

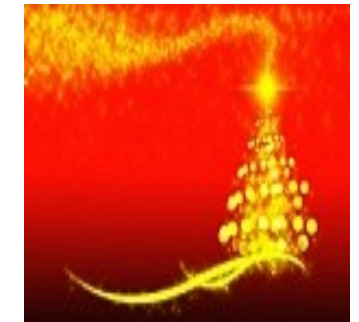
## Services for December 2011

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 future developments in the Benefice

	Thurs 1st	2.00pm	Squeals and Wheels	Deddington
		6.30pm	Eucharist: World AIDS Day	Deddington
<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Sunday 4th</b>	9.00 am	Eucharist	Hempton
	<b>Advent 2</b>	10.30am	<i>First Sunday</i>	Deddington
		4.00pm	Christingle	Barford St M
	Wed 7 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Eucharist	Deddington
	Thurs 8 <sup>th</sup>	2.00pm	Squeals and Wheels	Deddington
<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Sunday 11<sup>th</sup></b>	10.30am	Eucharist	Deddington
	<b>Advent 3</b>	(with healing prayer)		
		10.30am	Family Service	Barford St M
		4.00pm	Christingle	Deddington
	Wed 14 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Eucharist	Deddington
	Thurs 15 <sup>th</sup>	2.00pm	Squeals and Wheels	Deddington
<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Sunday 18<sup>th</sup></b>	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Deddington
		9.00am	Eucharist	Hempton
	<b>Advent 4</b>	10.30am	Eucharist	Deddington
		10.30am	Family Service	Barford St M
		4.00pm	Carol Service	Barford St M
		6.30pm	Carol Service	Deddington
	Wed 21st	10.00 am	Eucharist	Deddington
	Thurs 22nd	2.00pm	Squeals and Wheels	Deddington
	Fri 23rd	6.30pm	Carol Service	Hempton
	Sat 24th	4.00pm	Benefice Crib Service	Barford St M
	<b>Christmas Eve</b>	11.30pm	Midnight Mass	Deddington
		11.30pm	Midnight Mass	Barford St M
<b>4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Sunday 25th</b>	9.00am	Eucharist	Hempton
	<b>Christmas Day</b>	10.30am	Family Eucharist	Deddington
	Mon 26 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Eucharist: St Stephen	Deddington
	Tue 27 <sup>th</sup>	6.30pm	Eucharist: St John	Deddington
	Wed 28 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Eucharist: Holy Innocents	Deddington
	Thu 29 <sup>th</sup>	2.00pm	Squeals and Wheels	Deddington
	Sat 31 <sup>st</sup>	11.30pm	Watchnight Service	Deddington

## BENEFICE OF DEDDINGTON, HEMPTON AND THE BARFORDS



December  
2011

## PRAYERS

*Be alert and watchful: keep yourselves ready.*

As we begin a new year in the life of the Church, let us pray together to the God of our making.

**Holy God**, just as we, are we come to you, and ask for your kingdom to come in us and in this place; increase our faith and our love for you, so that we may become the lights in darkness that we are called to be. **God of wisdom and truth**, we pray for all the world's leaders and all in authority, that they may lead and govern wisely and honestly, without corruption and for the common good. **As the family of believers**, we pray for those around us now and for the families we represent and their needs. May the love of Christ be shown in what we do and how we speak and how we spend. **Lord of heaven**, give patience and courage to all who have to wait, when the waiting is long and painful; bring healing to all who are wounded, whether physically or emotionally, and give them assurance of your presence. **We pray for the sick** including Tyler Rose, Issy Walton, Daphne Puttick, Stella O'Neill, Brenda Evans, Jim Milroy, Jose Stevens, Vivienne Brewer, Tom Smith and Doreen Watkins. **Lord God**, we thank you for lives well lived, and all who have guided us to you. We pray for those who have died and all for whom Christmas sharpens the loss of loved ones.

