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NEWS



BENEFICE OF DEDDINGTON, HEMPTON AND THE BARFORDS



***SAINTS ALIVE!***

**10<sup>th</sup> February SCHOLASTICA** followed her brother Benedict's rule and the to met frequently all through her life, sharing spiritual matters. Scholastica founded and became Abbess of Plombariola. Before she dies, around the year 543, Benedict had a vision about the two of them. They were to share a common resting place, just as in life their souls had always been one in God.

**17<sup>th</sup> February JANANI LUWUM**, Archbishop of Uganda 1922-1977, Martyr. He spent his childhood, boyhood and youth as a goatherd but was always bright and able to absorb knowledge quickly and easily. Janani Luwum became a Christian and was ordained in 1956. Serving the Lord faithfully for his first 13 years in the Ministry, he was ordained Bishop of Northern Uganda in 1969 and, five years later, Archbishop of all Uganda. This was three years after Idi Amin had become president following a coup. When Amin received a letter from the bishops protesting at the virtual institution of state murder, Janani, along with two state ministers were found dead after a 'car accident'. It soon emerged that the 'accident' had been contrived on the implicit instructions of the President. Janani had said in his letter, *"I have not sided with the present government, which is utterly self-seeking. I have told the President the things the churches disapprove. God is my witness"*.

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## Services for February 2010

	Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup>	10.00am	Eucharist	Deddington
	Thur 4 <sup>th</sup>	2.00pm	Squeals and Wheels	Deddington
<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup>	9.00 am	Eucharist	Hempton
	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> before Lent</b>	10.30am	<i>First Sunday</i>	Deddington
		4.00 pm	Eucharist	Barford St M
		6.30pm	Evensong	Deddington
<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Sung Eucharist	Deddington
	<b>Next before Lent</b>		with healing prayer	
		4.00pm	Evensong(BCP)	Barford St M
	Mon 15 <sup>th</sup>	6.30pm	Eucharist: St Sigfrid	Deddington
	<b>Ash Wednesday</b>			
	17 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Eucharist	Deddington
		7.00pm	with imposition of Ashes Eucharist	Barford St J
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	Thur 18 <sup>th</sup>	2.00pm	Squeals and Wheels	Deddington
<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup>	9.00am	Eucharist	Hempton
	<b>Lent 1</b>	10.30amE	ucharist	Deddington
		3.30	<i>Free Spirit</i> (for 4pm)	Deddington
		4.00 pm	All-Age Worship	Barford St M
	Wed 24 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 am	Eucharist	Deddington
<b>4<sup>th</sup></b>	Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup>	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Deddington
	<b>Lent 2</b>	10.30 am	Morning Worship	Deddington
		4.00pm	Eucharist	Barford St J
		6.00 pm	Evensong	Hempton
	<b>March</b>			
	Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup>	10.00am	Eucharist	Deddington
	Thur 4 <sup>th</sup>	2.00pm	Squeals and Wheels	Deddington
<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	Sunday 7th	9.00 am	Eucharist	Hempton
	<b>Lent 3</b>	10.30am	<i>First Sunday</i>	Deddington
		4.00 pm	Eucharist	Barford St M
		6.30pm	Evensong	Deddington

## For your diary.....

### SEATING IN THE CHURCH

You are invited to a meeting in church on **Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> February** at **10.00am** to discuss possible seating options and arrangements. To allow time for a full discussion, should you have any specific planning ideas or viewpoints that you feel need to be presented to the meeting, please give the Vicar or the Churchwardens a copy of this before **8<sup>th</sup> February** so that it can be tabled at the PCC meeting for approval.

The views of the meeting will then be taken into consideration by the PCC when making any decisions

### ❖ Two special services in February:

**St Valentine's Day (Feb 14th)** this year falls on the Sunday before Lent. To mark the day the **10.30 a.m. Eucharist in Deddington Parish Church** will have marriage and love as its theme. The service will include an opportunity to reflect on how marriage has affected our lives and the community in which we live.

A service for **Fairtrade Fortnight** will be held at **10.30 am** on **Feb 28th**.

