

BENEFICE OF DEDDINGTON, HEMPTON AND THE BARFORDS

ALTERNATIVE NEWS

January
2010



From the Vicar

January brings Epiphanytide. Epiphany means showing or manifestation and at this season, after celebrating the gift of Christ to the world at Christmas, we rejoice in the manifestation of Christ in his glory as the Son of God, glory made apparent through the adoration of the Wise Men, at his baptism by John, in the miracle at Cana - in the turning of water into wine - and, finally, at his Presentation in the Temple forty days after his birth, the Feast commonly known as Candlemas, with which the Epiphany season closes.

Epiphany is an appropriate time to think about how we, the Benefice churches, manifest the glory of Christ - and we do! - and how we might better do so. We shall be encouraged in that thinking by our Stewardship campaign, in the course of which we shall attend to how we can best put at the disposal of our Lord for his mission on earth all that we have been given by him. The campaign starts at 9.30 am on Saturday January 30th with a full morning session in Deddington Church led by Robin Brunner-Ellis, Diocesan Adviser on Christian Giving and Fund Raising. Please do come. (It would help if you let me or the Churchwardens know that you will be coming so that we can make appropriate provision at the lunch that will follow Robin's presentation.)

The Eve of Candlemas is a particularly appropriate moment to be concentrating on how we as churches manifest Christ's glory. Candlemas is a kind of hinge on which the Christian year turns; with it the Advent/Christmas/Epiphany sequence finishes and we turn towards Lent, Holy Week and Easter. It is in Holy Week, on Good Friday, that Christ's glory is fully manifested at the Crucifixion. At Candlemas Simeon, speaking of Mary's suffering, points us towards Christ's suffering on the Cross. However, we receive that Candlemas message fortified for the suffering it implies for us by the joy of Christmastide and Epiphany; God with us, the Son of God set openly before us for our recognition and adoration. Without second-guessing the Spirit's operations upon us, I'd be surprised if his teaching through our Stewardship campaign doesn't present us with the costs of manifesting Christ's glory, doesn't ask sacrifice of us, doesn't indicate that we should walk the way of cross. But we *can* walk that way because our glorious God, manifested in Jesus Christ, the Incarnate Son, born into our world, is with us - always - guiding, strengthening, reshaping, loving.

Hugh

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

1st & 3rd 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 February issue:

Friday 22nd January

WE REMEMBER THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARY FALLS THIS MONTH

Deddington and Hempton: Edward Ward, Kenneth Harber-Smith, William Cox, Rose Smith, Lilian Weaver, Geoffrey Goddard, Edwin Lewis, Carolyn 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.

For your diary.....

Understanding Dementia

You are warmly invited to an informal discussion over tea and cake with outreach workers from the Alzheimers Society Banbury & District Branch

St. Peter and Paul Church, Deddington

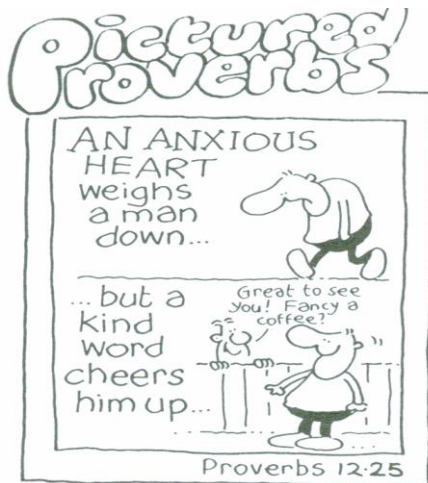
Sunday 17th January 2010 at 3pm

Come and find out more about dementia and what resources are available to us locally.



Deddington Primary School comes to Church on Wednesday 6th January for Eucharist 10am. Incense will be used at this service.

Stewardship Robin Brunner-Ellis, the Diocesan Christian Giving and Funding Adviser, will be facilitating a Stewardship morning at Deddington Church on 30th January (9.30am – 1.00pm, followed by lunch). All members of our congregations in the Benefice are invited to this important occasion.



Charity of the Month

Katharine House Hospice, Adderbury

Katharine House provides palliative care for those whose disease is not responsive to curative treatment. The main aim is to maintain quality of life for patients as far as possible.

The hospice staff comprises a medical team, Macmillan nurses and other health professionals, including physiotherapists and counsellors. There is also an active volunteer team.

