

Services for August 2010

1st	Sunday 1 st	9.00 am	Eucharist	Hempton
	Trinity 9	10.30am	<i>First Sunday</i>	Deddington
			With Baptisms	
		4.00 pm	Eucharist	Barford St M
		6.30pm	Evensong	Deddington
	Wed 4 th	10.00am	Eucharist	Deddington
	Fri 6 th	6.30pm	Eucharist: Transfiguration	Deddington
2nd	Sunday 8 th	10.30am	Sung Eucharist	Deddington
	Trinity 10		(with healing prayer)	
		4.00pm	Evensong	Barford St M
	Wed 11 th	10.00am	Eucharist	Deddington
	Fri 13 th	NB: 7.30pm	Eucharist:	Deddington
			Matthias the Apostle	
3rd	Sunday 15 th	9.00am	Eucharist	Hempton
	Blessed Virgin Mary	10.30am	Eucharist	Deddington
		3.30	<i>Free Spirit</i>	Deddington
		4.00 pm	Family Service	Barford St M
	Wed 18 th	10.00 am	Eucharist	Deddington
4th	Sunday 22 rd	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Deddington
	Trinity 12	10.30 am	Eucharist	Deddington
		4.00pm	Eucharist	Barford St J
		6.00 pm	Evensong	Hempton
	Tues 24 th	6.30pm	Eucharist:	Deddington
			Bartholomew the Apostle	
	Wed 26 th	10.00 am	Eucharist	Deddington
			(4 th with healing prayer)	
5th	Sunday 29 th	8.00am	Holy Communion	Deddington
	Trinity 13	10.30am	Mattins	Deddington
		4.00pm	Eucharist	Barford St J
September	Wed 1st	10.00am	Eucharist	Deddington
	Thurs 2nd	2.00pm	Squeals and Wheels	Deddington
1st	Sunday 5th	9.00 am	Eucharist	Hempton
	Trinity 9	10.30am	<i>First Sunday</i>	Deddington
		4.00 pm	Eucharist	Barford St M
		6.30pm	Evensong	Deddington

BENEFICE OF DEDDINGTON, HEMPTON AND THE BARFORDS



Prayers

When we live God's way, both individually and as a community, we will be greatly blessed.

Let us pray to God our Father, knowing that we are all precious to him.

Father, we thank you for all those who give to support the work of the Church; bless our giving, guide our spending, and help us to value the true wealth of your abundant love.

Father, heal our nation and all the nations of what is in the past and still corrodes the present, so that we may build on good foundations and learn to govern ourselves with honesty, respect for one another and sensitivity to needs.

May our care of the very young and the elderly imitate the faithful and generous caring of our God; may we overcome our envies, jealousies and grievances, so that in god's love we can look at one another face to face, and practise the liberating work of forgiveness.

May all whose bodies cause them pain or immobility be affirmed in value by loving encounter with Jesus and his followers; and may those who are spiritually crippled be set free to love and serve God. We pray for the sick, Tyler Rose, Christine Gay, Sarah Roche, John Temple-Smith, Graham Button, Issy Walton, Timothy Wimbush, Ben Phillips, Tony Broadbere, Ray Sones, Daphne Puttick and Peter Charles

May those who have died in faith live for ever in the joy and peace of heaven as children of Promise; and may those who miss their company be comforted and supported.

This month, as a Deanery we pray for St. Hugh's Banbury; Philip Davies; The Archbishop of Canterbury: Rowan Williams and his wife Jane; The Society of Friends and for all the Quaker Meeting Houses in the Deanery; Adderbury with Milton; Stephen Fletcher, Sue Newby, and Paul Godwin; St. Leonard's Banbury: Sue Burchell

We pray for a renewal of family life, for the opportunity for parents to spend time with their children. For artists writers and musicians, especially within the church. For the Spiceball Centre and all the leisure facilities within the Deanery; for the ambulance service and the work of all paramedics; for Social Services, Social Workers and Child Protection Teams.

May our gratitude to the One who sets us free be shown each day in the way we live and speak.