**This month, as a Deanery we pray for** Ironstone Benefice: Drayton, Horley, Horn-ton, Hanwell, Shennington, Alkerton, Wroxton, Balscote; Bodicote; Ben Phillips, Brian Gardner, Graham Osgood and George Walker; for John Reader, Brian Hyder-Smith; Henry Ormerod; Lindy Bridgeman and Trina Wilcock. **We pray for** the Mayor of Banbury and Chief Executive of Cherwell District Council; for shop staff and all who work extra hours in the lead up to Christmas. For all who come into our churches for Christmas Services; for an appreciation of the true meaning of Christmas.

**Lord God**, we thank you for Christmas joy and all the opportunities to show our love for one another. May our love, rooted in yours, continue throughout the year.

**Looking back – for all the highs and lows of the previous year, for our journey with God. Looking forward – to all the possibilities planned and unknown, offering ourselves to God's future.**



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

Sunday 4th	Isaiah 40.1-11 Psalm 85. 1-2, 8-end [or 85.8-end] 2 Peter 3. 8-15a Mark1.1-8
Sunday 11th	Isaiah 61. 1-4, 8-end Psalm 126 <i>or Cantic</i> : Magnificat 1 Thessalonians 5. 16-24 John 1. 6-8, 19-28
Sunday 18th	2 Samuel 7.1-11,16 <i>Cantic</i> : Magnificat <i>or</i> Psalm 89. 1-4, 19-26 [or 89.1-8] 1 Thessalonians 5. 16-24 John 1. 6-8, 9-28
Sunday 25th <b>Christmas Day</b>	Isaiah 52. 7-10 Psalm 98 Hebrews 1.1-4 [5-12] John 1. 1-14



### *This really is the end of the 'vicar' limericks....*

The Deddington vicar said, "Never Refer to my sermons as clever.

After many long looks

At theology books,

I can preach with no tiring endeavour."

*Molly Neild*



The Deddington vicar said, 'Pete, When you come to the church wipe your feet.

There are several ladies Who'll send you to Hades

If you don't help to keep the church neat'.

*Denis Blythman*



Don't forget to look at the Church website:

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

### Services for January 2012

<b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday</b>	1st	9.00 am	Eucharist	Hempton
<b>Naming and Circumcision of Jesus</b>		10.30am	<i>First Sunday</i>	Deddington
		10.30am	Eucharist	Barford St M
		6.30pm	Eucharist	Deddington

## SAINTS ALIVE!

**December 7th: AMBROSE:** Bishop of Milan, Teacher of the Faith, 339-397

Interesting that Ambrose, so well loved by Christians, was urged to accept the role of bishop before he was even baptized. He accepted and left his busy secular life as Governor of northern Italy to be both baptized and consecrated on this day in 374. Outstanding and beloved in his ministry, he introduced hymns into Western worship, disallowed the States interference in church affairs and brought forward and baptized the future St Augustin. On penitence, Ambrose prayed, "*I have to confess, Lord, my [sins] are greater*" (than she who cleansed His feet with her tears). Ambrose died, aged 58, in service on Good Friday 397.

**December 29th: Thomas BECKET,** Archbishop of Canterbury, Martyr, 1118-1170

Thomas Becket was born in around 1120, the son of a prosperous London merchant. He was well educated and quickly became an agent to Theobald, Archbishop of Canterbury, who sent him on several missions to Rome. Becket's talents were noticed by Henry II, who made him his chancellor and the two became close friends. When Theobald died in 1161, Henry made Becket archbishop. Becket transformed himself from a pleasure-loving courtier into a serious, simply-dressed cleric.

The king and his archbishop's friendship was put under strain when it became clear that Becket would now stand up for the church in its disagreements with the king. In 1164, realising the extent of Henry's displeasure, Becket fled into exile in France, and remained in exile for several years. He returned in 1170.

On the 29 December 1170, four knights, believing the king wanted Becket out of the way, confronted and murdered Becket in Canterbury Cathedral.

Becket was made a saint in 1173 and his shrine in Canterbury Cathedral became an important focus for pilgrimage.

