

**LOMBOK EARTHQUAKES APPEAL:** - Kirsten Holmes says: "The major earthquakes which have hit the island of Lombok in Indonesia have killed at least 506 people, nigh on 168,000 have been injured, and more than 430,000 have lost their homes. Aftershocks have caused significant further damage and threat to human life. The impact of the earthquakes is being understated and international support is minimal. If you would like to donate some money to support the people of Lombok at this devastating time, please put it in the bowl at the back."

**DEDDINGTON PARISH SHOW 2018 SATURDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> SEPTEMBER:** Programmes with entry forms are available in the church porch, the Co-op and the library. As usual we shall be running the popular cake and bottle stalls, plus the raffle, so any offers of home-made cakes for teas and the stall, bottles and raffle prizes will be very gladly received. Please tell Wendy if you can help with any of these, show Committee 338082.

**DEDDINGTON CHURCH - SUMMER CLEANING:** There will be a morning of thorough cleaning in the church on Monday 3 September. We invite anyone to join the party! Refreshments will be provided mid morning. Beginning at 9.15 and ending when all is sparkling.

**WELCOMERS NEEDED** in Deddington church on Saturday, 8 September to welcome Riders and Striders, sign their sponsorship forms and point them to refreshments – making hot cuppas only if requested. Please put your name on the list on the table at the back of the church if you can help in this way.

**HARVEST SUPPER DEDDINGTON CHURCH:** Saturday 29 September 6pm – 9pm Please join us to celebrate this wonderful time of year with locally harvested produce and a 'home cooked' themed menu. Tickets cost £12 per person for a 2-course meal, entertainment and a welcome drink and can be purchased in church after the Sunday morning service or by contacting Caroline Condon on 01869 337619 or Meriel Flux on 01869 338901. All money raised will go towards paying for the Christmas Lunch which the church will be providing on Christmas Day for anyone who will be on their own over Christmas. *Please tell us when booking if you are vegetarian or have any dietary requirements.*

Life sometimes throws us curveballs. The Jewish people weren't expecting the kind of messiah Jesus turned out to be. Jesus' teaching about who he is in our Gospel reading offends even many of his disciples, literally 'scandalizing' them by presenting a *scandalon* (a stumbling-block). Some stumbling-blocks are good – God's intervention in the world upsets and scandalizes our expectations. How do we let God scandalize our ways of thinking? Some stumbling-blocks are bad – they trip us up. To whom are we a stumbling-block that gets in the way of God's scandalous saving action in the person of Christ?

**HYMNS & MUSIC AT DEDDINGTON.**

CP: 505 Lord Jesus Christ, 305 I come with joy, a child of God, 279 And now, O Father, 430 Forth in thy name, O Lord, I go.

**DEDDINGTON CHURCH THIS WEEK**

Monday – Friday	08.45	Morning Prayer
Wednesday	10.00	Holy Communion Service
Saturday	08.45	Prayers
	14.00	Parish Show

**SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY (2<sup>nd</sup> September)**

Hempton	09.00	Holy Communion
Barford	10.30	Holy Communion
Deddington	10.30	Family Service
	18.00	Evensong

**READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY**

First Reading	Deuteronomy 4: 1-2. 6-9
Second Reading	James 1: 17-27
Gospel	Mark 7: 1-8. 14-15. 21-23

**THE BARFORDS, CHURCH FETE:** Come and join us at the village fete Bank Holiday Monday, 27th August. Bring your dogs to the Dog Show, your hat to the Fancy Hat competition and your appetites to the famous Teas by The Moat! There is always plenty to do from 2:00 onwards.

**Churchwardens:**

Deddington	Iain Gillespie	338367
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Anyone with an enquiry about Weddings or Baptisms should speak to the Vicar after a service.

For all other church bookings please contact:

**Judy Ward, Parish Administrator (bookings@deddingtonchurch.org)**

Items for inclusion in this weekly news sheet should be sent to Judy by 12 noon on Wednesdays.