Events Update – January 2010

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

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

Deddington PCC	Thur 14th Jan	Unicorn Inn: 7.30 pm
‘Understanding Dementia’	Sun 17th Jan	3.00 pm
Barford PCC	Tue 19th Jan	Manor Farm, Barford St M
		7.30 pm
Deddington Farmer’s Market	Sat 23 rd Jan	9am-12.30pm
Stewardship Morning* (followed by lunch)	Sat 30 th Jan	9.30am – 1.00pm
Bloxham School	Sun 31 st Jan	after morning service
Tsogo Walk		
Jumble Sale*	Sat 6 th Feb	10am – 1pm
Deddington PCC	Wed 10th Feb	Unicorn Inn
Deddington Farmer’s Market	Sat 27 th Feb	9am-12.30pm
Wedding Blessing	Sat 6th March	St Michael’s, Barford
Rehearsals for School Production	Mon 8th – 19th March	Times to be confirmed
School Performances (Annie)	Wed 17th March	Time to be confirmed
	Thur 18th March	“
	Fri 19th March	“
Deddington Farmer’s Market	Sat 27 th March	9am-12.30pm
Deddington Farmer’s Market	Sat 24 th April	9am-12.30pm
Warriner Choral Society*	Sat 24 th April	7.30pm
Wedding	Rehearsal in afternoon	
Chipping Norton & District Choral Society	Sat 1 st May	2pm Bells, Choir, Flowers
Maurice Frost Festival:	Sat 8th May	
	15th – 16th May	
	Sat 15 th 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 th 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 nd May	9am-12.30pm
Spring Dance Co. (with Primary School)	Tues 25 th May	9am-3.30pm
Spring Dance Co. (with Primary School)	Wed 26 th May	9am-3.30pm
Wedding	Sat 12 th June	
<i>Deddington Festival</i>	<i>Sun 13th June</i>	<i>5-7.30pm (Rehearsal)</i>
<i>Deddington Festival</i>	<i>Wed 16th June</i>	<i>6.8.30pm (Rehearsal)</i>
Deddington Festival		
Community Concert*	Thur 17 th June	Rehearsal pm
Deddington Festival	Sat 19 th June	Performance 7.30pm
Workshop* Carmina Burana		
Deddington Festival* (Writers Group Evening)	Fri 25th June	6pm
Deddington Farmer's Market	Sat 26 th June	9am-12.30pm
Illumination Concert*	Sat 26th June <i>(Rehearsal in afternoon)</i>	7.30pm
Deddington Farmer's Market	Sat 24 th July	9am-12.30pm
Wedding	Sat 31 st July	Organ, Choir, Flowers, Bells
<i>Wedding</i>	<i>Sat 14th Aug</i>	
Wedding	Fri 27 th Aug	1.00pm Bells, Choir, <i>Organ</i>
Deddington Farmer's Market	Sat 28 th Aug	9am-12.30pm
Parish Show *	Sat 4 th Sept	Preparation on Fri 3 rd Sept.
Deddington Farmer's Market	Sat 25 th Sept	9am-12.30pm
Wedding	Sat 2 nd Oct	
Deddington Farmer's Market	Sat 23 rd Oct	9am-12.30pm
Deanery Synod*	Thurs 11 th Nov	
Deddington Farmer's Market	Sat 27 th Nov	9am-12.30pm
Private Function*	Sat 30th Nov	11am-4pm
Deddington Farmer's Market	Sat 18 th Dec	9am-12.30pm
<i>Banbury Bellringers</i>	<i>Sun 19th Dec</i>	<i>10.30-12noon</i>

* Kitchen booked for this event

Please contact Sue Addison, Benefice Secretary, for all Church bookings.
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to everyone who helped with and contributed to the decorating of **Deddington Church** for Christmas. *Barbara Upton*

ADVENT READING OF PARADISE LOST

When Hugh first proposed reading all 12 books of Milton's Paradise Lost, there were clustering doubts. Would anyone be interested enough to take part and, in the 21st. century, understand it if they did? Doubts were allayed on the first evening. 12 people turned up and the poem's inherent rhythm carried the most hesitant of us through the convoluted sentences. The story is timeless, good versus evil, Milton is the most vivid of poets, and readers were hooked. 25 people read altogether - 18 members of the congregation and 7 others. By the end of the week Milton had acquired new fans and all of us knew we had participated in something worthwhile, challenging and exciting. Creativity (and the ability to appreciate it) is one of God's most bountiful gifts. A cause for celebration.