- ❖ Banbury is repeating last year's successful **Tea-Dance** - at the Whately Hall Hotel - **Sat 27 FEB - 2.30to 5.0pm** - tickets £7.50 including a scrumptious tea. Posters and tickets will be available at the Deanery Synod on 11 Feb.
- ❖ **Deddington APCM** will be held in the Parish Church on **Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> April** at **7.30pm**

### Charity of the Month

#### Cecily's Fund

Cecily's Fund is a Witney-based charity that makes it possible for nearly 10,000 Zambian orphans and other impoverished children to go to school. Cecily's Fund also works closely with partners to offer training to school leavers to become both school teachers and also peer health visitors, educating young people on how to avoid AIDS.

## News and Comment

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### Seating in Church

Extract from PCC Statement following PCC meeting of 18<sup>th</sup> May 2009

*'It was agreed that some weeks after the completion of the flooring a presentation of a number of possible furnishing schemes would be made to the congregation. Comment would be received on this occasion and further written comments would be invited. Comments gathered would be considered at the PCC meeting following the presentation meeting. The PCC would then as soon as possible, either at a further meeting or by means of a circulated paper, present a single proposal as to furnishing to the congregation, with the rationale behind the proposal. Having taken account of any further comment received, the PCC will reach a decision'.*

Dear Editor,

For some time now, the question of seating has formed a background *sostenuto* to Church concerns. What at first appears to be a straight-forward practical matter - what kind of seats shall we have, how many and where? - does in fact carry quite a bit of baggage.

Until the end of the Middle Ages there was no seating for the congregation in English churches. Imagine the shock when pews arrived. The space where, for centuries, worshippers had stood to honour their God or knelt in reverence, now sanctioned for lolling in disrespectful ease. In subsequent centuries, especially the 19th, seating fostered class distinction. The rich paid cash for their pews at the front of the church (nearer to God and the incumbent) the poor huddled at the back.

Social distinctions were slowly eroded in the 20th century and in the 21st. century perceptions have changed again. Now, in less formal times, hierarchical rows of seating filling the space between the aisles can be off-putting, especially to young people, suggesting a closed community that excludes rather than welcomes. There is no place for the tentative to wander or look, being given their own time to respond. Today in St Paul's Cathedral, Lincoln Cathedral and many great churches, there is no formal seating in the main body of the building. Stacking chairs are used. The aim is greater fluidity, a breaking down of physical barriers, a recognition of the need to reach out beyond current congregations and welcome multiple use.

I admit to being in favour of space exploration and NASA (Numerous Advantages of Space Availability). Others will have a quite different take on empty side aisles. But we are fortunate. Our Church is large. We can incorporate flexibility and openness (surely essential aims in the 21st. century) without diminishing the core activity of congregational praise and prayer. Let us be formal, with solid seating in the centre of the Church, attesting to tradition, albeit updated, but let us acknowledge the need for diversity and innovation by leaving the side aisles largely empty, capable, with the aid of less formal seating, of meeting whatever challenges we are lucky enough to be given.

*Yours, Kristin Thompson*

## Prayers

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**Let us pray together in the presence of our God.**

**We pray** for all of us in the ship of the Church, that whenever storms rocks the boat and appear to threaten us, we may trust God to bring us safely through. **We bring to mind** all who lead and govern, and all meetings where important decisions are made. We pray that justice and mercy are upheld in line with your loving will. **We bring to mind** our circle of family and friends with whom we share the good and difficult times. We pray for the grace to discern more readily the good in each person and the gifts they have to offer.

**We remember** the elderly faithful and especially those who are housebound and can no longer join us to worship in person. We thank you for their example and ask you to increase our love for one another across the age groups. **We pray for the sick** and especially for Connor and Tyler Rose, Kath Bushell, Christine Gay, Sue Beale, Ray Sones and Pam Dodd. **We pray for those who have died**, and their families and friends, especially **Violet** Fisher, Dave Howard, May Berry and Peter Boam.