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

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Can anyone help?

"The Hermit of Cat Island", The Life of Fra Jerome Hawes, by Peter Anson. It was Ian Lambert's wish that this book should be circulated amongst parishioners. As far as I know, so far, 3 parishioners have passed it on to each other. Since then I have lost contact with it and would be very grateful to know where it has come to rest. Ruth Johnson, Tel: 01869 338355

Bible Readings—August 2010

Sunday 1st August:	Ecclesiastes 1. 2, 12-14; 2. 18-23 Psalm 49. 1-11 Luke 12.13-21
Sunday 8th August:	Genesis 15.1-6 Psalm 33. 12-end [33.12-21]
Sunday 15th August:	Isaiah 61.10-end <i>or</i> Revelation 11. 19-12.6,10 Psalm 45. 20-end Galatians 4. 4-7 Luke 1. 46-55
Sunday 22nd August:	Isaiah 58.9b-end Psalm 103.1-8 Hebrews 12.18-end Luke 13.10-17
Sunday 29th August:	Ecclesiasticus 10. 12-18 <i>or</i> Proverbs 25. 6-7 Psalm 112 Hebrews 13. 1-8, 15-16 Luke 14.1, 7-14
Sunday 5th September	Deuteronomy 30.15-end Psalm 1 Philemon 1-21 Luke 14.25-33

Charity of the Month

Founded in 1824, the RSPCA is the oldest animal welfare organisation.



Its goal is to improve animal welfare and prevent unnecessary cruelty. It works to rescue domestic animals and wildlife, rehabilitate animals who can be returned to the wild and campaign/lobby government for improved animal rights.

Whilst being an English-based organisation, the RSPCA works alongside global institutions such as the World Society.

Maurice Frost Review

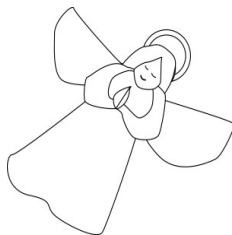
Our evening reviewing the Maurice Frost Festival was attended by about 30 people. We looked at photos and video of the occasion with canapés and a glass of wine (thanks to those who provided images and food). In discussion later certain caveats as to what might happen in the future were entered: be mindful of cultural difference in matters of hospitality; keep the size of any visiting party manageable; make sure that no one has more than a couple of visitors to host ; don't be over-ambitious with the catering and so over-burden the congregation. Reservations notwithstanding, people generally seemed to feel that the weekend had been worthwhile, and a number reported very positive experiences with those they hosted. There appeared to be no desire to drop the links with the Church of the Resurrection or Sofiakyrkan, it being recognised that these links allow valuable engagement with other cultures and other Christians.

There will be a visit to Vaxjo Diocese, including some time in Jonkoping, next year at the end of May/beginning of June. Final dates are yet to be fixed. The plan is that the whole visit would last 12-14 days and that there would be three basic elements: a tour of Vaxjo diocese by coach; a visit to Jonkoping to stay with parishioners of Sofiakyrkan and join with them in Sunday worship (it is hoped that we can raise a Choir to sing at the Sunday service and also to give a concert); a pilgrimage from Jonkoping to Vadstena, where stands the abbey founded by St Birgitta, possibly the greatest of Scandinavian saints and one of the patron saints of Europe. Birgitta's relics lie in her abbey, having been brought back from Rome, where she died and Vadstena is now a major centre for Scandinavian spirituality. The pilgrimage will be by foot (for some, at least) and will take four or five days but other means of transport could be made available. It is intended that this trip should be a Deddington Deanery event.

Please let me know if you might be interested in coming and note that it would not be necessary to join in all the stages of the visit; were you to want just to come to

ANGELS FOR ST MICHAEL'S, PLEASE

We are not far off the Feast of St. Michael and All Angels, our Patronal Festival at Barford St Michael Church. The Festival will be celebrated at 4.00pm on Sunday September 26th in St Michael's (the actual Feast Day is 29th). I'd like to fill the Church with Angels for that Festival and so would like to invite people (Barfordians and others) to make one or more angels of any size and material - Angel Scarecrows very welcome! - and bring it to Church for that occasion. Or what about bringing an angel back from your summer holiday travels - they are usually easy enough to find! If you just want to bring a picture, that would be fine. If you can't get to Church on the day, we can collect your angel (s). Clubs and Societies might like to contribute a communal angel as well, and it needn't stop with us in the Benefice, so ask your friends elsewhere. I've already invited Deddington Primary School to join in.



