

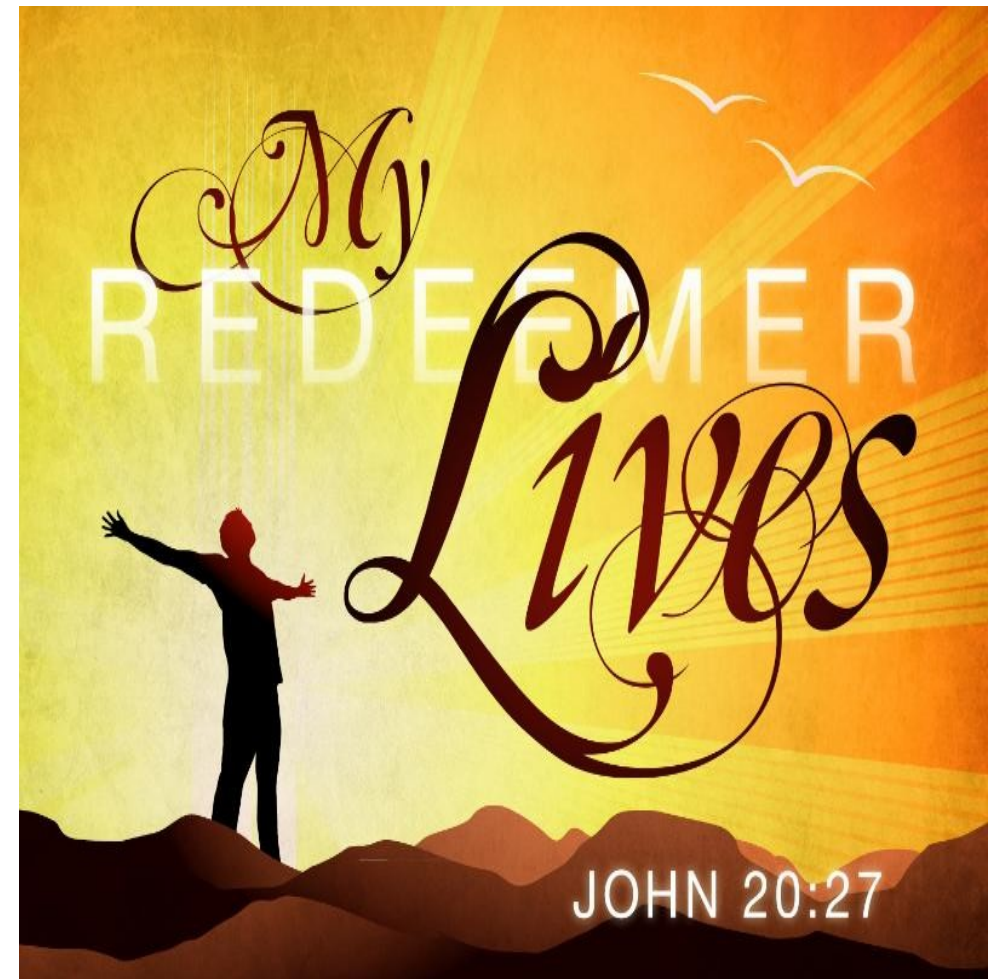
## Services for April 2011

Morning and Evening Prayer are said daily at 8.45 am and 6pm from Monday to Friday.

Prayer Meeting at 8.45am, every Saturday, at which we pray about the future developments in the Benefice

1 <sup>st</sup>	Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	9.00 am	Eucharist	Hempton
	<b>Mothering Sunday</b>	10.30am	<i>First Sunday</i>	Deddington
	<b>Sunday</b>	10.30am	Eucharist	Barford St M
	<b>Lent 4</b>	6.30pm	Evensong	Deddington
	Wed 6 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Eucharist	Deddington
	Thurs 7 <sup>th</sup>	2.00pm	Squeals and Wheels	Deddington
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Eucharist	Deddington
	<b>Lent 5</b>		(with healing prayer)	
		10.30am	Family Service	Barford St M
	Wed 13 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Eucharist	Deddington
	Thurs 14 <sup>th</sup>	2.00pm	Squeals and Wheels	Deddington
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Eucharist	Hempton
	<b>Palm Sunday</b>	10.30am	Eucharist	Deddington
			(assemble at Town Hall at 10.15am for procession)	
			10.30am	Family Service
		3.30	<i>Free Spirit</i>	Deddington
			(for 4pm)	
	Wed 20 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 am	Eucharist	Deddington
	Thurs 21 <sup>st</sup>	2.00pm	Squeals and Wheels	Deddington
	<b>Maudy Thursday</b>	7.00pm	Passover Meal &	Wesleyan Church
			Holy Communion followed by	
			Stripping of Altars	Deddington
			and Vigil until midnight	
	Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup>	9.30am	Hot Cross Bun Service	Deddington
	<b>Good Friday</b>		<u>Ecumenical Walk of Witness: Stations of the Cross</u>	
		11.00am	<i>Meditation</i>	Barford StJ
		11.30am	<i>Meditation</i>	Barford StM
		12.15pm	<i>Meditation and Lunch</i>	Hempton
		1.45pm	<i>Meditation</i>	Wesleyan Church
		2.00pm	<i>Walk of Witness in Deddington</i>	
		3.00pm	Good Friday Liturgy	Deddington

