

## A Benefice Church Services December 2023

Duns Tew	Steeple Barton	Westcote Barton	Sandford St Martin	The Wortons
<b>Sunday, 3rd December</b>				
<b>5pm Advent Service (Refreshments)</b>		9.30am Eucharist		11am Eucharist (OW)
<b>Saturday, 9 December</b>				
	1pm – 4pm Christmas Tree Festival			
<b>Sunday, 10th December</b>				
	9.30am Eucharist 10.30am-1pm Christmas Tree Festival		3.30pm Christingle	
<b>Saturday, 16th December</b>				
<b>3.30 pm Nativity Service with donkey (Refreshments)</b>				
<b>Sunday, 17th December</b>				
	4pm Carol Service w Benefice choir		11am Eucharist	6pm Carol Service (NW)
<b>Thursday, 21 December</b>				
<b>6pm Carols in the Churchyard (Refreshments)</b>				
<b>Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> December- Christmas Eve</b>				
<b>10pm Christmas Eve Eucharist</b>		4pm Crib Service 11.30pm Eucharist		
<b>Monday 25th, December – Christmas Day</b>				
<b>9.30 am Family Eucharist</b>	9.30am Family Eucharist		11am Family Eucharist	11am Family Eucharist (OW)
<b>Sunday, 31 December – NewYear's Eve</b>				
		11am Eucharist		
<b>Services might be liable to change, so please do check our website (<a href="http://bartonbenefice.org.uk">http://bartonbenefice.org.uk</a>) or church noticeboard</b>				
AMH Alice Marshall Hall				
OW: Over Worton, NW: Nether Worton				
<b>Thought for the month: <i>And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth. John 1:10-13</i></b>				

*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 one of our Churchwardens: Clare Burgess (347382), Christopher Drake (340057) or [dunstewpcc@gmail.com](mailto: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.*

# Church News



Wishing you peace and joy this Christmas



from Jane and the PCC

We have a full selection of services in the Benefice during the Christmas period (see back of newsletter) and everyone is welcome to come to join us at one or all! So if you have children why not try one of our special services such as the ever-popular Donkey and Carols in Duns Tew on **Saturday 16 December at 3.30pm** or the Christingle Service in Sandford St Martin on 10 December at 3.30pm or if you just want to sing popular carols then why not come to our Carols in the Churchyard on **Thursday, 21 December at 6pm**. As services may be liable to change so please do check our website <http://bartonbenefice.org.uk> or church noticeboard.

## December

**Carol Service with George the Donkey and sheep, *Saturday, 16 December at 3.30pm.***

Come and join us for this very popular Christmas Carol Service. Watch the Christmas story being acted out by local children, helped by a baby, George the donkey and some sheep. Then stay afterwards for mulled wine, mince pies and other refreshments!

If you are under 18 and would like to take part, please contact [stephanielacey34@icloud.com](mailto:stephanielacey34@icloud.com) or 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.

**Carols in the Churchyard – *Thursday, 21 December between 6pm-7pm - in aid of the Children's Society.*** Join us for our annual Christmas fundraiser. Bring your relatives and friends for a great start to the festivities. Mulled wine, mince pies and lots of singing!

## Charities Update

Charities we are supporting this Christmas include; The Children's Society, Helen & Douglas House, Polly, Disasters Emergency Committee in addition to our charity of the quarter which is Medical Orphans Project (MOP) Zimbabwe. Donations can be made at our services or on-line with payments to Duns Tew PCC, Sort Code: 30-90-42 (Lloyds) Account No: 00096480

**Shoeboxes for Christmas Appeal** – Many thanks to everyone who supported this appeal. All shoeboxes are now winging their way overseas.

## SAVE THE DATE!

**Burns Supper, Saturday, 27 January 2024 at 7pm in the Village Hall** Come and celebrate a belated Burns Night with us by welcoming the haggis (veggie option too), raising a tot of whisky and enjoying some musical accompaniment to banish the cold dark January nights. More details in the January newsletter.