

Services for January 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.

Sat 1 st	6.30pm	Eucharist:	Deddington
		Naming and Circumcision of Jesus	
1st Sunday 2nd Epiphany	9.00 am	Eucharist	Hempton
	10.30am	<i>First Sunday</i>	Deddington
	4.00 pm	Evensong	Barford St M
	6.30pm	Eucharist	Deddington
Wed 5 th	10.00am	Eucharist	Deddington
Thurs 6 th	2.00pm	Squeals and Wheels	Deddington
2nd Sunday 9th Baptism of Christ	10.30am	Informal Eucharist	Deddington
	4.00pm	Eucharist	Barford St M
Wed 12 th	10am	Eucharist	Deddington
Thurs 13 th	2.00pm	Squeals and Wheels	Deddington
3rd Sunday 16th Epiphany 2	9.00am	Eucharist	Hempton
	10.30am	Eucharist	Deddington
		with Baptism and Healing Prayer	
	3.30	<i>Free Spirit</i>	Deddington
	(for 4pm)		
	4.00 pm	All-Age Worship	Barford St M
Wed 19 th	10.00 am	Eucharist	Deddington
Thurs 20 th	2.00pm	Squeals and Wheels	Deddington
4th Sunday 23rd Epiphany 3	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Deddington
	10.30 am	Eucharist	Deddington
	4.00pm	Eucharist	Barford St J
	6.00 pm	Evensong	Hempton
Tues 25 th	6.30pm	Eucharist: Conversion of St Paul	Deddington
Wed 26 th	10.00 am	Eucharist	Deddington
		(4 th with healing prayer)	
Thurs 27 th	2.00pm	Squeals and Wheels	Deddington
5th Sunday 30th Epiphany 4	8.00am	Holy Communion(BCP)	Deddington
	10.30am	Mattins	Deddington
	4.00pm	Eucharist	Barford St J

BENEFICE OF DEDDINGTON, HEMPTON AND THE BARFORDS



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PRAYERS

Jesus, the hope of the nations, is shown to the world.

We are companions on a spiritual journey. As we travel together, let us pray.

We pray that the worldwide Church may always be ready to travel in your way and in your direction. We pray for all those who are newly baptised, or who have recently found that you are real; we pray for all in ordained and lay ministries, and for those sensing a special calling. Help us all to listen to your guiding.

We pray for the nations as they live through conflicts and struggle with identity. We long for all peoples to acknowledge the true and living God. We pray that our world may be lit by this light in the darkness to bring freedom and hope wherever there is oppression, recognition and respect where there is none, and in all conflicts positive ways forward.

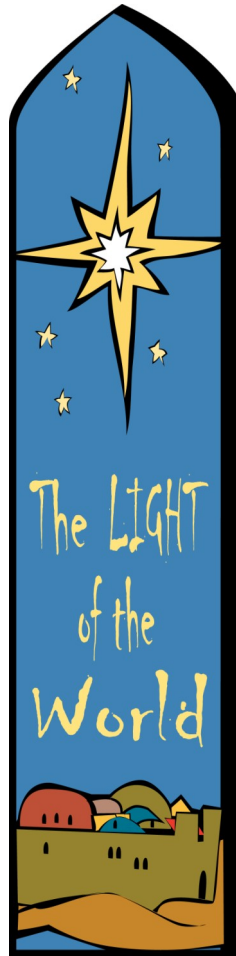
Holy God, we pray for a greater awareness of your presence in our homes and places of work, in our cars and in public transport, in the shops, schools and hospitals, and wherever people meet together. Teach us how to live lovingly, with honesty and compassion; teach us how to live thankfully, and work on our habit of grumbling.

Lord God, there are some who are going through very distressing, painful and worrying times. We stand alongside them now, and ask for them your comfort, reassurance, healing and peace of mind.