## BENEFICE OF DEDDINGTON, HEMPTON AND THE BARFORDS



# CHURCH MATTERS

April  
2011

## PRAYERS

***It is true. Jesus is alive for all time. The Lord of life cannot be held by death. God's victory over sin and death means that new life for us is a reality.***

**Lord God**, we pray for the world we inhabit; for those who lead, and take important decisions, and for those who follow or are coerced, or have no voice. We pray for mercy and justice, compassion and integrity. We pray for protection against evil and strengthening of goodness.

**Holy God**, breathe your life into the Church; breathe holiness and deepening faith, breathe energy, inspired teaching and fervent praise; unblock the channels and make us more receptive to your gentleness and your power.

**If our work places** and neighbourhoods and homes are to display and respond to your values, then make us more fervent in prayer, more courageous in self-discipline and, above all, more loving in outreach.

**Lord God**, we pray for those who cannot think for the pain or anguish which engulfs them; for all those whose lives are troubled and insecure; for those who have little energy left to rejoice. Bring healing, and the resources to cope with suffering, and give us the grace to carry one another's burdens in love. **We pray for the sick**, including Tyler Rose, Christine Gay, Issy Walton, Timothy Wimbush, Daphne Puttick, Stella O'Neill, Peter Baker, Ellie Bird, Margaret Woolgrove, Muriel Marcham and Brenda Evans.

**Thank you**, loving God, for your promise to be with us always, and not just until we die. We remember with affection those of our parents who loved us into existence and now live in eternity. Gather up into your loving arms those who have recently died and comfort all whose memories make them aware of loss today. **We pray for those who have died and their families** especially Joan Cook, Derrick Elsey and Eric Kimble.

**This month, as a Deanery we pray for** St. Leonard's Banbury: Sue Burchell; Bloxham, Milcombe and South Newington: Sarah Tillett;

**We pray for** mothers, and all who "mother" in any way. For "Mother Church" For the work of the Mothers' Union. For those who work quietly in the background, giving their time and skills to God. For the work of environmental groups and for the stewardship role of the church in God's creation. For all who care for a housebound friend or relative. For all home help, home visiting nursing staff and Meals on Wheels. For the work of food retailers, especially small community shops.

**Lord God, we thank you for the precious gift of new life; may we never again take it for granted but live each moment in the fullness of life that Jesus has gained for us.**

**We give thanks for the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour.**

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

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*Services continued from overleaf*

	Sat 23 <sup>rd</sup>	8.30pm	Vigil and	Hempton
	<b>Easter Eve</b>		First Eucharist of Easter	
<b>4<sup>th</sup></b>	Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup>	8.00am	Holy Communion	Deddington
	<b>Easter Day</b>		(BCP)	
		9.00pm	Family Eucharist	Barford St M
		10.30 am	Family Eucharist	Deddington
	Wed 27 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 am	Eucharist	Deddington
			(with healing prayer)	
	Thurs 28 <sup>th</sup>	2.00pm	Squeals and Wheels	Deddington

## Services for May 2011

<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Sunday 1st</b>	9.00 am	Eucharist	Hempton
	<b>Easter 2</b>	10.30am	<i>First Sunday</i>	Deddington
		10.30 am	Eucharist	Barford St M
		6.30pm	Evensong	Deddington

## Bible Readings— April 2011

<b>Sunday 3rd</b>	1 Samuel 16. 1-13 Psalm 23 Ephesians 5. 8-14 John 9
<b>Sunday 10th</b>	Ezekiel 37. 1-14 Psalm 130 Romans 8. 6-11 John 11. 1-45
<b>Sunday 17th</b> <b>Palm Sunday</b>	<i>Liturgy of the Palms</i> Matthew 21. 1-11 <i>Liturgy of the Passion</i> Isaiah 50. 4-9a Psalm 31. 9-18 Philippians 2. 5-11 Matthew 26. 14-end of 27 or 27. 11-54
<b>Sunday 24th</b> <b>Easter Day</b>	Acts 10.34-43 or Jeremiah 31.1-6 Psalm 118. 1-2, 14-24 [14-24] Colossians 3.1-4 or Acts 10.34-43 John 20. 1-18 or Matthew 28. 1-10



## News and Comment

### St John the Evangelist

The new doors are being put in between the church and hall, which should make a great deal of difference. When this is completed the church will be open, once again, during British Summer Time.

