

Services for November 2010

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| | Wed 3 rd | 10.00am | Eucharist | Deddington |
| | Thur 4 th | 2.00pm | Squeals & Wheels | Deddington |
| 1st | Sunday 7 th | 9.00 am | Eucharist | Hempton |
| | 3rd before Advent | 10.30am | <i>First Sunday</i> | Deddington |
| | | 4.00 pm | Eucharist | Barford St M |
| | | 6.30pm | Evensong | Deddington |
| | Wed 10 th | 10.00am | Eucharist | Deddington |
| | Thurs 11 th | 2.00pm | Squeals & Wheels | Deddington |
| 2nd | Sunday 14 th | 9.00am | Service of Remembrance | Barford St M |
| | Remembrance | 10.45am | Service of Remembrance | Deddington |
| | Wed 17 th | 10.00am | Eucharist | Deddington |
| | Thurs 18 th | 2.00pm | Squeals & Wheels | Deddington |
| 3rd | Sunday 21 st | 9.00am | Eucharist | Hempton |
| | Christ the King | 10.30am | Eucharist with Baptism | Deddington |
| | | 3.30 (for 4pm) | <i>Free Spirit</i> | Deddington |
| | | 4.00 pm | All-Age Worship | Barford St M |
| | Wed 24 th | 10.00 am | Eucharist (with Healing Prayer) | Deddington, |
| | Thurs 25 th | 2.00pm | Squeals & Wheels | Deddington |
| 4th | Sunday 28 th | 8.00am | Holy Communion (BCP) | Deddington |
| | Advent 1 | 10.30 am | Advent Celebration | Deddington |
| | | 4.00pm | Eucharist | Barford St J |
| | | 6.00 pm | Evensong | Hempton |
| | Tues 30 th | 6.30pm | Eucharist: St Andrew | Deddington |

BENEFICE OF DEDDINGTON, HEMPTON AND THE BARFORDS



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PRAYERS

Life after death is not wishful thinking but a definite reality

Let us still ourselves in our Father's presence and tell him what is in our hearts.

Heavenly God, as the earthly part of your Church we come before you with our thanks and praise for your living presence among us, in our worship together and in our separate times of prayer. We thank you for bringing the joy of heaven to earth as you lift us into your presence.

We pray for those in difficulties as a result of the current financial situation and for those whose responsibility it is to manage the world's economy. We pray for those who have difficult ethical decisions to make; we pray for wisdom and courage to do what is right.

May we reach out to one another with greater love and better understanding; we pray for our homes, our relatives, our neighbours and our friends, particularly those who do not yet realise the extent of your love for them.. **We pray for the sick**, Tyler Rose, Christine Gay, Sarah Roche, Issy Walton, Timothy Wimbush, Ben Phillips, Tony Broadbere, Ray Sones, Daphne Puttick, Stella O'Neill, Tom Rollason, Jean Flux, Janet and Ellie Bird

To those who are losing heart give your heavenly encouragement and patience; to the young and vulnerable give heavenly protection; to the ill and the damaged give healing and inner peace, as you touch our lives with yours.

We pray for those who are nearing death and those who have died; especially we pray for those who have died suddenly and unprepared. We pray for mercy and forgiveness. **We pray for those who have died and their families**, Frank Miller, Peter Charles, Mita Smith, Betty Hill and Tony Bolton.

This month, as a Deanery we pray for Wykeham Benefice: Epwell, Sibford, Swalcliffe, Tadmarton, Shutford, Broughton with North Newington: Timothy Wimbush and John Tattersall; for all church wardens, treasurers, secretaries and administrators.

We pray for all in prison and staff and families; for our responsibility their for re-integration into the community; for a faithful remembrance of war and remembering all who still suffer as a result of war; for all members of the Armed Forces who live and work in the Deanery; for the Royal British Legion ;for all who work in transport industries. We remember road and other accident victims; for all local printers, newspapers, radio and television stations.

May we all be given a new enthusiasm for walking God's way, clothed in the armour of light.



Boys' Brigade

In case you missed it in the Door, Tom Westbury wrote the following piece about the Boys' Brigade camp this year. Congratulations, Tom!

The most annoying thing about my annual Boys' Brigade (BB) camp is that the week beforehand seems to last forever, so when I woke up at 5.30am on Saturday I knew the next four and a half hours would really drag!

This summer around 30 young people, together with 10 leaders from four BB groups in North Oxfordshire held an annual camp at the CMC, a Christian residential centre near Pen-Sarn in North Wales. The camp started with a short service led by the Revd Dr Hugh White, vicar of Deddington. We then headed north in a convoy of vehicles. The estimated journey time was three and a half hours, but five hours (and a burnt out clutch) later we safely reached the centre. The programme, each day started at 7.45am with room inspection, followed by a healthy breakfast before our daily activities. Each day ended with a film, devotions led by one of the leaders and 'lights out' at 11pm.