Among the sick we pray for, Tyler Rose, Christine Gay, Sarah Roche, Issy Walton, Timothy Wimbush, Ben Phillips, Tony Broadbere, Ray Sones, Daphne Puttick, Stella O'Neill, Tom Rollason, Peter Baker, Ellie Bird, Margaret Woolgrove, Maureen Ward, and Joan Cook.

We pray for those who have died, including John Fowler, Violet Reason, Olive Leslie and Pat Adkins; for those who miss them and are finding it very hard to cope with their loss. We pray for all those who have no one to help them through that last journey. .

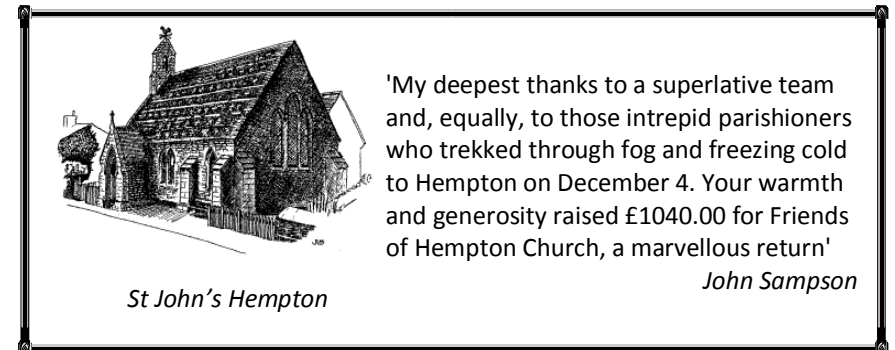
Holy God, we thank you for making yourself known to us in the many blessings of life, and most of all in the person of Jesus, the Christ.



If you would like prayer on any matter, please contact anyone on our Prayer Circle:
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Bible Readings— January 2011

Sunday 2nd	Isaiah 60.1-6 Psalm 72. [1-9] 10-15 Ephesians 3. 1-12 Matthew 2.1-12
Sunday 9th	Isaiah 42.1-9 Psalm 29 Acts 10. 34-43 Matthew 3. 13-end
Sunday 16th	Isaiah 49. 1-7 Psalm 40 1-12 1 Corinthians 1. 1-9 John 1. 29-42
Sunday 23rd	Isaiah 9.1-4 Psalm 27. 1, 4-12 [or 27.1-11] 1 Corinthians 1. 10-18 Matthew 4. 12-23
Sunday 30th	1 Kings 17.8-16 Psalm 36. 5-10 1 Corinthians 1. 18-end John 2. 1-11



'My deepest thanks to a superlative team and, equally, to those intrepid parishioners who trekked through fog and freezing cold to Hempton on December 4. Your warmth and generosity raised £1040.00 for Friends of Hempton Church, a marvellous return'

John Sampson

Services February 2011

	Wed 2nd	10.00am	Eucharist	Deddington
	Thurs 3rd	2.00pm	Squeals and Wheels	Deddington
1st	Sunday 6th	9.00 am	Eucharist	Hempton
	5th before	10.30am	<i>First Sunday</i>	Deddington
	Lent	4.00 pm	Evensong	Barford St M
		6.30pm	Eucharist	Deddington

More dangerous still, though, is Christ as he asks us to recognise how we have taken shares in Worldliness inc, asks us to recognise our own compromises with the way the world goes, to recognise our own complicity with the unsatisfactory, our submission to and service of the worldly powers, to acknowledge our sinfulness in general. Jesus asks us for these recognitions and then invites us to change. If we accept his challenge, it's goodbye to the ego's comfort-blanket of self-justification, chewing on which permits us to remain as we are, and hello to the wrecking-balls of honest self-examination and repentance, which smash the ego to pieces.

