

December 2021 - Duns Tew Church



Church Calendar in the Benefice for December

Sunday, 5 December

11am Eucharist, Steeple Barton
4pm Christingle Service *Sandford St Martin*



Sunday 12 December

9.30am Zoom Service
11am Carols and Readings Sandford St Martin
5pm Santa Lucia Service, *Duns Tew followed by*
6pm Switching on of Christmas Lights at the Church

Sunday 19 December

11am Eucharist Westcote Barton
4pm Carols and Lessons with choir, Steeple Barton
6pm Carol Service, Nether Worton



Monday 21 December

6-7pm Carols in Churchyard, Duns Tew

Christmas Eve
24 December



4pm Crib & Carol service, Westcote Barton
6.30 pm Eucharist with Carols Sandford St Martin
10pm Christmas Eve Mass, Duns Tew
11.30pm Midnight Mass, Westcote Barton

Christmas Day
25 December

9.30am Christmas Eucharist Steeple Barton
11 am Christmas Eucharist Over Worton
11 am Christmas Service, Duns Tew

31 December

4.00pm New Year's Eve service, Westcote Barton,
followed by refreshments at the Rectory

Please keep an eye on www.bartonbenefice.org.uk, (www.facebook.com/bartonbenefice/) church notice board/notice sheets, in case of any last-minute changes. Although face coverings are no longer mandatory, do please continue to wear them at services inside our buildings, if you so wish.

Church contacts: Jane Wright, Rector, 01869 340510 clergy@bartonbenefice.org.uk (usual day-off on Monday), Benefice Administrator, Clare Harper, enquiries@bartonbenefice.org.uk. Churchwarden, Clare Burgess, DTclare@bartonbenefice.org.uk

Benefice Bible Study on Zoom continues on Tuesdays at 7.15pm in December. Contact Fran or Clare for details frances@bartonbenefice.org.uk or DTclare@bartonbenefice.org.uk.

A new church noticeboard and a thank you - You may have noticed the new noticeboard outside the church. This has been made possible because of a legacy left to the church by Mrs Jean Ringrose. Jean, who lived on Hill Farm Lane, was actively involved with many Duns Tew societies including the Music Society, Cornerstones and the WI. We are deeply grateful to her for remembering the church in her will. We are also very grateful to Jon Burgess and Jos Joslin for putting up the new noticeboard.



Decorating the Church Christmas Tree - Saturday 11 December at 10am.

Do come and help us decorate our tree for Christmas. All welcome.



Come and Celebrate with us at the
Santa Lucia Service

At 5pm

**Sunday, 12
December**

Followed by the

**Switching on of the
Church light display**

At 6pm

With Gluhwein, Mince Pies and Scandinavian
themed refreshments

The Santa Lucia service is a new venture for Duns Tew. Santa Lucia is an Italian saint whose special day is celebrated all over Europe and especially in Sweden. She is very much connected with the coming of the light. Children process in white robes carrying candles. If you would like to take part costumes and candles will be provided. Please contact Clare Burgess on 347382 DTclare@bartonbenefice.org.uk or Stephanie Lacey (stephanielacey@bartonbenefice.org.uk or 347350)

Huge thanks to Tony Simpson and Matt Ilott for giving their time to the installation of the lights and to Christie Lites Stage Lighting for the loan of the equipment.

CAROL SINGING



Mulled Wine
Mince Pies

Monday, 20 December 6pm-7pm
in the Churchyard, Duns Tew

Raising
Funds for

The
Children's
Society

RAFFLE



Followed by Christmas Prize Draw
For More Tickets Contact Clare (347382) DTclare@bartonbenefice.org.uk



Our Charities for Christmas

We are supporting three children's charities this Christmas.

Locally - **Home Start**, (home-startbanbury.org.uk) a community network of trained volunteers and expert support helping families with young children through their challenging times.

Nationally - **The Children's Society** which supports vulnerable young people, young carers and runaways (www.childrenssociety.org.uk/).

Internationally - **Mary's Meals** provides chronically hungry children with one meal every school day, in a place of learning, encouraging education that can lift them out of poverty in later life in 19 countries across Africa, Asia, Latin America, E Europe & the Caribbean. www.marysmeals.org.uk

Please make your donations via the collection in services, or make an on-line payment to Duns Tew PCC, Sort Code: 30-90-42 (Lloyds) Account No: 00096480 reference Christmas if you wish your donation to be shared equally between the three charities, or to donate specifically to one use the following reference:

Home Start: Home

Children's Society: Child

Mary's Meals:

Cheques payable to Duns Tew PCC or cash can be dropped off at Nonesuch, Hill Farm Lane.

Charity of the Quarter (Oct-Dec): Medical/Orphan Project (MOP) in Zimbabwe (www.tzaba.org). On-line donations can be made through the Duns Tew PCC, Sort Code: 30-90-42 (Lloyds) Account No: 00096480 reference 'MOP', cash or cheques (payable to Duns Tew PCC) can be dropped off to Carol Rigby, Nonesuch, Hill Farm Lane (340632). To Gift Aid your donation, please ask for a form.

Polly Please don't forget Polly who continues to work with the homeless and vulnerable in Banbury. If you can spare any food items (tins/biscuits/packets etc) or would like to make a donation, please contact Clare on 347382 DTclare@bartonbenefice.org.uk . Thank you for all your help.