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## From the Vicar



Advent calendars and Advent candles are a good way of encouraging ourselves to keep the season of Advent. If we take Advent just as the countdown to Christmas, though, as the numbers on the calendars and candles may tempt us to do, we may not keep the season properly. Advent is as much about Christ's second coming as judge at the end of time as it is about his first coming at the first Christmas. Yes, we should prepare for Christmas, but we should also prepare for our being called to a final accounting before God. Preparation for judgement requires repentance and amendment of life – purple, the colour of penitence, is appropriately the liturgical colour for Advent.

Now, there might seem to be a conflict between these apparently sombre themes of penitence and judgement and the joyful looking forward to Christmas which is also central to Advent. In fact, though, judgement and joy cohere because what we rejoice in at Christmas is precisely deliverance from what judgement threatens. To dwell on the idea of judgement is not to run perversely counter to the joyful expectation of Advent; rather, attention to judgement sharpens our understanding of the Incarnation as the divine action that saves us from sin and its potential consequences of final alienation from God. The purpose of Christ's coming at the first Christmas is to deal with the threat judgement poses for sinful human beings. Christmas, we might say, is God's very happy answer to the problem of judgement.

The Short Eucharistic Preface for Advent in *Common Worship* reads as follows:

And now we give you thanks because you sent him to redeem us from sin and death and to make us inheritors of everlasting life;  
that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world,  
we may with joy behold his appearing,  
and in confidence may stand before him.

This is well put. So try holding Incarnation and Last Judgement together in your thinking and praying this Advent. Consider that you stand under judgement and ask for grace to amend your life; become aware of how short you will fall, amendment notwithstanding, in your accounting before God on his seat of judgement; but become aware, too, that Christ came to make up the shortfall. This will make for a happy Advent and an even happier Christmas.

## Not yet too late...

Christmas Cards, Advent Calendars, Christmas treats and gifts and lots more are all available through Deddington Fair Traders. We have a good range and can also order for you from the Traidcraft catalogue (saving you £4.99 postage). In addition to the stall during the Deddington and Barford markets on **17<sup>th</sup> December** cards etc will be available in Deddington Church after Sunday morning worship each Sunday up to Christmas or direct from stock – ring Hugh Marshall on 337761 or email; [deddingtonfairtraders@gmail.com](mailto:deddingtonfairtraders@gmail.com).

### BARFORD ST MICHAEL CHURCH



#### CRIB SERVICE

4pm, Christmas Eve

Come dressed as characters from the Nativity Story!  
Welcoming angels, shepherds, Marys, Josephs, kings and animals (and everyone else!)

## For your diary...

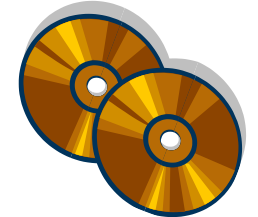


**The Collared Doves** give their debut performance in Deddington Parish Church on Wednesday 14th December at 6pm.

The members of this group are: the Vicar of Bodicote, the Vicar and Curate of Deddington (hence the 'collared'), Bea Bathe and Elsa Williams.

The group will be performing Christmas music and launching its CD. The concert is free

(mulled wine and mince pies); the CD will cost £5 with proceeds shared between Bodicote and Deddington Parish Churches and BYHP (Banbury Young Homeless Project). Concert and CD will include a carol by Deddington composer, Donald Lane.



**Don't miss the Advent of this Supergroup!!**

7.30pm, Wednesday 7th December, The Friends Meeting House

#### Affluenza

A PBS (USA, 1997) one-hour television special that explores the high social and environmental costs of materialism and overconsumption. Overwork, personal stress, the erosion of family and community, skyrocketing debt, and the growing gap between rich and poor -- it's easy to understand why some people say that the American Dream is no bargain. Many are opting out of the consumer chase, redefining the Dream, and making "voluntary simplicity" one of the top 10 trends of the '90s. Affluenza travels across the country to show you men and women who are working and shopping less, spending more time with friends and family, volunteering in their communities, and enjoying their lives more.

**Deadline for notices and other contributions for January issue:  
Friday 16th December**



## Charity of the Month

**Helen & Douglas House**

**hospice care for children and young adults**

Helen & Douglas House has the time and expertise to care for children and young adults with life-shortening conditions and support their families.