'God with us' looks comforting at first. Then it looks threatening - get off my back, Jesus, leave me alone; I'd rather you weren't so pressingly with us - I want to be me. Then it looks comforting again. Thank you, Jesus, that I don't have to be the me I find less than satisfactory. Thank you that in coming to this world you changed everything and made it possible (if everything can be changed, so can I) for me to change too. That change may endanger the me I currently am. But to stay the me I am makes it impossible for the me I might and would like to be to come into being. And, especially at this New Year, I want to begin anew. Our New Year's resolutions are towards this aim - to become the persons we know we should be and want to be. In Christian terms our resolve is to be absolutely submitted to Christ, who knows what we should be better than we ourselves and will help us, on the side of change as he is, into those new beings if we will let him,

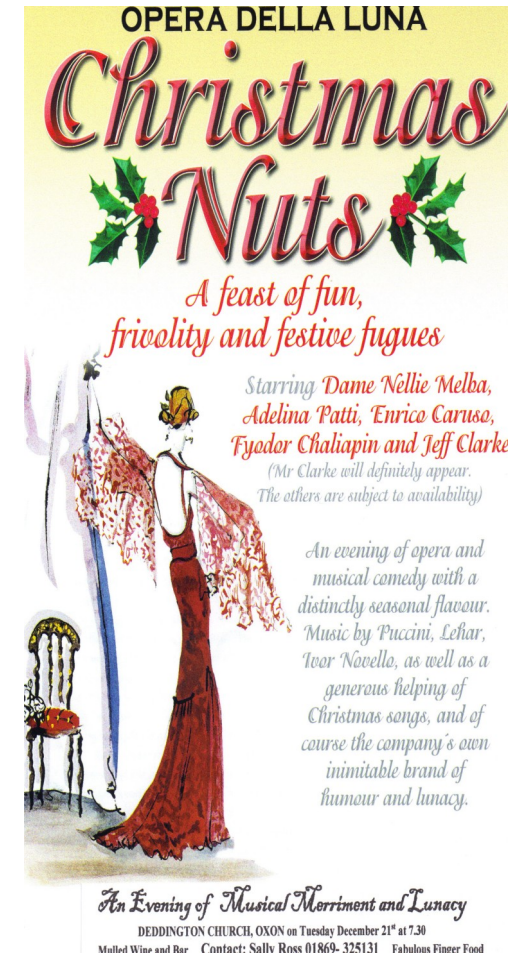
"In the juvenescence of the year came Christ the Tiger", says the poet. Particularly in the year's young growth which is upon us now, we want to change and to grow. Let us succumb to that longing and risk the tangle - the passionate and dangerous tango - with the Tiger. That will involve us taking on the *status quo* in the world and in ourselves. In taking them on we shall, God willing, help to change the world and we shall ourselves, scratched and bitten in encountering God though we shall be - we shall be changed for the better.

So be it. It may hurt, but may that dangerous, tigerish baby in the manger, the God with us who makes all the difference in the world, and can make all the difference in us, the painful but life-giving difference - may he not stand on sentiment but get his teeth into us this New Year.

Hugh

For your diary...

This concert was postponed as a result of the bad weather. It will now take place on
THURSDAY 6TH JANUARY
in Deddington Church at
7.30pm



OPERA DELLA LUNA
Christmas Nuts
A feast of fun, frivolity and festive figues

Starring Dame Nellie Melba, Adelina Patti, Enrico Caruso, Fyodor Chaliapin and Jeff Clarke
(Mr Clarke will definitely appear. The others are subject to availability)

An evening of opera and musical comedy with a distinctly seasonal flavour. Music by Puccini, Lehár, Ivor Novello, as well as a generous helping of Christmas songs, and of course the company's own inimitable brand of humour and lunacy.

An Evening of Musical Merriment and Lunacy
 DEDDINGTON CHURCH, OXON on Tuesday December 21st at 7.30
 Mulled Wine and Bar Contact: Sally Ross 01869-325131 Fabulous Finer Food

Many jobs in the church are left undone because people don't have one of these.

"I'll attend church when I get a round tuit", people say. "I'll definitely clean up the church garden when I get a round tuit". "Of course I'll write an article for the church magazine. I'll get a round tuit sometime." "I feel bad about not visiting the sick. I must get a round tuit."

Copy the image on the right, as many times as you like and give one to everyone in your church who's waiting for a round tuit!



