

THE YOUTH CHOIR from the Sofia Church in Jönköping, Sweden are returning in December. They arrive in Deddington on Friday 7th December and will perform the Lucia ceremony for Deddington School in Church at 1.45pm - all are welcome to this performance which lasts about 40 minutes. The Church are holding a party for the Choir on Saturday 8th December at 7pm and it would be lovely if you could come and bring your friends along to meet our guests! The Choir will sing at the 10.30am Communion service in Deddington Church on Sunday 9th December and will give a Lucia performance in St Mary's Banbury at 4pm (entry is free).

ADVENT WAITING - MAKING SENSE OF CHRISTMAS: Deddington church will be open between 3.30 - 8.30pm on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday 17, 18, 19 December. There will be some special lighting and some reflective music and poetry. Just come and sit, chill and take some time out of the Christmas rush and allow your senses to enjoy this special season.

CHRISTMAS DAY AT DEDDINGTON CHURCH: If you, or someone you know is going to be on their own this Christmas, or perhaps have difficult memories and would like to have some company, then please come and join us for Christmas lunch and some festive fun. We just need to know numbers for catering purposes. So if you add your name to one of the lists at the back of our churches, that would be great.

CHRISTINGLES PREPARATIONS AT DEDDINGTON CHURCH SUNDAY 23RD DECEMBER 2pm onwards - If you would like to help with the preparing and making of the Christingles ready for the Crib and Christingle Service at 4pm on Christmas Eve. Please let Judy know. Many thanks

CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT: Longing for light, we wait in darkness. Longing for truth, we turn to you. Make us your own, your holy people, Light for the world to see. Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts, Shine through the darkness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.

Jeremiah sees future joy in terms of the new king. Each of the first three Gospels contains a vivid picture of the coming winding-up of the world with the return of Jesus in triumph and judgement. That early hope was not fulfilled, but the essential confidence in God, which it expresses, remains. We should never be so absorbed by the present that we cannot raise our eyes beyond it. We thank God for the strength of Christian community and of our confidence in God's future always open to us.

DEDDINGTON CHURCH THIS WEEK

Monday - Friday	08.45	Morning Prayer
Wednesday	10.00	Holy Communion Service
Thursday	19.30	Deddington Village Nursery & Pre-School-Christmas Fayre
Friday	13.45	Lucia Performance - Swedish Youth Choir
Saturday	19.00	Party for the Swedish Youth Choir - All are welcome
Sunday	18.30	Choros - Advent Carols by Candlelight

BARFORD ST MICHAEL

Saturday	14.00	Wedding-Thomas Coker & Rebecca Greeves
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SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY (9th December)

Deddington	08.00	BCP Communion
	10.30	Holy Communion
Barford St John	09.00	Holy Communion

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

First Reading	Malachi 3: 1-4
Second Reading	Philippians 1: 3-11
Gospel	Luke 3: 1-6

We are very blessed to have Dr James Kennard as our new Director of Music and we welcome him and his wife Holly to our church family.

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)

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