

## Benefice Church Services March 2024

Duns Tew	Steeple Barton	Westcote Barton	Sandford St Martin	The Wortons
<b>Friday, 1 March</b>				
7pm World Day of Prayer				
<b>Sunday 3 March</b>				
		9.30 am Eucharist	5pm Evening Prayer	11am (OW) Eucharist
<b>Sunday 10 March (Mothering Sunday)</b>				
11am Eucharist speaker from the Branch Trust	9.30am Eucharist			
<b>Sunday, 17 March</b>				
		5pm Service in AMH	11am Eucharist	9.30am (NW) Eucharist
<b>Sunday, 24 March (Palm Sunday)</b>				
9.30am Family@Church with George the Donkey	11am Eucharist	5pm Evening Prayer + passion narrative		
<b>Holy Week Services</b>				
<b>25 March Passion Play at St Mary Magdalene, Woodstock at 7.00pm</b> <b>A short service will be held on Zoom at 9pm on Tues 26 and Wed 27 March</b>				
<b>Thursday, 28 March (Maundy Thursday)</b>				
			7pm Eucharist & Supper email stephanielacey34@icloud to book supper	
<b>Friday, 29 March (Good Friday)</b>				
	2pm Reflective Service		10am Family Service	
<b>Saturday, 30 March (Easter Eve)</b>				
		8pm Easter Eve Vigil and Service of Light		
<b>Sunday, 31 March (Easter Day)</b>				
<b>9.30am Eucharist</b>	11am Eucharist		11am Eucharist	9.30am Eucharist OW
AMH Alice Marshall Hall <span style="float: right;">OW: Over Worton, NW: Nether Worton</span>				
More news available on <a href="http://bartonbenefice.org.uk">bartonbenefice.org.uk</a> or <a href="https://facebook.com/bartonbenefice/">facebook.com/bartonbenefice/</a>				
<b>Easter Thoughts:</b> "Christ the Lord is risen today, sons of men and angels say. Raise your joys and triumphs high; sing, ye heavens and earth reply." – <i>Charles Wesley</i>				

*Duns Tew church is open throughout the day for anyone wishing to visit, pray, meditate or simply be. Baptism, weddings, funerals and home visits contact the Vicar, Revd Jane Wright on 01869 340510 [clergy.bartonbenefice@gmail.com](mailto:clergy.bartonbenefice@gmail.com) or our Churchwardens: Clare Burgess (347382), Christopher Drake (340057) or [dunstewpcc@gmail.com](mailto:dunstewpcc@gmail.com). Admin enquiries: Clare Harper, Benefice Administrator [enquiries@bartonbenefice.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@bartonbenefice.org.uk) or [bartonbenefice.org.uk](http://bartonbenefice.org.uk)/  
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## Church News

**Lent Groups and Lunches** We will be running Lent Lunches (all at 12.30pm) and Lent Groups (all at 8pm) again this year.

The **Lent lunches** will be taking an informal look at “Exploring the Eucharist” and we will hear from speakers who represent several traditions within the C of E. Everyone is welcome but to help with catering, please book your lunch by emailing Steph [stephanielacey34@icloud.com](mailto:stephanielacey34@icloud.com). Lunch will be served at 12.30 and there will be an opportunity to donate to a chosen charity. The lunch dates are:

**Friday, 1 March** THE EUCHARIST – A BRIEF TIMELINE, Sandford St Martin Parish Hall.

**Thursday 7 March** FROM GATHERING ... TO WORD, Alice Marshall Hall, Middle Barton

**Friday, 15 March** FROM PEACE (love it or not!) ... TO COMMUNION, Duns Tew Village Hall.

**Thursday, 21 March** SENT OUT TO SERVE .....A PANEL OF PRIESTS who may preside differently Alice Marshall Hall, Middle Barton.

**Evening Lent Groups** We will be using the Diocese of Oxford’s Come and See for the lent groups. Please sign up for free to receive the daily reflections which may be of interest to anyone, even if you are not taking part in the study groups. From the Diocese: “Love is at the heart of our Lent course. Come and See is our big warm invitation to you all to join us for Lent and discover more about God’s love for us. Sign up here:[www.oxford.anglican.org/come-and-see](http://www.oxford.anglican.org/come-and-see) Everyone who registers will receive a daily short email to reflect on, and a weekly short video from Bishop Steven exploring the themes in a bit more detail. will be at 8pm on the following dates:

Monday 19 Feb at the Rectory.

Monday 26 Feb 34 Duns Tew.

Weds 6 March at the Rectory.

Thurs 14 March at Corner Cottage, Main St, Duns Tew.

Weds 20 March at 11 Mill Close, Middle Barton.

**World Day of Prayer** will be held in the church on Friday, 1 March 2024 at 7pm. This year the service has been prepared by the women of Palestine. Wine and soft drinks afterwards with Palestinian snacks. For more information contact Karen on [karenholmeley@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:karenholmeley@yahoo.co.uk).

**Mothering Sunday Posies** Come and help us make posies on Saturday 9 March at 4pm in the church to give out on Mothering Sunday. Flowers will be provided.

### Charities Update

Our **charity of the quarter** for January to March is **The Branch Trust**. Come and hear more from a speaker from the charity at our Mothering Sunday service on **Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> March at the 11am** service in church when a representative of The Branch will be speaking about its work.

<https://thebranchtrust.org>

### SAVE THE DATE

A concert by **Consensio** will be held in the church **on Saturday, 27 April at 7.30pm**. This will be an evening of a cappella and accompanied choral music through the ages in celebration of flowers. Tickets £12, U16s free, Bar available. Contact Clare Burgess for tickets on 01869 347382 or [dunstewpcc@gmail.com](mailto:dunstewpcc@gmail.com).

**Duns Tew Church Fete - Sunday 9th June 1.30-4pm** in the Manor Grounds (see main ad).