

February 2018 Newsletter

Church

All services at Duns Tew, unless stated otherwise

04.02.18	9.30am at Westcote Barton 5pm	Candlemas Evening Prayer
11.02.18	11am	Lay-Led matins
14.02.18	12pm	Ash Wednesday Service
18.02.18	9.30 am	Eucharist
25.02.18	11am	Eucharist
28.02.18	10.30am	Midweek communion at 1 Hill Farm Lane

Graeme & Nynka: Thank you to everyone who was able to attend the farewell service in Steeple Barton on 7th January, and/or come to the social club afterwards for refreshments, Graeme and Nynka have asked that the PCC send their thanks on to all in the group of helpers, and to everyone who contributed to their retirement gift. 'We were quite overcome by the kindness, love and generosity shown to us'. They have been overwhelmed by the generosity of everyone in the benefice - donations are still being received towards their retirement gift which currently stands at £9000.

Women's World Day of Prayer

To be held on Friday 2nd March, at 7pm, in the church. Please join us for this service which has been written by the women of the Suriname on the theme of "All God's creation is very good". The service will urge us to evaluate how our actions affect our planet. If you would like to do a short reading, please contact Steph Lacey stephanielacey@btconnect.com

ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND THE SERVICE.

Save the date

Wednesday 28 February at 12.00pm for 12.30pm in Duns Tew Village Hall
A simple Lent lunch, followed by a talk by our Archdeacon, Judy French, on the Beatitudes.

Friday 9 March at 7.00pm in St Martin's Church, Sandford St Martin a concert by Roberto Tardito. Tickets £12 in advance or £14 on the door.

The concert is based on Llibre Vermell de Montserrat, a manuscript collection of devotional texts containing some late medieval songs
(https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Llibre_Vermell_de_Montserrat).

To book for either event please contact Stephanie Lacey
(stephanielacey@btconnect.com)

All proceeds to go to the Trussell Food Bank in Banbury.

Charities

Thank you to everyone who donated to, collected for, or sang for, **The Children's Society** at the carol singing held before Christmas. We raised £355.

A further £340.80 was collected for the same charity at the Service on Christmas Day.

The **Al Basma Special Rehabilitation Centre**, Bethlehem, received £157.20 from the Christmas Eve service.

Charity of the Quarter

For February/March/April, the PCC will be collecting donations via the charity plate in church, to help the work of **Medical/Orphan Project (MOP)** in Zimbabwe (www.tzaba.org).

MOP is supporting 15 children at the Bonda Children's Home. Please read the 2017 newsletter available in Church for news of Dumisani who is 25 and is about to start the final year of his studies, thanks to funding from MOP.

MOP have produced a general purpose postcard designed by a young artist at the Bonda Orphanage, to sell as a fund-raising item. These are available for £1 for 4; please contact Jo on jbartonbevan@aol.com.

Polly

As always please leave in-date food donations in the basket in church.

Polly was amazed and extremely grateful to receive the sandwiches, cakes and a shepherd's pie left over from the farewell lunch and tea held for Graeme & Nynka on 7th January. Thank you. Clare 347382.