SAINTS ALIVE!

January 11th: Mary SLESSOR, Missionary 1848-1915.

Accepted for mission in Calabar, Nigeria, what Mary lacked in education as a working class mill girl, she made up for in her quick adaptation to the simple Efick language spoken by the natives.. She also enjoyed Bantu community food, loved children, adopting twins which hitherto had been thought evil and often put to death. Politically, she was able to influence trade and took up the mantle of women often exploited by men as inferior labourers.



January 19th: WULFSTAN, Bishop of Worcester, 1009-1095.



Elected Bishop in 1062. for 25 years after his ordination, Wulfstan entered a monastery at Worcester. Although unwilling to leave the monastery, he proved an able administrator and pastor when accepting the bishopric. He nurtured church and state through the difficult transition from Saxon to Norman rule, his gentle nature ensuring peace. Unmoved by flattery, never seeking patronage or rejecting the poor; in preaching, his congregations all felt the Holy Spirit inspired him; in judgement, when he had to, he was always merciful. When praised, he ascribed it to the Lord—in short, he lived as true a Christian life as be-

comes any bishop.

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From the Vicar

Mary Coleridge's poem *Salus Mundi* goes like this:

*I saw a stable, low and very bare,
A little child in a manger.
The oxen knew him, had Him in their care,
To men He was a stranger.
The safety of the world was lying there,
And the world's danger.*



That striking last line assaults Christmas sentimentality full on: sweet little baby looked after by the animals when nasty human beings wouldn't open their hearts and homes to him - but before you go 'Aaah' and push your face towards the little bundle of joy in the manger, watch out! - that baby already has teeth.

Yes, God with us means that the world will be saved. God so loved the world... Baby Jesus *is* a bundle of joy, because he is the ultimate expression of God's love – the Word made flesh, existing in total solidarity with us, happy to share our human nature and predicament, happy in the end to die as a human for us humans, God though he is. Love indeed – and we are rightly comforted as we recognise the depths of God's love for us. Nevertheless, the salvation of the world that Christ brings about through his death is threatening and dangerous to the worldly *status quo*. There is going to have to be massive change for this world to become the kingdom of our God. The world is going to have to be turned upside down and many people won't like that one bit. Sensing the danger to themselves embodied in Christ, the worldly powers seek to get their retaliation in first – and that means danger for others. The conflict between love and self-assertion brings collateral damage. The slaughter of the Holy Innocents, who are caught in the crossfire between good and evil, is an unsentimental reality check as to the true meaning of Christmas.

Checking reality as unsentimentally as we may, we still find that the essential truth of Christmas is that God is with us. Knowing that truth, whatever else less pleasing we know, should make us feel profoundly safe. Christ comes to us and will stay with us to the end of the age. As St Paul has it, neither death nor life, nor things present, nor things to come will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. And love conquers all. We are safe in love's embrace: the force is with us. Nevertheless though at the deepest level Christ is our safety, he is undeniably dangerous to us as we exist on the abrasive surfaces of the world. Dangerous as he invites us to stand with him against the worldly powers and the unsatisfactory *status quo* over which those powers preside and which they seek to maintain – for these worldly powers may, in the world's terms, crush us, if we resist them.

Events Update 2011

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

Deddington Pre-School & Nursery. Jumble Sale	Sat 12th Feb	(preparation Fri 11th pm)	
Visiting Bell ringers	Thurs 3rd March	7.30-9pm	
Women's World	Fri 4th March	2—3.30pm	
Day of Prayer*			
<i>School Production</i>	<i>Fri 25th March</i>	<i>(Rehearsals Wed 23rd & Thur 24th)</i>	
Chipping Norton	Friday 15th April	(evening rehearsal)	
Choral Society	Sat 16th April	(rehearsal pm and concert in evening)	
LYRA Concert	Friday 6th May		
Archdeacon's Visitation*	Tues 11th May	6pm	
Warriner Choral Society *	Sat 21st May	7pm (Rehearsal 9.30am-5pm)	
Wedding	Sat 11th June	2pm	
Wedding	Sat 18th June		Barford St Michael
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
	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 29th July	2pm	Choir, Bells, Organ
Wedding	Sat 6th Aug		Barford St Michael
Wedding	Sat 27th Aug		Barford St Michael
Wedding	Sat 30th July	2pm	Bells, Choir, Organ
Wedding	Sun 31st July	2pm	Flowers
Wedding	Fri 2nd Sept		
Deddington Parish Show	Sat 3rd Sept		
Ride & Stride	Sat 10th Sept	All day	
Warriner Choral Society Concert*	Sat 12th Nov	7pm (Rehearsal 9.30am-5pm)	