Kristin Thompson

ADVENT BRONZES

The exhibition of bronze sculptures by Toddy Hoare attracted considerable interest at the Farmers' Market at the end of November, at the Choros Concert the following weekend and during the week in between. Thanks to those who helped steward the exhibition. If you would like to buy one of the exhibits, take a deep breath and contact Toddy, via his website, or me.

Hugh White

George Fenemore – Country Life ‘Unsung Hero of the Rural Church’

This is the citation sent to *Country Life* recommending George for the award:

'George Fenemore is a working farmer in Clifton near Deddington Oxon: sheep, arable and bees [supplying honey for sale in aid of the local hospice], candle-maker, Farmers' Market stallholder, encouraging nesting sites in flood meadows, monitoring moth population.

His past or continuing voluntary roles: Parish Councillor including chairman; PCC member; churchwarden [16 years]; choir member and crucifer; host for Rogation Sunday services in lambing barn (also vicar's 60th birthday party) and 'farm walks'; chair of Warriner Choral Society; contributor of monthly 'On The Farm' article to Deddington News and Four Shires magazine; speaker on farming and beekeeping in schools and churches; key actor in, and stage-set builder for, annual village pantomime; creator of wrought-iron gates for church boiler room and tower access, sanctuary lamp, and votive candle stands (for two churches), folding tables, and dismountable wooden staging for choirs visiting church; day-to-day maintenance of

church and churchyard: e.g. hoisting ladder up outside of church tower to disentangle flag from pinnacle. Good neighbour: e.g. emergency lumberjack and swarm-taker.'

Doing the 'Lambeth Walk' by George Fenemore

The last time I travelled from the wilds of north Oxfordshire to the great metropolis was when with considerable amount of trepidation I went to the city to meet the landlords, as the new perspective tenant of Home Farm. At the beginning of December 2009, after an interval of 36 Years, I again hit old London town but this time in the company of my wife and at the invitation of the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Rowan Williams to attend a reception at Lambeth Palace. Unbeknown to me, I had been nominated as a possible suspect by Christopher Hall and the Vicar in a quest by *Country Life* magazine and the Church of England, to find the unsung heroes of the rural church. The quest was nation wide and produced a short list of 12 which included two from the Deddington Deanery, Dawn Castle from Epwell and myself from Deddington. We travelled in bright sunshine from Oxford via the top deck of the Oxford/ Victoria tube which enabled me to do a "little farming" on the way. After arriving in good time at the Victoria drop-off point we decided to do a little sigh-seeing and walk to the palace. We took in Westminster Abbey and arrived at St Margaret's Church just as choir practice was starting. After choir practice we moved on to the Houses of Parliament but they must have been warned that the *Four Shires* countryman was coming to town, as there were two armed police men standing outside. We crossed the river via Westminster bridge and watched the river traffic coming and going. It was rather sad to note that there we were standing in the middle of our capital city looking at old father Thames and we did not hear an English voice. Then it was off down the embankment to Lambeth Palace. We arrived at the appointed time and were shown into the state drawing room for refreshments and then given an extensive tour of the Palace before arriving back in the drawing room for tea with the Archbishop. After tea we were all presented with a certificate to mark the occasion. The top spot went to Yorkshire with Epwell in second place, so many congratulations to Dawn. After leaving the palace we returned to the Victoria pick-up point via Lambeth bridge, arriving back in Oxford in time for dinner. It was a wonderful day for a local yokel from the wilds of north Oxfordshire, and a very great honour to represent Deddington at Lambeth Palace and meet the Archbishop.

Read more about the award and the occasion in the Christmas edition of 'Country Life'. Ed.

Prayers

We bring to mind the worldwide Christian Church, both leaders and people, as we begin another year. We ask for a deeper awareness of your presence among us.

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.

The Baptism of Christ We pray for all baptised Christians to live out their calling in loving and holy lives. We pray for those preparing for Baptism and Confirmation; for parents and godparents to be given the grace and perseverance to keep faithfully the promises made.

We pray for harmony and understanding in our relationships with family and neighbours; for the willingness both to give and receive, for the generosity of forgiving love.

We pray for those whose weariness or pain makes it difficult for them to pray; may they sense the support and love of the Church of God. **We pray for the sick** and especially for Violet Fisher, Connor and Tyler Rose, Kath Bushell, Christine Gay, Sue Beale, Ray Sones, Pam Dodd and Margaret Faulks.

