and half to the the Historic Churches Trust, as usual. Thank you once again to our Riders: Chris Drake, Jos Joslin, Sarah Taylor and Clare Burgess.

Church questionnaire

Thank you very much to all those who returned their questionnaires. We have decided to extend the deadline until 19th November, so please do fill it in if you have time. There are spare forms in the church.

Christmas Carol Service Sunday 11th December at 5.00pm

We hope to have a donkey and some sheep joining us for this service again this year, as well as children acting out the Christmas story. If you are under 11 and would like to take part please contact Stephanie Lacey (stephanielacey@btconnect.com or 01869 347350). The actors just have to dress up and walk about, and we also need some children to read some short passages from the Bible.

Charity of the Quarter

For November/December/January, we will again be supporting Ripple Africa (www.rippleafrica.org).

RIPPLE Africa is a charity working in Malawi. It was started by Geoff and Liz Furber in 2003 and now has over 145 Malawian staff. The charity works with local communities in the Nkhata Bay District which has a population of 250,000.

RIPPLE Africa's projects are based around the rural village of Mwaya in the Nkhata Bay District of Malawi. The charity's overriding aim is to empower communities so they themselves can achieve a sustainable future – we strongly believe that it is the local people who are the solution to many of the challenges they face. We do many things in a small area, as many different issues are closely linked. Everything RIPPLE Africa does is in response to the local communities' needs. By enabling the local communities, great things can happen and they are all life changing. RIPPLE Africa's belief is "Providing a hand UP and not a hand out," and that philosophy has been central to the charity's ideology for over a decade.

- **We run many projects in a small area**, rather than one project in many different areas of Malawi.
- **We work closely with the local communities, Chiefs, and District government departments**, empowering local communities to be the solution.

- **We have 145 Malawian staff and 3,550 volunteers working on our projects.**
- **We use simple, low tech and innovative solutions.**

Please give generously – the charity plate is available for donations at the end of each service. If you wish to donate at any other time, please place money in an envelope marked for RIPPLE Africa, and give to Carol Rigby ;(Nonesuch, Hill Farm Lane).