For your diary...



BARFORDS CHURCH FETE
BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY
30th AUGUST 2010
MANOR HOUSE, BARFORD ST MICHAEL



Dog Show
Games and competitions
Bottle stall, plants, cakes, white elephant, books, toys
Tombola
Raffle
Ice creams
Delicious teas

Don't forget..... The Parish Show
4th September

Entry forms available at the back of Deddington church

This picture, taken at last year's show, has been sent to our patrons, St George's Windsor, to be used in an exhibition later this year.



SAINTS ALIVE!

Aug 21st: POPE PIUS X 1835-1914 Born at Riese of a poor family, Pius X benefited by his extraordinary educational brilliance and the sacrifices his family made on his behalf. He rose quickly after his ordination 1858 to become a priest, then canon, then spiritual director, then in 1884, bishop of Mantua and then in 1893 cardinal and patriarch of Venice. Elected Pope after Leo XII in 1903, he took as his motto '*to restore all things in Christ*'. This he achieved in many ways: children from aged 7 were admitted to Communion; church music was enhanced by the use of classical polyphony and the Gregorian chant; the clergy were encouraged to make personal sacrifices so that ecclesiastical property was given up in order to ensure church independence from the State; Pius X was tireless in his efforts to avert a world War and many attributed his death on 20th August 1914 to the frustration its outbreak on 4th August had caused him. His distaste for church wealth and ceremony and his love of the poor caused an entry for his canonisation immediately after his death but was delayed until 1954. No other Pope has been loved by so many.

Aug 27th MONICA, widow and mother of St Augustine. 332-387 We should never have known much about Monica had not Augustine himself in his *Confessions* refused to accept the faith and became wayward, particularly after the death of his father, Monica ate her wits end over him, went to see a priest, who rightly advised her to pray about Augustine rather than argue with him. This she did and after many vigils of prayer, she gained the help of the bishop of Milan, Ambrose, who, together with her persuaded Augustine to a moral conversion and acceptance of the faith. In 386 Augustine was baptised and she with Augustine and friends made their way back home to North Africa. En route, Monica became very ill and died at Ostia, aged 55. Augustine writes in his *Confessions* telling what his mother whispered to him as she lay dying. '*The one reason I wanted to stay longer in this life was my desire to see you a Catholic Christian... God has granted this in a way more than I had hoped.*'

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From the Vicar

Comments received on a couple of sermons recently remind me that I and others have for years felt the need for some forum in which sermons could be discussed. All preachers want to hear what their listeners have thought of the sermon (nothing worse than no response) and all preachers need to hear the views of their audience if they are to go further with their own thinking on a subject.

Those who preach regularly in the Benefice are more than happy to try to answer queries, doubts or requests for further explanation. Conversations after the service can help, but they can only go so far and the church door is certainly not the place for group consideration of sermons. I wonder whether we might use 'Church Matters' as the forum for discussion. A month's worth of sermons should throw up enough questions for a regular column.

If you would like to give this a try, the best thing would be to place comment with Sue Addison via email or the red plastic folder in Deddington Church. This means that your comments or questions will have been thought through (perhaps difficult to manage immediately in the heat of an adverse reaction to something said in a sermon) and that the response can, likewise, be a considered one. A debate could then take place over several months with different people joining in.

A process of debate seems a better way of exploring God's truth than our current system which allows Vicars and Co to pontificate and gives little opportunity for the views of others on the matter in hand to be properly developed and expounded and then heard by the whole Church community. Certainly, lay people can and should have a view on the Scripture on which clergy sermons are based: that is why the Bible got translated into English.