Hempton Christmas Bazaar Sat 3rd Dec 11.30am Hempton

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Warriner Choral Society Sat 19th May 7pm (Rehearsal 9.30am-5pm)
Concert*

* Kitchen booked for this event

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

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CONTRIBUTIONS are needed from all GROUPS operating in Deddington and Hempton for inclusion in the Annual Parish Magazine to be published in April 2011

Please send any items to Sue Addison [susan.addison@virgin.net] or leave them in the folder at the back of Deddington Church as soon as they are ready.

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Regular Non-Worship Events

Monday

6.15pm BB Band Practice* Deddington
 7.30-9.00pm Bell Ringing Practice Deddington

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 Deddington
 Coffee Morning Deddington
 7.45pm Choir Practice Deddington

Saturday

Deddington Farmers' Market Deddington
4th Saturday

Sunday

2.30-5pm Teas in Church Deddington

*these events take place during term time only



Don't forget to look at the Church website:

www.deddingtonchurch.org

Deadline for notices and other contributions for February issue: FRIDAY 14TH JANUARY

WE REMEMBER THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARY FALLS THIS MONTH

Deddington and Hempton: Edward Ward, Kenneth Harber-Smith, William Cox, Rose Smith, Lillian Weaver, Geoffrey Goddard, Edwin Lewis, Carolyn Anne Sones and Brian Kellett,

Barfords: Jellicoe Warland, William Tew, Edith Murrey, Lesley Palmer, William Shirley, Doris Murrey, Henry Tew, James Moore, Raymond Marcham and Beatrix Hardy.

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

Charity of the Month

We enable more than 9,500 children who have been orphaned or made vulnerable because of AIDS to go to primary and secondary school, with the same uniforms and equipment as other children, so they are not stigmatised by their situation. We also fully support the running costs of a community school in Lusaka, where 750 highly vulnerable children are educated and fed daily. We offer training to our school-leavers each year as peer health educators, teaching other children how to stay healthy and avoid HIV.

We offer our school-leavers support to train as teachers, which equips them for a secure, government-paid job. It also helps to replace some of the thousands of teachers that have been lost to AIDS in Zambia. Exceptionally, we offer support in other tertiary education courses such as medicine and engineering.



The Wednesday Bunch

The Church on Wednesday welcomes in Christine, Iain, John and Glynne, Lilian, Josie, Walter, Grace, Barbara, Brian, to sainted space. On chairs, replacing outworn pew, Sit Peter, Roger, Edna, Sue, Two times Pat, and Rosemary, Joan and Joan and Anthony, Then Mary twice and Sarah. Any I've left out? Of course! There's Jenny Twinned with Judy, mirrored blessing. Now Hilary, the cup addressing, Precedes the leader of the clan - Father Hugh, with Curate Dan. (If the incumbent's occupied Christine, Christopher and Hugh pre-side.) Then all with prayer and praise dispense Communion in its widest sense. *People missing from this order? Blame.... KT, your duff recorder.*



For those with a gift to amuse (I address you people in pews)
 Dear Molly tries hard
 John's verse beat the Bard
 But more, please to rid winter blues.

Quatrains, all Meters we need
 And much verse in manner Iambic
 Which tells deeds of valour
 In parts deep and narrer
 Or whatsoever that makes you tick!
John Sampson