The theme of the week was "the mountains and the sea" and our devotions were based around key Bible passages including the Sermon on the Mount and Jesus calming the Sea of Galilee. On Sunday we held a parade at St Tanwg Parish Church, Harlech and in the afternoon we went swimming in the freezing sea. Outdoor activities provided by the CMC included raft building, sailing, kayaking and gorge walking which all included getting soaked in a freezing river at no extra cost! We also found the time to visit Barmouth and the Centre for Alternative Technology.

By far the most challenging activity of the week was our 'expedition' up Mount Snowdon. Apparently it is only 3 miles to the summit of the mountain from the base, the path the BB decided to follow was 15 miles long and the leaders refused to let us go up on the train! When we finally reached the summit we were greeted by beautiful views of dense fog.

On Saturday with a great deal of disappointment we made our journey back to North Oxfordshire.

Only 51 weeks until the next camp. I can't wait!

Tom Westbury is 16 and a member of 1st Deddington BB
The BB is an international uniformed Christian youth organisation. There are 1,500 Church based BB groups in the UK providing activities for over 60,000 young people aged five to 18.

[Extract from 'Celebrating 100 years of well spent youth' The Door, October 2010]

If you would like prayer on any matter, please contact anyone on our Prayer Circle:

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But will 'my' money be well-used? Since most of the money you give to the Church resources your parish (the great majority of the Parish Share paid to the Diocese is used to pay clergy in parishes), this question in the end boils down to whether you trust the Vicar and the PCC to spend 'your' money well.

This is more a question, just now, for Deddington than for Barford, Barford not having had much money recently for elective spending. At the Deddington Forum, presentations on two items on which we have chosen to spend money, IT and work with young people, received applause. Most people in the congregation, I would hazard, want these operations to continue. We have also chosen to spend money on a Curate and I doubt many people think that it is money misspent. IT, Youth Worker, Curate are important factors in making Deddington at the moment a vibrant and exciting parish and I am sure we all want it to continue to be so. So why don't we submit to the discipline of half-tithing (spiritually advantageous in any case) which would make sure of the funding for what we are doing now? We can and should seek to raise funds in other ways, but we cannot be sure how much these efforts will bring in. The only way of being sure we can continue our current work is to pay for it ourselves. Is there any compelling reason for not giving the 5% a go? Do the Maths, consult your conscience and, if you can, give it a go for a year to start with. You will, once you've taken the plunge, love it. Or your money back. A year at 5% percent and if you don't like it, tell us and we'll give you the difference between 5% and what you were giving this year back. No questions asked. (And, yes, this offer has been underwritten.) If we meet this challenge and continue to give at 5% year by year, we shall save ourselves a lot of tediously money-focused time, effort and worry. (Barford NB!)

Deddington Church members will shortly be getting a letter from me asking you to state how much you will be giving to the Church for the year beginning January 2011. We estimate that what we are receiving from regular giving at the moment (about£40K) needs to be raised by half as much again to get us to around the 5%. So the target is £60K pledged as regular giving by Advent Sunday (Nov 28). If we can do it by Christ the King (Nov 21), though, we could have a very appropriate celebration on that feast day. And 5% isn't an upper limit – already-half-tithers, be generous too!

A bottom-end bottle of wine per week per electoral roll member commuted to a contribution to your Church, and we've done it. For wine read, as appropriate in your case, beer, chocolate, newspapers, eating out, concert/ theatre tickets, foreign holidays, investments... An average per person of about £4 a week more than is currently being given. This can be done. Pray about it and discover in prayer, maybe, that it should be done. And then do your bit to make sure it is done. Many blessings will then flow - for ourselves as individuals, for our Church and for others - because that is what happens when you do God's will.

Hugh

For your diary...

Deddington Charity Estates is looking for volunteers to help with cleaning and painting the inside of the Town Hall on the following dates: 5th –10th, 12th –14th November. Please contact Michael Allbrook michael@allbrook.com

Armistice Day Thursday 11 November 7.15pm

Deanery Synod in Deddington Parish Church

Chaplaincy in the Forces –Now & Then with the Revd. (Gp Capt.) Jonathan Chaffey (Asst. Chaplain-in-Chief Operations) and the Revd. Stephen Fletcher (Adderbury).

Everybody is welcome

Bible Study for Advent

This Advent, the Benefice is offering a series of three Bible studies that will explore the stories of Jesus' birth in the Gospels of Matthew, Luke and John. We shall meet at 7.30 in Dan's house (7 Church St, Barford St Michael) every Thursday. If the lure of pondering the Incarnation in preparation for Christmas is not enough, refreshments will be provided. If you'd like to come, please do let Dan know in advance by calling him on 338582 or dropping an e-mail to curatedan@gmail.com.

