

St Mary the Virgin, Steeple Barton

The Church of St Mary the Virgin at Steeple Barton is the largest in the benefice, making it ideal for major events - and it is also setting for our annual pet service!

Steeple Barton is about a mile south-east of Middle Barton. It is now little more than a small collection of stone cottages and houses, a church and Barton Abbey. The size of the church and humps in the surrounding fields indicate that it was once a once sizable village, but this was largely abandoned after the ravages of the Black Death.

The church is Norman but little of the original building is recognisable except the Norman font. The south aisle was added in the 14th century; its surviving original features include the south porch and five-bay arcade, both of which are Decorated Gothic. The Perpendicular Gothic west tower was added in the 15th century.



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A member of the congregation at the pet service



Palm Sunday with George the donkey