*Les Chappell*

### Library

Following Christopher Hall's telling letter on the Library in the Deddington News, I have written my own to the DN which you might like to read. Neither Christopher's letter nor mine deploy explicitly religious terminology, but I can, I think, ask readers of *Church Matters* to reflect on whether the Christian principles of self-sacrifice and love of neighbour might be applicable to the Library situation and whether therefore Plan B - taking responsibility for the saving and running of the Library ourselves and bearing the various kinds of cost involved - might be a morally and spiritually better option for us than Plan A.



*Hugh*

### Thoughts for Easter



"And he departed from our sight that we might return to our heart, and there find Him. For He departed, and behold, He is here." ~St Augustine

"Our Lord has written the promise of the resurrection, not in books alone, but in every leaf in spring-time."

~Martin Luther

"Do not abandon yourselves to despair. We are the Easter people and hallelujah is our song."

~Pope John Paul II

## For your diary...

**VOCAL ENSEMBLE**  
**LYRA**  
FROM  
ST. PETERSBURG  
RUSSIA

**“LYRA”**

— is a vocal ensemble from St. Petersburg. All singers are professional musicians, singing in different churches of St. Petersburg. Some of them are also soloists at musical theatres of the city. Through their performances, they want to introduce enormous musical heritage of the Russian Orthodox Church, as well as traditions of Russian folk music to all people taking great interest in Russia, its history and its culture.

*Chants of Russian Orthodox Church  
and folk songs from Russia*

**Concert in SS Peter and Paul,  
Deddington at 7.30pm  
Friday 6th May 2011**

*Listen to us on CD*



## ***SAINTS ALIVE!***

**April 3rd: RICHARD of CHICHESTER 1197-1253** Bishop

Born at Droitwich, studied at Oxford, Paris and Bologna: Chancellor of Oxford was given the diocese of Chichester where he had to reside in the house of a parish priest and tour the diocese on foot. Richard was a model diocesan bishop; charitable, accessible, generous, stern but merciful, a good legislator. His famous prayer is still recited today: *"Thanks be to thee, my Lord Jesus Christ, for all the benefits thou hast given me, for all the pains and insults thou has borne for me. O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother, may I know thee more clearly, love thee more dearly and follow thee more nearly, day by day"*.

**April 12th: THOMAS SCOTT, 1747-1821**, Priest, teacher, missionary.

A founding member of the Church Missionary Society and a member of the Clapham Sect. Thomas also published a six-volume tome on the whole Bible which took him 20 years to complete. Much loved as a curate in Bucks County at Stoke Boldington, Weston Underwood and Olney, Thomas became Rector of Aston Sandford in 1801. He was a model pastor and lived very simply. When he preached, a tent was often erected outside the church to accommodate the overflow. His influence was also felt more widely and Newman described him as *'one to whom I almost owe my soul'*. He is buried beneath the altar of his church at Aston Sandford.

### WE REMEMBER THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARY FALLS THIS MONTH

**Deddington and Hempton:** John Lewis, Gerald French, Arthur Tompkins, Denis Edmonds, Freda Ivings, Donald Cole, Kenneth Garrett, Mary Harber-Smith, Kathleen Packard, Cicely Abernethy, Ronald Canning, Rosalie Wincer, Kathleen Berry, Vera Renwick, Arthur Homans and Bernard Sykes

**Barfords:** Edith Bayliss, Arthur Taylor, Lewis Twigg, Margaret Brown, Anthony Meredith-Hardy and Eileen Coppin.

*If you would like to have a name included in the Book of Remembrance, please contact a Churchwarden.*

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## **From the Vicar**



Libya, Japan, New Zealand.... Catastrophes natural and man-made have been coming fast on one another's heels these last weeks bringing with them enormous suffering and raising hard questions. Are the Christian beliefs in a loving God and the perfectibility of the world and humankind anything more than fantasies? Is the Christian hope for a better - in fact, a perfect - order of things anything other than wilful self-delusion?

