

Benefice Church Services May 2023				
Duns Tew	Steeple Barton	Westcote Barton	Sandford St Martin	The Wortons
Sunday, 7 May				
10.30am Coronation Benefice Service followed by celebratory refreshments and children's activities		8.30am Holy Communion (said)		
Sunday, 14 May				
11am Eucharist* Live streamed	9.30am Eucharist			
Thursday, 18 May (Ascension Day)				
	5pm Service (drinks and a walk)			
Sunday, 21 May				
		5pm AMH* Live streamed Benefice Service	11am Eucharist	9.30am Eucharist NW
Sunday, 28 May (Pentecost)				
9.30am Family@Church Starts with breakfast and activities at 9.00am This service will be followed by a Eucharist		5pm Evening Prayer		
*Live Streamed, AMH Alice Marshall Hall OW: Over Worton, NW: Nether Worton More news available on bartonbenefice.org.uk or facebook.com/bartonbenefice/				
Thought for the month: Luke 6:38 Give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you.				

Duns Tew church is open throughout the day for anyone wishing to visit, pray, meditate or simply be. For baptism, weddings, funerals and home visits please contact the Vicar, Revd Jane Wright on 01869 340510 clergy@bartonbenefice.org.uk or our Churchwardens: Clare Burgess (347382), Christopher Drake (340057) or dunstewpcc@gmail.com. If you wish to receive a regular weekly church notice sheet with further information about the church and what goes on in the benefice then please contact Clare.

Easter Thank You

Thank you to everyone who participated in our Easter Services. Our special thanks go to those who so beautifully decorated the church, Fran our organist and choir leader, our choir, to those who provided refreshments, zoomed our Easter services, to the adults and children who took up roles during the services and of course to Jane, our vicar, who brings so much to our services.

April Coffee Morning in the Village Hall Thank you to everyone who came and supported us. We raised a great £206 with a further £52 for the Village Hall.



Celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III on Sunday, 7 May at 10.30am.

Duns Tew will be hosting the main service in the benefice to celebrate the coronation. This service will be held in the church at 10.30am.

Celebratory Refreshments & Children's Activities at 11.30am, hosted in the churchyard – everyone welcome even if you can't make the service. (Inside the church if wet!!)

The Branch Trust Last year, we supported an exciting project, The Branch in Chipping Norton, as one of our charities. This charity was set up to address the hidden poverty in the area which has been identified as the most deprived neighbourhood in West Oxfordshire. In October 2019 the former NatWest bank building in the centre of Chippie, now known as The Branch, was acquired by the Charity. Construction work has now been started on the old bank building but the Branch continues its vital work with advocacy support, debt help, drop-in centres and courses in life skills, plus youth activities for deprived families in Chipping Norton. The Branch is again our charity of the quarter, so come and hear more on Sunday 14th May at the 11am service in church when a representative of The Branch will be speaking about its work. <https://thebranchtrust.org>

Christian Aid week 14th-20th May

There will be envelopes through your doors for house to house collections. Donations can also be left in Church, or through the door of 2 Longfield. Your gifts this Christian Aid Week could help farmers in Malawi plant better seeds, secure a fairer price for the crops, and build happier futures for their children. <https://christianaid.org.uk>

Barton Abbey NGS Open Garden and Plant Sale Sunday 28th May starting at 2pm.

The plant sale with tea and cake refreshments will be held on the cricket field and in the pavilion and not in the abbey grounds.

All proceeds from the sale of plants and tea go to St Mary's Steeple Barton and proceeds from visiting the abbey gardens go to the NGS

