

January 2017 Newsletter

Church

All services at Duns Tew, unless stated otherwise

01.01.17	11am	Eucharist in Sandford St Martin Church (no service in Duns Tew)
08.01.17	11am	Lay-Led matins
15.01.17	9.30 am	Eucharist
22.01.17	11am	Eucharist
29.01.17	9.30am	Candlemas Eucharist at Westcote Barton

Thank you! to all the children who joined in so enthusiastically at our Carol Service. Your participation helps us all to understand the Christmas story better. All the readers deserve a special thank you, too. We are very grateful to the Wilson family for the loan of George, the donkey, and their two, very well behaved sheep! Following the service £303.37 was sent to the Barnabas Fund to help Christians in Syria.

Special thanks to: Louise & Peter Beament, and John & Margaret Gordon for donating the Christmas trees, to Chris Drake, Stuart Hillyard and Peter Rigby for putting them up, to Harriet Stapleton and Steph Lacey for decorating them and to Harriet for installing the flood lighting for the Christmas period.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the services in December and to the flower arrangers for dressing the windows with beautiful arrangements.

New Benefice Carol Booklets: Thank you to Clive Tompkins for putting in so much time and effort into printing our smart new carol booklets

Churchyard tidy-up Thank you to all those who turned out - your efforts have made a great difference.

Carol Singing in the Village Thank you for your generous donations, and to all who sang and collected door to door. We are also very grateful to Charlotte for playing the cornet, and to the McAlpine family, Ali McKay, Sarah Taylor and Jon Burgess for providing very welcome refreshments. The £400 raised will help the Children's Society in their work fighting childhood poverty, supporting children and teenagers who experience neglect, as well as helping young carers.

Advent Supper A huge thank you to all those who cooked for, helped at and attended the supper which together with the church collection raised £258 for the Romanian Foyer Trust.

Teas, Coffee & Cake and Craft Fair Thanks to all who created the delicious produce and gifts and to those who helped on the day as well as those who supported the event. £285 was raised for the Church Improvement fund.

Christmas Cards & Mugs Thanks to all who bought the cards (1200 sold) and the coffee mugs (still available from Jane McBean - 340553).

Charity of the Quarter In January, we will again be supporting Ripple Africa (www.rippleafrica.org). Their projects are based around the village of Mwaya in Malawi. The charity's overriding aim is to empower communities so they themselves can achieve a sustainable future. More information on the church charity noticeboard. The charity plate is available for donations at the end of each service or if you wish to donate at another time, please place money in an envelope marked for RIPPLE Africa, and give to PCC Treasurer, Carol Rigby (Nonesuch, Hill Farm Lane).

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