These questions are always with us, though the calamities of the last few weeks have made them more prominent in our minds than usual, perhaps. As Dan pointed out in a recent sermon, no truly satisfactory explanation has been given as to how evil and suffering can be part of an order created and superintended by a good and all-powerful God. Yet in the face of the bleak realities of sin, suffering and death we can present another reality, that of the Resurrection of Christ. That reality does not deny the reality of suffering and death – indeed the Resurrection is inextricably bound in with suffering and death. But the Resurrection is a fact that points to death's not having the last word in the total order of things over which God presides. Death might seem to be the ultimate defining factor for humankind, that which imposes final limits on us and gives us over to meaninglessness and nothingness. Christ's Resurrection, however, suggests otherwise. And if death, this greatest limiter of our lives, in fact lacks ultimate power over us, then it remains reasonable to believe that there is a kind of existence possible in which not only death but other limiting, oppressive and reductive forces currently constraining and diminishing our living have also been removed. We may rationally believe, that is, in an eternal life of complete and unending happiness and fulfilment, we may legitimately hope for a perfect order of things. Such, anyway, is the belief and the hope Christians have derived from the fact of Christ's Resurrection.

But is the Resurrection fact rather than fantasy? Well, the existence of the Church is no fantasy; the Church is part of the same reality within which wars and earthquakes also exist. And the Church's existence, many would say, is less likely to be grounded in fantasy or delusion or deliberate feigning than in a mysterious but real event which could only be understood as Christ's not being held by death. It seems unlikely that Christ's disciples would have embraced the danger of declaring their leader, executed by powerful authorities as a criminal subversive, alive again unless they had very good evidence for believing that to be the case. The coming into being of the Church is probably easier to explain with a real Resurrection than without one.

So as you wonder about the dreadful events of the past few weeks, don't forget that there is also Easter. We may not be able to explain satisfactorily how a loving God can permit suffering, but, grounded on the reasonable belief that Christ is risen, Christian faith and hope are not absurd.

*Hugh*

## Events Update April 2011

All events to be held in Deddington Parish Church, unless otherwise indicated.  
Amendments and additions in bold, unconfirmed bookings in italics.

Baptism	Sat 2nd April		Barford St M
Deddington APCM *	Wed 6th April	7.30pm	
Chipping Norton	Wed 13th April	(evening rehearsal)	
<b>Children's Activities*</b>	<b>Thur 14th April</b>	<b>10am –12noon</b>	
Choral Society	Friday 15th April	(evening rehearsal)	
	Sat 16th April	(rehearsal pm and concert in evening)	
Baptism	Sat 16th April	12 noon	Barford St M
Deddington PCC	Wed 27th April	7.30pm	Deddington Arms
Barford APCM	Thur 28th April	7.30pm	Barford St M
Archdeacon's Visitation*	Tues 3rd May	from 6pm	
<i>Community concert rehearsal</i>	<i>Thurs 5th May</i>	<i>6.30-7.30pm</i>	
LYRA Concert*	Friday 6th May	7.30pm	
<b>Community concert (Deddington Festival)</b>	<b>Thurs 12th May</b>	<b>6.30-7.30pm rehearsal</b>	
<b>Community concert</b>	<b>Thurs 5th May</b>	<b>6.30-7.30pm rehearsal</b>	
Warriner Choral Society *	Sat 21st May	7.30pm (Rehearsal 9.30am-5pm)	
<b>Community concert</b>	<b>Thurs 26th May</b>	<b>6.30-7.30pm rehearsal</b>	
<b>Community concert</b>	<b>Thurs 9th June</b>	<b>6.30-7.30pm rehearsal</b>	
<b>Community concert</b>	<b>Thurs 16th June</b>	<b>6.30-7.30pm rehearsal</b>	
Wedding	Sat 11th June	2pm	<b>Choir, Bells, Flowers</b>
Wedding	Sat 18th June	<b>2pm</b>	Barford St M
Akeman Voices Concert 'Viva Italia'	Sat 18th June	8pm ( <i>Rehearsal 2-4pm tbc</i> )	
<i>Deddington Festival</i>	<i>24th –26th June (Living Room)</i>		<i>Craft Group</i>
Deddington Festival (Community Concert)	Sun 26th June	2-5.30pm	Rehearsal
Friends of Deddington Festival	Tues 28th June	6-8.30pm	Rehearsal
Friends of Deddington Festival	Wed 29th June	6.30pm	Reception
Deddington Festival	Thurs 30th June*	7.30pm	Community Concert
	Fri 1st July*		Deddington Writers' Group Evening
	Sat 2nd July*		'Come and Sing' workshop & concert
Wedding	Sat 30th July	2pm	Bells, Choir, Organ