The two hospice houses offer specialist symptom and pain management, medically-supported short breaks and end-of-life care, as well as counselling and practical support for the whole family.

Helen House opened in 1982 as the world's first children's hospice. Douglas House opened in 2004 as the world's first hospice specifically for young adults aged 16-35.

## Regular Non-Worship Events

### Monday

6.15pm	BB Band Practice*	Deddington
3.30– 5pm	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
5.15pm	BB Juniors *	Windmill Centre

7.00pm	BB Company Section *	Deddington
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### Friday

10-12.00am	Katharine House Hospice	Deddington
	Coffee Morning /	Deddington
	<i>Solemates</i> Footcare	

2-5pm	Interinternet Cafe	Deddington
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7.45pm	Choir Practice	Deddington
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### Saturday

9.30am	Deddington Farmers' Market [4 <sup>th</sup> Saturday]	Deddington
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### Sunday

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

### APPLE POWER

Oh, Eve she ate that apple  
And sin from thence held sway.  
Then Newton watched the apple fall  
And science had its day.  
But then Steve Jobs' new Apple  
Gave technology a boost.  
Now, not sin or science  
But the iPad rules the roost.

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## WE REMEMBER THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARY FALLS THIS MONTH

**Deddington and Hempton:** Albert Evans, Leon Taylor, Maureen French, Thomas Garrett, Margaret Lovell, Maurice Renwick, June Berridge, Betty Lewis, Nora St Clair Palmer, Patricia Adkins, John Welford, Kenneth Berry, Betty Caporn, Ellen Lewis, Ellen Doggett, Susan Meredith and Ernest Callow.

**Barfords:** Muriel Clarke, Annie Nash, Trevor Hughes, Charles Sullivan, Sidney Austin, Marjorie Blencowe, Margaret Lovell, Raymond Neal, Dora Neal, Albert Woolgrove, John Sykes, Eva Hanks, Gwendoline Taylor

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

## Huge Success at Deddington Church Winter Fair and Fire Walk

Deddington Church held its first Winter Fair on 12<sup>th</sup> November, which was very well supported. We are pleased to say that we raised over £1,500 at the Winter Fair, which included a raffle with some brilliant prizes including a Winter Hamper and tickets to see Fairport Convention in concert. We had all sorts of things going on in the Church, including a warming winter lunch, games, children's activities, gifts and cakes.



In the evening, we had the Blaze Fire Walk Challenge in the Market Square, where 17 brave Fire Walkers including the Vicar and Curate, took their shoes and socks off and walked across 20 feet of blazing hot coals in aid of the Church. We are pleased to announce that everyone survived unscathed, and that we did not have any parched parishioners or crispy clergy on the night!

About 100 people turned out to watch the spectacle and we would like to say a massive thank you to all the Fire Walkers and everyone who supported them throughout this campaign.

As I write this, we are still collecting in our sponsorship money, but we estimate the total raised to be over £2,000 and will confirm actual figures in January's edition.

Olivia Fenion  
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## DEMENTIA AWARENESS PROJECT

We have obtained some funding for the above project.

A number of Community Learning Groups have been set up in Oxfordshire in order to help carers, relatives or friends to better understand what is involved with someone suffering from Dementia.

We are asking those of you who have been previously involved and those of you who may be interested, to let us know as soon as possible, because the target date for completion is March 2012.

The next meeting in our area is on 8<sup>th</sup> December at Charlbury, at which Wendy and I will represent Deddington.

Please contact either Brian Bushell (338715) or Wendy Burrows (338082) for further information and help with transport.

On a personal note, I will remain for ever indebted to those folk who came and sat with my wife, Kathleen, allowing me to have an important respite break from caring for her.

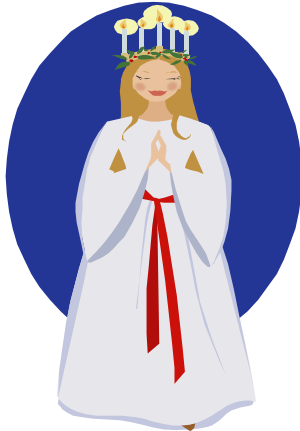
Brian Bushell.