2nd December: The God of Surprises: Luke

9th December: The Birth of the King: Matthew

16th December: The Word was made Flesh: John



ADVENT EVENINGS

"READY AND WAITING"

at St Laurence, Milcombe.

Wed. December 1st and 8th 7.30pm

ADVENT QUIET DAY at St Mary's, Blox-

ham with Bishop of Oxford

November 20th

10am – 3pm Soup Lunch provided

Poet's corner

■ A Deddington curate called Dan

■ Lay back in the sun for a tan,

■ God spoke from above

■ (Strong words from the Guv),

■ 'You've been called. On your feet now,
young man'. *John Sampson*

Then a Deddington Vicar said 'God,

I find your demand very odd.

Its' not that he slacks-

Just let him relax.

If he burn out, I'm all on my tod!' *Hugh White*

SAINTS ALIVE!

November 16th: EDMUND of ABINGDON (1175-1240)

Educated at Oxford and in Paris, afterwards teaching in both places and fluent in both languages, Edmond became Archbishop of Canterbury in 1233. he was a reforming bishop, also a great peacemaker, especially between King and barons. Many believed civil war was averted entirely through his mediation.

November 23rd: CLEMENT, Bishop of Rome, Martyr c230

Reported to have been a disciple of the apostles, Clement wrote to the Corinthians, focusing on Church ministry and advocating a hierarchical view of church order which set a future pattern for Episcopal practise and ministry. For his pains he was exiled to the Crimea where he was martyred. He wrote > *'If you are wise, then display your wisdom by good deeds; and if you are modest, let others speak of your modesty...to God we owe everything...'* Of the 43 churches in England bearing his name, St Clement Danes, London, is the most famous. It bears the anchor emblem of his martyrdom.'

Bible Readings **November 2010**

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| Sunday 7th | Job 19. 23-27a Psalm 17.1-9 [17.1-8] 2 Thessalonians 2. 1-51, 5. 13-end |
| Sunday 14th | Malachi 4.1-2a |
| Remembrance | Psalm 98 2 Thessalonians 2.1-5, 13-end |
| Sunday 21st | Jeremiah 23.1-6 |
| Christ the King | Psalm 46 Colossians 1. 11-20 Luke. 33-43 |
| Sunday 28th | Isaiah 2. 1-5 |
| Advent Sunday | Psalm 122 Romans 13. 11-end Matthew 24. 36-44 |



If anyone can help with **Afternoon Tea in Church on Sundays**, please let the Vicar or

John Osborough (07753802481) know.



Thanks to all who gave up their time to host our Swedish visitors on 14th October. They very much enjoyed their day with

us and left the Diocese with much to ponder on as regards their Ministry in Sweden.

From the Vicar

Stewardship.

Time, talents and money. No problem with the first two. We in this Benefice, as in the Church of England at large, volunteer massively with our time and talents. That's why our churches do the good job they do. But money? Volunteering cash is a bit of problem for us, it seems, which is why our churches do a less good job than they might.

The Church of England's General Synod recommends Church members give 5% of post-tax income to the Church ('to and through', in fact – the Church will itself give money away). It is recommended that a further 5% be given to other causes which promote Christ's kingdom. These recommendations are, of course, grounded in biblical injunctions on tithing, but regular giving in the Cof E is at only about 3.2 % of post-tax income. Why are most of us not doing what our Church asks of us?

Stark inability, perhaps? A good reason. But how often, particularly where money is concerned, is 'I can't' a convenient mistranslation of 'I won't'? People will have to consult their consciences on this matter, of course; most will find, if they are honest, that they could afford to give at the level the Synod suggests. It might involve a measure of sacrifice, but there's not much spiritual harm in that.

Or is it that we feel we have a right to direct our giving where we wish, when we wish and in the amounts and proportions we wish? This apparently reasonable position is not so easy to maintain if we understand that we don't ourselves own anything, but are stewards of what is actually God's. It's what God wants us to do with what he entrusts to us (money, time, talents, life, self) that is the issue. You can, of course, back yourself to make independently an accurate discernment as to what God wants, but in this financial area it might be wise to protect yourself against self-interested self-deception by accepting the teaching of the Body of Christ.