Wedding	Sun 31st July	<b>2.30pm</b>	Flowers
Wedding	Sat 27th Aug		Barford St Michael
Deddington Parish Show*	Sat 3rd Sept		
'History of Christianity in 15 objects' * (Bishop of Oxford)	Mon 5th Sept	7.00pm	
Ride & Stride	Sat 10th Sept	All day	
'History of Christianity in 15 objects'* (Professor James Dunn)	Thurs 29th Sept	7.30pm	
Fairtrade Preview*	Wed 12th Oct	<i>11am—7pm</i>	
AD & D Photographic Society	Sat 22nd Oct	9am-1pm	Living room
Warriner Choral Society Concert*	Sat 12th Nov	7pm (Rehearsal 9.30am-5pm)	
'History of Christianity in 15 objects'* (Canon Dr Judith Maltby)	Mon 28th Nov.	7.30pm	
Hempton Christmas Bazaar	Sat 3rd Dec	11.30am	Hempton

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'History of Christianity In 15 objects' * (Professor Sarah Foot)	Mon 16th Jan	<b>7.30pm</b>	
'History of Christianity In 15 objects' * (Dr Sarah Apetri)	Fri 23rd March	<b>7.30pm</b>	
'History of Christianity In 15 objects' * (Xenia Dennen)	Fri 20th April	<b>7.30pm</b>	
Warriner Choral Society Concert*	Sat 19th May	7pm (Rehearsal 9.30am-5pm)	
Warriner Choral Society Concert*	Sat 17th Nov	7.30pm (Rehearsal 9.30am-5pm)	

\* Kitchen booked for this event

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

## Regular Non-Worship Events

### Monday

6.15pm	BB Band Practice*	Deddington
3.15-5.00pm	Homework Club	Deddington
7.30-9.00pm	Bell Ringing Practice	Deddington

### Tuesday

2—5pm	Internet Cafe	Deddington
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### Wednesday

5.15pm	BB Anchors *	Windmill Centre (upstairs)
5.15pm	BB Juniors *	Windmill Centre(downstairs)
7.00pm	BB Company Section *	Deddington

### Friday

10-12.00am	Katharine House Hospice Coffee Morning / <i>Solemates</i> Footcare	Deddington Deddington
2—5pm	Internet Cafe	Deddington
7.45pm	Choir Practice	Deddington

### Saturday

9.30am	Deddington Farmers' Market 4 <sup>th</sup> Saturday	Deddington
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\*these events take place during term time only

## Charity of the Month

[www.toybox.org](http://www.toybox.org)



Toybox is supporting projects working in some of the poorest communities of Latin America. There is so much poverty and so much suffering. The frontline teams have to cope with natural disasters, flooding, violence and social unrest, high levels of poverty and unemployment and the overwhelming needs of the communities they serve. This is not easy work but our teams are committed to making a difference. Rather than focusing on the scale of the problems, they are focusing on the difference they can make.

Don't forget to look at the Church website:

[www.deddingtonchurch.org](http://www.deddingtonchurch.org)

**Deadline for notices and other contributions for the MAY issue: Friday 22nd April**

### Poet's Corner

Now our Church is on Facebook and  
Twitter  
Does it make all of us any fitter  
In Twenty eleven  
To land up in Heaven?  
Convince me, for I 'm a fence-sitter.  
MN.

Our curate, the nicest of men  
Seems a little bit tired now and then,  
And a look in his eye  
Seems to say to the sky  
"Am I Daniel inside the Lion's Den?"  
MN



### The Choristers' Confession

Almighty and most merciful conductor,  
We have erred and strayed from thy  
beat like lost sheep;  
We have followed too much the intona-  
tions and tempo of our own hearts;  
We have left unsung those notes which  
we ought to have sung;  
And we have sung those notes which we  
ought not to have sung;  
And there is no melody in us.  
But thou, O maestro, have mercy upon  
us miserable singers;  
Succour the chorally challenged; spare  
thou them that are without pencil;  
Restore thou them that need extra note  
bashing;  
Pardon our mistakes, and have faith that  
hereafter,  
We live a godly, righteous and *some-  
times* sober life,  
And will follow thy direction and to-  
gether in perfect harmony,  
To the glory of thy holy name.  
Amen. Anon.