

November 2017 Newsletter

Church

All services at Duns Tew, unless stated otherwise

02.11.17	3pm <i>at Westcote Barton Church</i>	All Souls Service
05.11.17	5 pm (Note new time for Winter)	Evening Prayer
12.11.17	10.50 am (Note earlier time for the Silence at 11am)	Act of Remembrance Service With Geoff van der Weegen
19.11.17	9.30 am	Eucharist
26.11.17	5pm	Advent Carol Service With Benefice Choir Followed by Advent Supper in Village Hall

All Souls Service at Westcote Barton

02.11.16 (Thursday) – 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 Graeme Arthur or Stephanie Lacey know the names of anyone whom you would like remembered at the service (Graeme: 340510, graeme@arfa.clara.net; Steph: 347350 or stephanielacey@btconnect.com).

Remembrance Service

There will be a service for Remembrance Day on 12th 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.

Advent Carols Service (with Benefice Choir) - Sunday 26th 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.

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.**

THANK YOU

Coffee Morning for Polly's Work with the Homeless of Banbury

We raised a brilliant £296 for Polly's homeless, through the sale of tea and cakes and produce, and by holding a raffle. £65 was also raised for the Village Hall. Thank you to everyone who helped and donated.

Harvest Lunch for over 65s on 14th October

Thank you to everyone who came to our Harvest Lunch. Thank you for your kind words of appreciation. Sarah Taylor and Clare Burgess would like to thank everyone who cooked casseroles and crumbles, served, washed-up, did the flower arrangements and set up furniture.

Ride or Stride 2017– Final figure

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the annual Churches Bike Ride on 9/10th September. The sponsorship total (incl. online sponsorship) was £405, which is fantastic. As usual, half the amount raised will go Duns Tew church and half to the the Historic Churches Trust. Thank you once again to our Riders and Striders: Ali McKay, Jos Joslin, Sarah Taylor and Clare Burgess.

Christmas Carol Service Sunday 10th December at 5.00pm

We hope to have a donkey, some sheep and a live baby joining us for this service again this year, as well as children acting out the Christmas story. If you are under 18 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.

Date for Diary - Carol Singing around the Village – Monday 18th December, 6.30pm start. All funds will go to the Children's Society which supports vulnerable young people.

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.

- RIPPLE Africa is very different in its approach to the local community. Local people are empowered to manage the projects which affect their own community, and the charity only employs Malawian nationals in Malawi (no paid Westerners who could take a local job).
- Today, the charity has over 2,000 people working on RIPPLE Africa projects on the ground and has a tremendous impact on the local communities. However, despite the charity's significant achievements and ambitious scope, RIPPLE Africa is still small enough that the charity remains home-grown and grassroots based, and it is our intention to keep it that way.

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).