There is further difficulty with the 'I have a right to choose what I do with my money' position besides the error of supposing it is my money in the first place. That second difficulty is the large component of self, of me, in that 'right to choose' stance. In giving himself for the life of the world Christ empties himself and submits absolutely to the will of the Father. The injunction to half-tithe at 5% is an invitation to a similar sort of giving, an invitation to loose the ties of the ego on our gift, to an unconditional 'over to you', to a real giving rather than a kind of buying. Given our deep-rooted desire to be in control, that is pretty challenging, but it will bring great spiritual rewards, primarily in an experience of the goodness of the God who loves a generous giver, an enhanced awareness that our trust in him is securely placed. It certainly takes us away from the consumerist behaviour which dominates the culture in which we are set, where 'what I want' is boss. Half-tithing is one way in which we can, in obedience to God and trusting in him, step out of this world and its self-centredness into the selfless generosity of behaviour that characterises the Kingdom of God. And surrender to God in faithful obedience in this area of our lives can only help us on the path to that total surrender to God that he asks of us – asks of us not so as to domineer in our lives, but so that he can bless us to the utmost.

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All events to be held in Deddington Parish Church – unless otherwise indicated
Amendments and additions (in bold throughout text). Unconfirmed bookings in italics.

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| Deddington Festival * | Thurs 4th Nov | 7.30pm | Friends AGM |
| Church Bazaar* | Sat 6th Nov | 11.30am - 2pm | |
| Deanery Synod* | Thurs 11 th Nov | 7.15pm | |
| Deddington PCC | Thurs 25th Nov | 7.30pm | Unicorn Inn |
| Hempton Bazaar | Sat 4th Dec | 11.00am | Hempton |

Choros Advent Carols* Sun 5th Dec

Children's Activities Sat 11th Dec 10.00am-12.30pm

Primary School Christmas productions

F1 Mon 13th Dec 2.00pm

KS1 Wed 15th Dec 4.30pm

KS2 Thurs 16th Dec 6.00pm

Farmers' Market* Sat 18th Dec 9.30am

Opera Della Luna* Tues 21st Dec. 7.30pm (Rehearsal 5-6.30pm)

Visiting Bell ringers Mon 27th Dec 10.30am-12 noon

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Visiting Bell ringers Thurs 3rd March 7.30-9pm

Women's World Fri 4th March 2—3.30pm

Day of Prayer*

Chipping Norton Friday 15th April (evening rehearsal)

Choral Society Sat 16th April (rehearsal pm and concert in evening)

Warriner Choral Society Sat 21st May

Society

Wedding Sat 11th June 2pm

Wedding Sat 18th June Barford St Michael

Deddington Festival 24th –26th June (Living Room) Craft Group

Deddington Festival Sun 26th June 2-5pm Rehearsal

(Community Concert) Tues 28th June 5-8pm Rehearsal

Thurs 30th June 7.30pm Performance*

Fri 1st July Deddington Writers' Group Evening*

Sat 2nd July 'Come and Sing' workshop & concert*

Wedding Sat 30th July 2pm Bells, Choir, Organ

Wedding Sat 6th August Barford St Michael

Wedding Sat 27th August Barford St Michael

Wedding Fri 2nd Sept Bells, Choir, Organ

*Deddington Parish Show**

Sat 3rd Sept

Historic Churches Ride & Stride

Sat 10th Sept

* Kitchen booked for this event

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Please contact Sue Addison, Benefice Secretary, for all Church bookings.

Sarah Green—Youth worker

'I'm Sarah and I've recently taken up the post of Youth Worker here in Deddington. I'm delighted to be here and hope to get to know you all better over the next few weeks and months.

Just so you all know a little bit more about me, here are some interesting facts;



- I got married at the end of September and am still getting used to having a different name and living further west than I ever have done before!
- I spent the last two years living and working in Cambridgeshire for a church in a village there and thoroughly enjoyed myself.
- Before this I spent three years at Canterbury Christ Church University reading English and Theology.
- Before university I grew up in Essex where my family still live.
- I love reading and will read pretty much anything and everything. I also love to shop and unfortunately have far too many clothes to fit into my new wardrobe!
- I've already been made to feel so welcome here and am very excited to be working and worshipping with you in the Benefice.

As some of you might have heard, last month some of the congregation at Hempton ran a Sunday School, the first in quite some time! It was brilliant and the children that attended had lots of fun making a very glittery coat of many colours for Joseph. This Sunday School will now run on the third Sunday of every month during the morning service at 9am.

After the success of the Sunday School at Hempton, we've decided to start a Sunday School in Deddington as well, which will run on the second Sunday of every month during the morning service at 10.30am. Our first session will be on the 14th November, during the Remembrance day Service.

November will also (hopefully!) see the revival of a Youth Group in Deddington Church. We'll be meeting on the evening of Tuesday 9th November at 7.00-8.30pm to get to know each other and eat lots of pizza!

I'd appreciate it if you would commit these ventures to your prayers over the next few weeks and months and pass on the details to anyone that you think might be interested. Also, if you're interested in helping out at either the Sunday Schools or the Youth Group then please do let me know.'

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