

Bartons and Sandford Bulletin

September 2022

Drama Group: At the time of writing, we are still trying to put together the improbably titled “They Came from Mars and Landed outside the Farndale Avenue Church Hall in Time for the Townswomen’s Guild’s Coffee Morning”, the full length version of the play some of you will have seen a preview of over the Jubilee weekend. Unfortunately due to a lack of bodies we are struggling to raise a cast so this is an extra special appeal to anyone out there if they’d like to get involved. As well as the major roles (the good ladies and one gentleman of the Townswomen’s Guild), we intend to introduce some non- speaking parts to act as ‘minions’ to the evil Indesit the Martian and also to be part of the “Celestial Chorus” who dash about dressed up in very tatty “Stars and Planets” costumes between scenes. There’s also lots to do for the technically minded! If you’ve ever fancied having a go at Am Dram but didn’t like the idea of learning lines, this could be the one for you; no experience necessary but commitment, a sense of humour and of the totally ridiculous a distinct advantage! Rehearsals will be on Thursday evenings to start with then Thursday evenings and Sunday afternoons as we get more involved. All very silly, should be fun but we really do need some extra people. If you think you’d be interested, please contact Mike on; mcherbert2@outlook.com.

Good Neighbour Scheme: We are a group of local DBS checked volunteers providing support for the community when friends and family are unable to e.g befriending, small tasks, prescription collecting, transport to GP

appointments. Please contact Mary Thompson or Louise Caldwell on 07486 886971 or email bartonsgns@gmail.com if you need assistance or would like to volunteer (we especially need more volunteer drivers).

Pre-school: The children had a fun and full last term culminating in the leavers assembly, a celebratory party and a fond farewell to Gill who has now retired and will be exceptionally missed. We would like to extend a big thank you to those who came and supported the end of year party. The children had a lovely time in the sunshine with music, balloons, water play and glo-sticks. A warm welcome to our new Committee members. We shall be conspiring together to organise some enjoyable fundraising events for the tail end of this year so watch this space for details. *100 Club*; July winners – Barbara I, Nynka A, Wendy D and Louise G. August – Martin C, Amy R, Michael A, Jill T. If you would like to renew your numbers or join in, please ask a member of staff or committee. Pre-school re-opens on Tuesday 6th September and we look forward to welcoming all our bright new young starters. Please visit our website for our prospectus and other useful information; www.middlebartonpreschool.co.uk. Please feel free to call or email to arrange to pop in and see us if you are interested in your child joining us. It is important to get their names on the waiting list so they don’t miss out. 01869 347968; email middlebartonpreschool@gmail.com.

Roman Catholic Church: *Services:* St Teresa’s, Charlbury. Sundays; Mass at 9.15am. Holy Days; Mass at 7.00pm.

Church News: *Looking back at some key summer events and services;* There were two church fetes over the summer – one in Duns Tew and one in Westcote Barton. Both were popular and proved the traditional church fete is still a mainstay of summer in the English village. Thanks to all who came and to those who helped to organise these big events. This year, our popular pet service was attended by no less than 20 four legged friends and over £100 was donated to Oxfordshire Animal Sanctuary. During the mini-heatwave, we reminded people that our churches are open for everyone – for those needing a moment of quiet or just somewhere to escape from the hot weather. We had visiting bell ringers in Sandford St Martin and the bells were also rung at a number of weddings in our churches over July and August. As we begin to look ahead to the autumn, we wish our families and especially the children all the best for the new school term. Our [Family@Church](#) service on 4th September in Westcote Barton will have a “back to school” theme so please come along bringing a school bag with you. We also have several more baptisms planned for September and we wish all our families well as they prepare for these special occasions. *September Events;* Ride and Stride is on Saturday 10th September. This is a sponsored event in aid of our churches and the Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust. Why not join us if you can? If you can walk, cycle, run or even horse ride you could make this a fun family day. Please see our website for further details or the main Ride+Stride website www.ridestride.org/. *A Season*

of Harvests; Over Worton Church will hold its Harvest Festival on Sunday 11th September at 11am with the church beautifully decorated by members of the Over and Nether Worton community. Do go and have a look on either the Saturday or Sunday. There will also be Harvest Celebrations in Duns Tew on Sunday 11th September at 9.30 am and in Sandford St Martin on Sunday 18th September at 11am. Also on 25th September in Steeple Barton at 11am. [Family@Church](#) in Westcote Barton on the first Sunday in October will have a harvest theme. *Details of Church Services*; The rota of regular services with details of times and venues will be published on our website, Facebook page and noticeboards or you can contact Jane for information (details below). We will also continue to livestream two of our church services each month. *Stay up to date with news of services and events*; If

you would like to be added to our weekly Notice Sheet email list, please send an email to enquiries@bartonbenefice.org.uk. Please do contact us at any time if we can be of any help or provide you with information about services and activities in the benefice. With all best wishes The Revd Jane Wright, Rector of the Benefice. Tel: 01869 340510; email clergy@bartonbenefice.org.uk. Web address; www.bartonbenefice.org.uk. Follow us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com.bartonbenefice/>.

Church services: September	Westcote Barton	Steeple Barton	Duns Tew	Sandford St Martin	Nether Worton	Over Worton
4 th September	9.30am Family @Church and Eucharist.	----	----	5pm Evening Prayer	----	11am Eucharist
11 th September	-----	11am Eucharist and baptism.	9.30am Harvest Eucharist and Zoom	----	---	11am Harvest Festival
18 th September	----	5pm Alice Marshall Hall and Zoom	---	11am Harvest Eucharist	9.30am Eucharist	---
25 th September	5pm Evening Prayer	11am Harvest Eucharist	9.30am Family @church	----	----	----

I would be grateful if contributions for inclusion in the October Bulletin could please be sent to me no later than Saturday 17th September. Thank you.

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