We pray for those who have died, and their families and friends, especially Phyllis Thurston, Maureen French, Marianne Elsley and Rosa Greaves. **This month, as a Deanery, we pray for** The Methodist Circuit: Rob Anning, Dorothy Hewitson, Janet Jackson. The Bishop of Dorchester, Colin Fletcher, Sarah his wife and their family. The Rural Dean Ben Phillips, praying for the appointment of a new Area Dean, Lay Chair Lindsay Mills, for the Deanery Standing Committee, Chapter and Synod. St. Paul's Banbury: Edward Coombes, David Huss and Jeanette Law. The Roman Catholic Parishes of the Deanery, Fr Mervyn, Fr. David, Deacon Bob and Sister Elizabeth. The United Reformed Church: Linda Spokes. For the beginning of a new year, for all new ventures and projects planned in and for it; For all business and trade union leaders; For large manufacturing companies and all who are entrusted with the employment of many people; For co-operation between Christian Groups and Churches, including Banbury Churches Together; For all those who care for our streets and open spaces, for all who clear away our rubbish

We give you thanks for calling us by name and keeping us safe through all the storms and difficulties of this life, in the power of the Holy Spirit.

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

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Services for January 2010

Fri 1 st Jan	10.00am	Eucharist: Naming & Circumcision	Deddington
1st Sunday 3rd	9.00am	Eucharist	Hempton
Epiphany	10.30am	<i>First Sunday</i>	Deddington
	4.00pm	Evensong (BCP)	Barford St M
	6.30pm	Eucharist	Deddington
Wed 6 th	10.00am	Eucharist	Deddington
Thurs 7 th	2.00 pm	Squeals and Wheels	Deddington
2nd Sunday 10th	10.30am	Sung Eucharist (with healing prayer)	Deddington
Baptism of Christ	4.00pm	Eucharist	Barford St M
Wed 13 th	10.00am	Eucharist	Deddington
3rd Sunday 17th	9.00am	Eucharist	Hempton
Epiphany 2	10.30am	Eucharist	Deddington
	3.30pm	<i>Free Spirit</i> (for 4pm)	Deddington
	4.00pm	All-Age Worship with Baptism	Barford St M
Wed 20 th	10.00am	Eucharist	Deddington
Thurs 21 st	2.00pm	Squeals and Wheels	Deddington
4th Sunday 24th	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Deddington
Epiphany 3	10.30am	Mattins	Deddington
	4.00pm	Evening Worship	Barford St J
	6.00 pm	Evensong	Hempton
Mon 25 th	6.30pm	Eucharist: Conversion of St Paul	Deddington
Wed 27 th	10.00 am	Eucharist (4 th with healing prayer)	Deddington
5th Sunday 31st	8.00am	Holy Communion	Deddington
Candlemas	10.30am	Eucharist	Deddington
	4.00pm	Eucharist	Barford St J

SAINTS ALIVE!

25th Jan: Conversion of PAUL

Although it took him a very long time fully to realise the true nature of his calling, when he did so, Paul faced persecution and prison with seeming resolution, even with joy and exultation. John Chrysostom wrote, '*(Paul) knew himself to be loved by Christ (who had converted him) ...so ...to be separated from that love was...(the) most extraordinary of torments...in being loved by Christ he thought of himself as possessing life, the world, the angels present and future, the kingdom, the promise and countless blessings...Death itself and pain and whatever torments might come were but child's play to Paul, provided that thereby he might bear some burden for the sake of Christ'*

31st Jan: John BUSCO, priest, Founder of the Salesian Teaching Order 1815-1888

Born in Piedmont, John lost his father when he was but two years old. His mother brought him up in extreme poverty; his clothes when he entered the seminary in 1831 were all provided by charity. Ordained in 1841, he soon settled to his life's work, that of the education of boys and young men, particularly the working classes. His charismatic personality drew many to his oratory and evening classes. He went back to live in poverty with his mother whilst caring for forty destitute boys in the Valdocco area. Later he opened workshops for training shoemakers and tailors. Numbers increased to about 150 young men and four workshops. John succeeded because he had an extraordinary gift for handling difficult youths with gentle and effective firmness without resort to punishment. The Salesian Order which he founded in 1859 numbered 768 members at his death and now numbers many thousands specialising in pastoral, technical, agricultural and ecclesiastical seminaries. At his funeral near Turin, 40,000 people visited his body as it lay in state.

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Epiphany