And on the matter of translation, the King James version of the Bible is 400 years old next year. Should we join the celebrations? How about a Bibliathon - a reading through of the KJV - in a group, starting in September? A chance to increase your Bible knowledge and to find out whether this Authorised version is really all it's cracked up to be. Let me know what you think.

Hugh

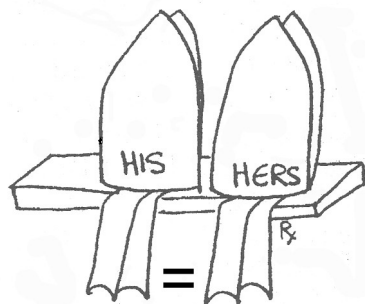
Youth Worker News

We have appointed Sarah Green (not 'Green' quite yet— she's getting married in September) for one year starting in October. We hope we shall find the funds to extend Sarah's time with us. Sarah will introduce herself in a subsequent issue of 'Church Matters'



WOMEN BISHOPS

On 10 July the General Synod re-affirmed, without debate, that women can and should be made bishops in the Church of England [as they are already elsewhere in the Anglican Communion]. The next six hours were spent discussing how those, who believe women cannot and should not be bishops and who therefore would not accept the authority of a woman bishop, could remain members of the Church of England.



For High Church traditionalists the issue is 'sacramental assurance': "I can only be sure that I receive God's grace in the eucharist if the priest is not only not a woman, but also not a male priest who has been ordained by a woman." For Conservative Evangelicals St Paul wrote that no woman can have 'headship' over a man: to go against that is to undermine for them the literal authority of the Bible.

The debate was therefore: 'In what way can the Church meet a parish's request to have the oversight not just of a male bishop, but also one who has not ordained a woman, and also has not been consecrated by a bishop who has ordained women, let alone been consecrated by a woman?'

The solution proposed is that a woman bishop will be expected to delegate her authority to a nominated bishop, who fulfils that very restrictive definition. In the end that proposal was passed by 373 votes to 14. All the other three options debated (including a last-minute narrowly-defeated amendment by the Archbishops) would have reduced her authority by requiring her to do so, which is precisely what the traditionalists want. In the Bishop of Oxford's words, this would have 'entrenched two sorts of bishop in the Church's life'. He has written that such a 'transfer of jurisdiction' away from a woman bishop would have begged the question, 'when is a bishop not a bishop?' The traditionalists are unhappy with the outcome. They claim it is not an issue of gender, yet they will only be happy if in one way or another a woman bishop is treated as second-class.

Now a Code of Practice is being drawn up by the House of Bishops which will provide guidance as to how the needs of a parish requesting alternative oversight are to be met. Over the next two years Dioceses will be asked to discuss and vote on the proposals. More than half of the 44 dioceses must vote for them before the General Synod is asked to give them Final Approval. That will need a two-thirds majority of Bishops, Clergy and Laity voting separately. This means that the election in September of clergy and lay people to the General Synod, for which nomination papers have just come out, is crucial.

Christopher Hall

Events Update

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

2010

Wedding rehearsal	Fri 13th Aug	6.30pm	
Wedding	Sat 14 th Aug	2pm	Bells, Organ, Choir
Deddington PCC	Mon 23rd Aug	7.30pm	
Wedding	Fri 27 th Aug	1.00pm	Bells, Choir, <i>Organ</i>
Wedding	Sat 28th Aug	4.00pm	Living Room 3- 6.30pm Bells, Organ
Parish Show *	Sat 4 th Sept		Preparation on Fri 3 rd Sept.
Deanery Synod	Tues 7th Sept	7.15pm	Bodicote
Wedding	Sat 11th Sept	2.00pm	Bells, Organ
<i>Private Booking</i>	<i>Sun 12th Sept</i>	<i>12.30am-3pm</i>	
Deddington PCC	Wed 22nd Sept	7.30pm	Unicorn Inn
Wedding	Sat 2 nd Oct	2.30pm	Bells, Organ
Adderbury, Deddington & District Photographic Soc.	Sat 23rd Oct		Living Room
Private Booking*	Sat 30 th Oct	11am-4pm	
Church Bazaar*	Sat 6th Nov		
Deanery Synod*	Thurs 11 th Nov	7.15pm	
Hempton Bazaar	Sat 4th Dec	11.00am	Hempton
Choros Advent Carols*	Sun 5th Dec		
Visiting Bellringers	Mon 27th Dec	10.30am-12 noon	