## Events Update December 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 PCC	Thurs 1st Dec	7.30pm	Deddington Arms
<b>Boys' Brigade</b>	<b>Fri 2nd Dec</b>	<b>7.30pm</b>	<b>Hempton</b>
<b>Executive Meeting</b>			
Christmas Bazaar	Sat 3rd Dec	11.00am	Hempton
Choros Advent Concert*	Sun 4th Dec	6.30pm	
'History of Christianity in 15 objects'* (Dr Sebastian Brock)	Thurs 8th Dec.	7.30pm	
Sofiakyrkan's Youth Choir * Concert*	Fri 9th Dec (Rehearsal 11am)	2.00pm	
Childrens Activities* Primary School	Sat 10th Dec	10am-12.30pm (Set up 9.15am )	
Production (F1) Primary School	Mon 12th Dec	2.00pm	
Production (KS1)	Tues 13th Dec	4.30pm	
<b>Advent talk by Geoff van der Weegen</b>	<b>Tues 13th Dec</b>	<b>7.30pm</b>	
<b>Christmas Concert</b>	<b>Wed 14th Dec</b>	<b>6.00pm</b>	
<i>The Collared Doves</i>			
Primary School Production (KS2)	Thurs 15th Dec	6.00-7.00pm	
<b>2012</b>			
<b>Barford PCC</b>	<b>Wed 18th Jan</b>	<b>7.30pm</b>	<b>Barford</b>
'History of Christianity In 15 objects' * (Professor Sarah Foot)	Thurs 19th Jan	7.30pm	
<b>Corona Strings</b>			
<b>Orchestral concert*</b>	<b>Sat 4th Feb</b>	<b>7.30pm</b>	
		(Rehearsal 2.30-5.30pm)	
'History of Christianity In 15 objects' * (Dame Avril Cameron)	Thurs 9th Feb	7.30pm	
<b>Jumble Sale</b>	<b>Sat 3rd March</b>	<b>tbc</b>	
<b>Deddington PSFU &amp; Nursery</b>			
'History of Christianity In 15 objects' * (Professor Johannes Schilling)	Thurs 8th March	7.30pm	
<b>Robbie Williams</b>	<b>Sat 17th March</b>	<b>7.30pm</b>	
<b>Tribute concert</b>			

'History of Christianity In 15 objects' * (Xenia Dennen)	Thurs 19th April	7.30pm
'History of Christianity In 15 objects' *(Bishop of Gibraltar)	Thurs 10th May	7.30pm
Warriner Choral Society Concert*	Sat 19th May	7pm (Rehearsal 9.30am-5pm)
<b>Wedding</b>	<b>Sat 2nd June</b>	<b>tbc</b>
Diamond Jubilee celebration* Private Booking*	Sat 2nd June Sat 16th June	12 noon
<b>Deddington Festival</b>	<b>Sat 23rd June</b>	
<b>Workshop and Concert</b>		
Deddington Parish Show*	Sat 1st Sept	
Warriner Choral Society*	Sat 17th Nov	7.30pm
* Kitchen booked for this event		
Tel. 01869 338017 E-mail; susan.addison@virgin.net		
Please contact Sue Addison, Benefice Secretary, for <u>all</u> Church bookings.		



*Music from the Swedish Lucia tradition*

**The youth choir from Sofiakyrkan, Jönköping, Sweden**

**Church of Sweden** 

<p><b>Deddington</b></p> <p>The Church of SS Peter and Paul,</p> <p><b>Friday 9th December</b></p> <p><b>2pm</b></p> <p><b>Admission Free</b></p>	<p><b>Oxford</b></p> <p>Christ Church Cathedral</p> <p><b>Saturday 10th December</b></p> <p><b>12 noon</b></p>
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The Sofia Youth Choir will also be singing at both Deddington services on Sunday 11th December.