

February 2017 Newsletter

Church

All services at Duns Tew, unless stated otherwise

05.02.17	5pm	Evening Prayer
12.02.17	11am	Lay-Led matins
19.02.17	9.30 am	Eucharist
26.02.17	11am	Eucharist

Lent Discussion Groups

This year in our weekly Lent meetings we are going to look at the lives of the various saints to which our Benefice churches are dedicated. For the first five Wednesdays in Lent the group will meet for a light lunch in someone's home before sitting back to listen to the fascinating story of that particular village's saint. (Ours is of course St Mary Magdalene). Do join us to find out more about our heritage and to meet people from other nearby villages. More details next month.

Women's World Day of Prayer

To be held on Friday 3rd March, at 7pm, in the church. Please join us for this service which has been written by the women of the Philippines on the theme of "Am I being unfair to you?" If you would like to do a short reading, please contact Clare Burgess, clarebugress@gmail.com, or 347382. If anyone has a tablecloth or other piece of fabric from the Philippines, and would be willing to loan it for the service, please let Clare know. This service is not just for women – ALL WELCOME.

Church questionnaire

Thank you to the 49 people who returned the questionnaire seeking your views on how we can develop the church. Obviously this is only a small percentage of the people in the village, but generally the feeling was that we should push ahead with improving the building, especially by upgrading the kitchen and putting in a loo. Some people also volunteered to help in various ways - thank you very much.

Charity of the Quarter

For February/March/April, the PCC will be collecting donations via the charity plate in church, to help the work of **Medical/Orphan Project (MOP)** in Zimbabwe (www.tzaba.org).

MOP is supporting 50 youngsters, aiming to meet their educational fees from Primary to University level. See the 2016 their newsletter in Church for news of Dumisani who is 24 and has completed his second year of further education, thanks to funding from MOP.

MOP are hoping to produce a notelet/card designed by one of the youngsters at the Bonda Orphanage, to sell as a fund-raising item. Enquiries about this (or Jo's range of re-made cards, both general-purpose, and Easter) would be warmly welcomed!

You can email Jo on jbartonbevan@aol.com, or donate via Jo's JustGiving page www.justgiving.com/Jo-Barton2.

Polly & "Call-list"

As always please leave in-date food donations in the basket in church.

From time to time Polly's "guys and lasses" find somewhere to live but they may only have a bed and nothing else, so Polly puts a call out, for instance, for a second-hand microwave, bed linen, kettle etc. If you would be willing to be part of a "call-list" for such items, please let me know. Thank you. Clare, 347382.