March 2019 Newsletter

All services at Duns Tew, unless stated otherwise

Benefice Service for Ash Wednesday,		
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Women's World Day of Prayer

To be held on Friday 1st March, at 7pm, in the church. Please join us for this service which has been written by the women of Slovenia; they invite men, women & children of all ages to "Come – Everything is Ready!"

Their service will encourage us to reflect on the barriers they have faced since the end of the Second World War when their country was a part of Yugoslavia, a Marxist socialist republic. If you would like to do a short reading, please contact Karen Fairfax-Cholmeley, 347106 karencholmeley@yahoo.co.uk

ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND THE SERVICE.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

The annual church meeting, to which all are welcome, will be held on Sunday 17th March, at 10.30am, following the 9.30 service.

Lent Lunches, all 12.45 - 2.15:

Building on the success of previous years, we will be holding our Lent Lunches in various locations throughout the benefice. Sign-up sheets will be available in every church, if you would like to attend.

Thursday 14th March, The Rectory, Westcote Barton Wednesday 20th March, The Grange, Over Worton Thursday 28th March, Parish Hall, Sandford St Martin Wednesday 3rd April, Steeple Barton, Venue to be confirmed Thursday 11th April, 2 Longfield, Duns Tew

Lent Study Groups, all at the Rectory from 8-9pm:

We will be basing our study on the book "Merciful Humility of God" by Jane Williams. There will be a sheet in church to sign, should anyone wish us to purchase their copy for them.

Tuesday 12th March Wednesday 20th March Thursday 28th March Friday 5th April Wednesday 10th April

<u>Mothering Sunday 31st March</u> the Benefice Service for Mothering Sunday will be held at 11am at Steeple Barton Church, supported by the Benefice Choir and the Brownies.

<u>Please note:</u> The evening service on First Sunday in Month reverts to 6pm for the summer after the clocks go forward on 31st March.

7th April Evening Prayer will therefore begin at 6pm.

Charity collection

We were able to send a cheque for £47, plus £100 donation from the Wortons parishes, to Ripple Africa, our charity for the Nov-Jan quarter. Thank you to all who contributed.

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). Jo Barton will be telling us more about this work during the 9.30am service on 17 March.

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

(fete ad is on next page below)



| Duns Tew Fete - REVISED Date - NOW Sunday 16th June

By kind permission of Gavin and Fiona McAlpine, the Church Fete will once again take place in the Manor Gardens. The date this year will be Sunday 16th June, from 1.30 - 4pm.

Could you provide a good prize suitable for our Fete Raffle?

Our popular Book and White Elephant Stalls need lots of stock, propular Book and White Elephant Stalls need lots of stock, propular Books of stock

| Can you sow a few **extra veg/flowers** seeds or split & pot up some of your herbaceous **plants** so we can sell them on the Plant Stall?

This year's fete committee are Clare Burgess, Sarah Taylor, Helen Hammond, Clare Howard, Steph Lacey, Chris Keeping, Nicky and Marshall Brooke.

We would be delighted to hear from anyone who would like to be involved in the preparations or on the day.

Please speak to any of the above, or contact:

clarebugress@gmail.com (please note, this is the correct spelling!) or phone 347382.