**This month, as a Deanery, we pray for** clergy spouses and families; for those to be married in the coming year. For our Church Aided and Controlled Schools; For Youth Work, and 71:17; Jon Cardy, at the Warriner; for all those involved in education. Pray for the work and workers of PULSE; St. Mary's Banbury; Linda Green, Jeff West, Stella Fairbairn and Roger Verrall; for all who enforce the law, especially the local police and the magistrates court

**Father, knowing our weakness in the face off temptation, we ask for your strength and protection so that, though we stumble, we shall not fall headlong.**

**Fairtrade fortnight:**

Great Creator God,

who gave life to the world and everyone in it,  
create in me a heart of careful consumerism.

As I stand in a shop, as I prepare my meals,  
help me to remember that what I buy and eat  
comes from farmers, growers, workers and  
labourers in fields and factories across the world.

Help me to remember that someone's life  
and wellbeing depends on the products I hold  
in my hands, place into my shopping basket,  
and eat from my plate, that I may be thankful

and act with justice. **Amen** [Mothers Union]

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

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## Regular Events

### Monday to Friday.

8.45am Morning Prayer Deddington

### Monday

6.15pm BB Band Practice\* Deddington

7.30-9.00pm Bell Ringing Practice Deddington

### Wednesday

10.00am Eucharist Deddington

5.15pm BB Anchors \* Windmill Centre (upstairs)

5.15pm BB Juniors \* Windmill Centre(downstairs)

7.00pm BB Company Section \* Deddington

### Thursday

2.00pm Squeals and Wheels Deddington

**1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays**

### Friday

10-12.00am Katharine House Hospice Deddington

Coffee Morning

7.45pm Choir Practice Deddington

### Saturday

8.45am Prayer Deddington

### Sunday

2.30-5pm Teas in Church Deddington

**Every Sunday**

\*these events take place during term time only

### Deadline for notices and other contributions for March issue:

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February**

WE REMEMBER THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARY FALLS THIS MONTH

**Deddington and Hempton:** Stephen, James and Christopher Holt, Jack Churchill, Clara Clarke, Barbara Garrett, Gertrude West, Harry Hall, George Doggett, Peggy Driver, Hilda Evans, Gertrude Butler, Janet Kyte, Oliver Hawes, Philip Abernethy, Peter Hancock, Malcolm Adkins and Ellen Cresswell.

**Barfords:**

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

Dear Church people,

On the subject of chairs in the church, I would like to make the following suggestions:

\* We could do with 30 more of the light oak chairs, at least 4 of which should be ones with arms. This would still leave space at the sides, which, it is clear, some people like.

I have a list of 12 people who would be willing to buy one or more of these chairs, therefore it will cost the church nothing.

\* To save 2 or 3 people being inconvenienced transporting extra chairs from Hempton and Leadenporch Farm when we have big events concerts, funerals etc., we could buy 60 to 100 folding chairs which stack on a trolley.

At a carol service in Christchurch Cathedral recently I sat on such a chair, the colour of which would match our wooden chairs well - and it was comfortable!

We need you all to come to the meeting to discuss chairs on Sat. 20th February at 10-00am so that your views can be heard towards making a democratic decision.

*Wendy Burrows*

### Happy New Year from the Danes.

We would like to thank everyone for the Christmas cards we received and the messages they contained, they were very much appreciated. As many of you know we were in Arizona with Valerie's family owing to her father's ill health. We are sorry that we were not able to reciprocate as we left straight after a hectic time at home and work. It was lovely to get them when we returned last week. Thanks you also for your continued prayers and love, it has been a great support. We are hoping to be around Deddington the weekend of the 30th and hope to see you then.

Love one another

The Danes

The next issue of the parish magazine, '*Eagle, Sword & Keys*', is now being prepared for publication before the APCM on 29<sup>th</sup> April. People who lead a group are asked to contribute a report ( and photographs) for inclusion in the magazine to Sue Addison (01869 338017; [susan.addison@virgin.net](mailto:susan.addison@virgin.net)) as soon as possible. All reports to be received by Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> March

## Events Update –February 2010

### All events to be held in Deddington Parish Church – unless otherwise indicated

Amendments and additions (in bold throughout text). *Unconfirmed bookings in italics.*