* Kitchen booked for this event

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

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Chipping Norton	Friday 15th April (evening rehearsal)
Choral Society	Saturday 16th April (rehearsal pm and concert in evening)
<i>Warriner Choral Society</i>	<i>7th or 14th May</i>
Craft Group Exhibition 24th –26th June (Living Room) (Deddington Festival)	
Wedding	Sat 30th July 2pm Bells, Choir, Organ
Wedding	Fri 2nd Sept Bells, <i>Choir, Organ</i>
Parish show	Sat 3rd Sept

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
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4th Saturday

Sunday

2.30-5pm	Teas in Church	Deddington
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*these events take place during term time only



Deadline for notices and other contributions for September issue: Friday 21st August 2010

WE REMEMBER THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARY FALLS THIS MONTH

Deddington and Hempton: John Goddard, Ivy Goddard, Freda Wright, Barry Brown, William Boyd and Pauline Ridd

Barfords: Florence Trevor, Brenda Hobbs, Shelagh Moore, Kathleen Haynes, George Woolgrove, Rosina Castle.

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

From the Curate.....

I come to the Benefice from a period of academic overkill at Oxford. In fact, this is my first real foray beyond the boundaries of educational institutions. Imagine, my surprise, then, when I found out recently that I had *become* the institution!

I was born in Guildford during the Miners' Strike and grew up in Hindhead, Surrey, on the edge of the Devil's Punchbowl. During my teenage years I lived for a time in San Diego, Woking, and, more recently, the tropical paradise that is Hayling Island, several mudflats removed from Portsmouth. I was schooled at Lord Wandsworth College in north Hampshire (famous principally for its contributions to the England rugby squad), before reading Theology at Wycliffe Hall, Oxford. From there, I went to The Queen's College where I wrote a DPhil on the development of theology as an academic discipline in nineteenth-century Oxford. It really is more interesting than it sounds.



I've moved to Church Street in Barford from Ripon College Cuddesdon, the veritable Eton of theological colleges but without the same fees (or, indeed, many of the amenities of Eton). In preparation for parish ministry, I've enjoyed placements in rural south Oxfordshire, a fantastic church in north Fulham, a college chapel, and St Paul's Cathedral (for some of which, I worked with a curate of yore, Ed Newell). It's great to be finally starting ministry, despite the inevitable disorientation.

I became a Christian as a teenager. Some friends dragged me along to a Bible study at the Chaplain's house at school and before I knew it, I seemed to be a signed-up follower of this rather curious Galilean chap, being baptized and confirmed when I was sixteen. Since then, I've taken a variety of rather odd life-choices that have led me to be a deacon in God's Church, much to the aggravation of my more rational side, which would have had me clambering for a job in the Foreign Office or the City. I tell myself that there's still time to become Ambassador to the White House and many clergymen over the years have been competent spies. I've yet to hear from MI6 and rather suspect I should stop watching *Spooks*.

When not being 'professionally religious', I'm a keen singer, enthusiastic walker, cook, traveller, terrible squash-player and - since arriving in Barford - gardener. My only claim to fame is several recordings of Portuguese polyphony with the choir of Queen's and, rather more excitingly, the soundtrack to the last Harry Potter film in which the basses sang one note continuously for about three minutes as a funeral lament for Dumbledore: celebrity indeed.

My first month has been tremendous fun, if somewhat tiring. I've been really touched by everyone's generosity and kindness whilst I've been trying to find my feet, and am enormously grateful to you all. I hope you'll bear with me as I continue to settle into the rhythms of the Benefice and that, in due course, I will remember your name. I'm trying ('very trying', as my stepmother would say...)!
Dan