

## March 2018 Newsletter

Dear Villager,

As you are probably aware our vicar, Graeme Arthur, retired in January after twenty years as our priest. As we begin our search for Graeme's successor, we need your help.

### HELP US TO CHOOSE OUR NEW VICAR

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Whether you come to church regularly or not, please do join us at the Sports and Social Club, Worton Road, Middle Barton on Thursday 8 March at 7.30pm when we will be exploring what sort of man or woman we would like to help us to walk with God.

(Or send your comments to [clergy.bartonbenefice@outlook.com](mailto:clergy.bartonbenefice@outlook.com))

From the Parochial Church Councils of our villages

Meanwhile during the vacancy Sunday services will carry on as normal, with a variety of different visiting priests leading the worship. If you need to contact someone about church-related matters, please e-mail [clergy.bartonbenefice@outlook.com](mailto:clergy.bartonbenefice@outlook.com) or telephone 01869 347350.

Stephanie Lacey  
Lay minister

## Other church notices

All services at Duns Tew, unless stated otherwise

Fri 02.03.18	7pm	<b>Women's World Day of Prayer</b>
04.03.18	5pm	Evening Prayer
11.03.18	9.30am at Steeple Barton 11am	Benefice Mothering Sunday Lay-Led matins at Duns Tew
18.03.18	9.30 am	Eucharist, followed by Annual Church Meeting (APCM)
25.03.18	11 am with choir & donkey	<b>Palm Sunday</b> Eucharist
28.03.18	10.30am	<b>Midweek communion at 1, Hill Farm Lane</b>
29.03.18	7.30pm	<b>Maundy Thursday Liturgy</b>
30.03.18	12 noon	<b>Good Friday Meditation for adults and children</b> Sandford St Martin followed by a picnic in the churchyard

31.03.18	8.00 pm	<b>Easter Vigil</b> Westcote Barton Church
01.04.18	9.30am 11 am	<b>Easter Eucharist Duns Tew</b> <b>Easter Service</b> with Archdeacon Judy French Sandford St Martin

### **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](mailto:stephanielacey@btconnect.com)  
ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND THE SERVICE.

**Concert 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](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Llibre_Vermell_de_Montserrat) ).

To book, please contact Stephanie Lacey ([stephanielacey@btconnect.com](mailto:stephanielacey@btconnect.com))  
All proceeds to go to the Trussell Food Bank in Banbury.

**Mothering Sunday 11th March** the Benefice Service for Mothering Sunday will be held at 9.30 at Steeple Barton Church, supported by both Benefice and school choirs and the Brownies

### **Annual Parochial Church Meeting**

The annual church meeting, to which all are welcome, will be held on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> March, at 10.30am, following the 9.30 service.

### **"Dorn and Ridge" Churches Benefice Website**

Please visit: [www.dornandridgebenefice.org.uk](http://www.dornandridgebenefice.org.uk) for information on regular and special festival services in the six churches in the Benefice.

### **Charity collection**

We were able to send a cheque for £288.71 to Ripple Africa, our charity of the quarter. Thank you to all who contributed.

**Duns Tew Fete - Save The Date – Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> June – 1.30pm**

By kind permission of Gavin and Fiona McAlpine, the Church Fete will once again take place in the Manor Gardens. The date this year will be Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> June, from 1.30 - 4pm.

This year's fete committee are Tom Lindley, Clare Burgess, Sarah Taylor, Sarah Lindley, Helen Hammond, Steph Lacey, Chris Keeping.

We would be delighted to hear from anyone who would like to join us on the committee or who would like to be involved in the preparations or on the day.

**Please speak to any of the above, or contact:**

clarebugress@gmail.com (email is ...bugress and not ..burgess!) or phone 347382.

**Date for your diary**

Duns Tew PCC Open Gardens. Sunday 1st July, 2-5 pm. For more details contact Maria, 340826 or Sarah, 340827

**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](http://www.tzaba.org)). Jo Barton will be telling us more about this work during the 9.30am service on 18 March.

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