

August 2016 Newsletter

Church News

All services at Duns Tew, unless stated otherwise

07.08.16	6 pm	Evening Prayer
14.08.16	11 am	Lay-led matins
21.08.16	9.30 am	Family Eucharist
28.08.16	11am	Eucharist

Church Fête

The **final figure** for the **fête** held in June was **£5222** which is brilliant. This makes a significant contribution to our funds to pay for church running expenses (heating oil, electricity etc) as well as helping towards payment of our parish share which is currently over £16,000 per year. The Parish Share is the amount of money that each parish is asked to contribute to the Diocese of Oxford, to pay for clergy salaries, housing and training, etc.

Thank you once again for all your support and generosity.

Don't miss all the photographs on the village website: www.dunstew.com, click on "Church" tab.

Advance notice - Ride or Stride 2016– Saturday 10th September

This year the Historic Churches Bike Ride will be held on Saturday 10th September. Last year we raised £777, half of which helped towards the upkeep of Duns Tew church, and half went to the Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust.

It is fun to take part as a family, with friends and even on your own as most of the churches you visit will have someone waiting to welcome you.

Some people just visit 3 or 4 churches, but Chris Drake went to 36 different churches during last year's event, so you could try and beat that!

If you are free to sit in the church for an hour on the day, as a "Welcomer" to riders, please contact Clare Burgess clarebugress@gmail.com or 347382

Charity of the Quarter

For August/September/October, the PCC will be collecting donations to help the work of Polly who befriends the homeless in Banbury. Her work was recognised in last year's High Sheriff of Oxfordshire Awards.

Polly distributes food and befriends the homeless and vulnerable in the Banbury area every day.

- Polly has been working for over 27 years now in the centre of Banbury, providing hot food every evening, plus cakes/sandwiches etc for the people to take for the next day.
- Polly is a friend to the friendless or people on the margins of society and also people recently out of hospital or prison, as well as the homeless – anyone who needs love and guidance as well as food.

- Once they've had their food, Polly spends time with her friends, as she considers them to be. They talk about their problems and if they need something, Polly will put out a call for clothing or household items such as a microwave and bedding etc. or go to charity shops and buy them things. If they have got a place to live, they usually have no resources to make it liveable.

Polly is very appreciative of all your donations.

Reminder: When leaving donated food in the basket in church, please make sure all food is still within its use-by date.

Polly always needs:

Chocolate, chocolate bars, biscuits, teabags, instant coffee, instant chocolate drink.

Also, if you have any clean bedding (sheets, duvets) or clothing/shoes (men's and women's) which you could donate, please contact Clare: 347382 or clarebugress@gmail.com

Thank you!