Jumble Sale*	Sat 6 <sup>th</sup> Feb	10am – 1pm
<b>Meeting:*</b>	<b>Sat 20<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	<b>10am</b>
<b>Seating in the Church</b>		
Deddington Farmer's Market	Sat 27 <sup>th</sup> Feb	9am-12.30pm
Wedding Blessing	Sat 6 <sup>th</sup> March	St Michael's, Barford
Rehearsals for School Production	Mon 8 <sup>th</sup> – 19 <sup>th</sup> March	Times to be confirmed
School Performances (Annie)	Wed 17 <sup>th</sup> March Thur 18 <sup>th</sup> March Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> March	Time to be confirmed “ “
Deddington Farmer's Market	Sat 27 <sup>th</sup> March	9am-12.30pm
Deddington Farmer's Market	Sat 24 <sup>th</sup> April	9am-12.30pm
Warriner Choral Society*	Sat 24 <sup>th</sup> April Rehearsal in afternoon	7.30pm
<b>Deddington APCM*</b>	<b>Thurs 29<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>7.30pm</b>
Wedding	Sat 1 <sup>st</sup> May	2pm Bells, Choir
Chipping Norton & District Choral Society	Sat 8 <sup>th</sup> May	
Maurice Frost Festival:	15 <sup>th</sup> – 16 <sup>th</sup> May Sat 15 <sup>th</sup> May	6.30pm
Evensong sung by St George's Choir, Windsor, followed by laying of wreath at Dr Frost's grave, refreshments and Songs of Praise with the Choirs of Deddington Parish Church, the Church of the Resurrection, Mmabatho and Sofiakyrkan, Jonkoping. Bishop John in attendance		
	Sat 16 <sup>th</sup> May	10.30am
Choral Eucharist with the Choirs of Deddington Parish Church, the Church of the Resurrection, Mmabatho and Sofiakyrkan, Jonkoping. Bishop Colin presiding		
Deddington Farmer's Market	Sat 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	9am-12.30pm
Spring Dance Co. (with Primary School)	Tues 25 <sup>th</sup> May	9am-3.30pm
Spring Dance Co. (with Primary School)	Wed 26 <sup>th</sup> May	9am-3.30pm
Wedding	Sat 12 <sup>th</sup> June	2pm
<i>Deddington Festival</i>	<i>Sun 13<sup>th</sup> June</i>	<i>5-7.30pm (Rehearsal)</i>
<i>Deddington Festival</i>	<i>Wed 16<sup>th</sup> June</i>	<i>6-8.30pm (Rehearsal)</i>

Deddington Festival Community Concert*	Thur 17 <sup>th</sup> June	Rehearsal pm
Deddington Festival Workshop* Carmina Burana	Sat 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Performance 7.30pm
Deddington Festival* (Writers Group Evening)	Fri 25 <sup>th</sup> June	<i>6pm</i>
Deddington Farmer's Market	Sat 26 <sup>th</sup> June	9am-12.30pm
Illumination Concert*	Sat 26 <sup>th</sup> June <i>(Rehearsal in afternoon)</i>	7.30pm
Deddington Farmer's Market	Sat 24 <sup>th</sup> July	9am-12.30pm
Wedding	Sat 31 <sup>st</sup> July	Organ, Choir, Flowers, Bells
<i>Wedding</i>	<i>Sat 14<sup>th</sup> Aug</i>	
Wedding	Fri 27 <sup>th</sup> Aug	1.00pm Bells, Choir, <i>Organ</i>
Deddington Farmer's Market	Sat 28 <sup>th</sup> Aug	9am-12.30pm
Parish Show *	Sat 4 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Preparation on Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sept.
Deddington Farmer's Market	Sat 25 <sup>th</sup> Sept	9am-12.30pm
Wedding	Sat 2 <sup>nd</sup> Oct	
Deddington Farmer's Market	Sat 23 <sup>rd</sup> Oct	9am-12.30pm
Private Function*	Sat 30 <sup>th</sup> Oct	11am-4pm
Deanery Synod*	Thurs 11 <sup>th</sup> Nov	7.15pm
Deddington Farmer's Market	Sat 27 <sup>th</sup> Nov	9am-12.30pm
Deddington Farmer's Market	Sat 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	9am-12.30pm
<i>Banbury Bellringers</i>	<i>Sun 19<sup>th</sup> Dec</i>	<i>10.30-12noon</i>

\* Kitchen booked for this event

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