

Benefice Church Services February 2024

Duns Tew	Steeple Barton	Westcote Barton	Sandford St Martin	The Wortons
Sunday 4 February				
		9.30am Benefice Candlemas	5pm Evening Worship	11am Eucharist (OW)
Sunday 11 February				
11am Eucharist	9.30am Eucharist			
Wednesday 14 February - Ash Wednesday				
5pm Ash Wednesday Service				
Sunday, 18 February				
		5pm Service in AMH	11am Eucharist	9.30am Eucharist (NW)
Sunday, 25 February				
9.30am Family@Church	11am Eucharist			
AMH Alice Marshall Hall OW: Over Worton, NW: Nether Worton More news available on bartonbenefice.org.uk or facebook.com/bartonbenefice/				
<b style="color: #4a3979;">Thought for the month: “Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.” Philippians 4:6				

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.

Church News

Lent

This year, Lent begins on Wednesday 14 February (Ash Wednesday) and there will be a short service for the Imposition of Ashes at 5pm in Duns Tew. The Lent Lunch in Duns Tew, which is part of a series of Benefice Lent Lunches, will be on Friday, 15 March at 12.30pm. For further information about the lunches and the lent study groups please contact Clare Burgess (347382).

Charities Update

Thank you to everyone who supported our charities over the Christmas period. We raised £1000 for our four charities including £265 for the Children's Society from our Carols in Churchyard.

Our **charity of the quarter** for January to March is **The Branch Trust**. This charity was set up to address the hidden poverty in the local area. It provides supports through advocacy, debt help, drop-in centres and courses in life skills, plus youth activities for deprived families in Chipping Norton. Come and hear more on Sunday, 10th March at the 11am service in church when a representative of The Branch will be speaking about its work. <https://thebranchtrust.org>

The Book Exchange in the church's meeting room (small area to the left before you reach the front of the church) is still going strong and open daily (normally 9am to 5pm). Please do come and browse our wide selection of books and in exchange bring a book, in good condition, which you have enjoyed and would like to pass on. Unfortunately, we do not have the room to store boxes of books that you no longer want, but please do take them to the charity book shops in Chipping Norton or Woodstock or maybe save them at home for our fete.